

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
COMMON COUNCIL
PRE-COUNCIL MINUTES
December 5, 2019

The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met in the Council Chambers at the Temporary City Hall – Former Happy Hollow Elementary School on December 5, 2019, at the hour of 4:30 p.m.

President Bunder called the meeting to order and presided.

Present: Peter Bunder, Nick DeBoer [4:32 pm], Gerry Keen [4:38 pm], Larry Leverenz, David Sanders, Gerald Thomas, and Norris Wang.

Absent: Steve Dietrich, and Jonathan Jones

Also present: Mayor John Dennis, Corporation Counsel Eric Burns, Clerk Sana Booker, Director of Development Erik Carlson, Deputy Director of Development Erin Easter, Human Resources Director Diane Foster, City Engineer Ed Garrison, City Controller Peter Gray, WWTU Director David Henderson, Deputy Clerk Lindsey McCollum, Building Commissioner Chad Spitznagle, System Administrator Tracey Stanifer-Dewey, and Deputy Police Chief David VanVactor.

Councilor Bunder requested that Grace Curry be added to the agenda as an additional Council appointment for District No. 3 for the Traffic Commission. There were no objections by the Council.

[Councilor DeBoer arrived at 4:32 pm.]

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 16-19 A Resolution Requesting The Transfer Of Funds (Prepared by City Controller) [No. of Readings 1 of 1]

Councilor Bunder read Resolution No. 16-19 by title only.

City Controller Gray stated that the initial resolution only had a few items on it. He explained that due to the short amount of time remaining in the year, we began to look at over budget items in other areas. We were able to move all of the major category transfers from one bucket to another with funds that were already available, which alleviated the need to ask for an additional \$360,000.00 appropriation to the budget. Mr. Gray requested approval to amend Resolution No. 16-19 to include the additional line items. The amendment will then eliminate the need for Ordinance No. 29-19.

Councilor DeBoer motioned to amend Resolution No. 16-19, and that the vote be by voice vote. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wang. The motion was adopted

There was no further discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 29-19 An Ordinance Requesting An Additional Appropriation To The 2019 Budget (General Fund, Major Budget Classification: Personal) (Submitted by City Controller) [No. of Readings 2 of 2] **[PUBLIC HEARING]**

Councilor Bunder read Ordinance No. 29-19 by title only.

City Controller Gray explained that a second reading for this ordinance is no longer necessary because the amendment on Resolution No. 16-19 was approved. He requested that the ordinance be withdrawn. No public hearing will be necessary.

Councilor DeBoer motioned to withdraw Ordinance No. 29-19, and that the vote be by voice vote. The motion was seconded by Councilor Leverenz. The motion was adopted

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 31-19 An Ordinance Vacating A Portion Of The Right-Of-Way Of Old McCormick Road Within The City Of West Lafayette (Submitted by Franciscan Alliance, Inc.) [No. of Readings 2 of 2] (Sponsored by Mayor John Dennis) **[PUBLIC HEARING]**

Councilor Bunder read Ordinance No. 31-19 by title only.

There was no discussion.

Ordinance No. 32-19 (Amended) An Ordinance For The Removal Of Vehicles ,Trailers, And/OR Other Equipment Parked On The Street During The Clearing Of Snow On Emergency Snow Routes (Sponsored by Mayor John Dennis) [No. of Readings 2 of 2]

Councilor Bunder read Ordinance No. 32-19 by title only.

There was no discussion.

NEW BUSINESS: [Continued]

Ordinance No. 33-19 An Ordinance Providing For Temporary Loans (2020) (Sponsored by City Controller) [No. of Readings 1 of 2]

Councilor Bunder read Ordinance No. 33-19 by title only.

City Controller Gray stated that this ordinance is providing temporary loans for 2020. This is our normal process at the end of the year, and is for the cash flow issues throughout the year as we are waiting for the tax disbursements to come in from the County. The disbursements are scheduled for June and December 2020.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 34-19 An Ordinance To Approve Blanket Bond Coverage For 2020 (Prepared by Clerk Sana Booker) [No. of Readings 1 of 2]

Councilor Bunder read Ordinance No. 34-19 by title only.

Clerk Booker stated that this is the annual bond coverage for employees. A blanket bond is done rather than bonding each position. The amount is up to \$750,000.00, which is what we have done the last few years.

There was no further discussion.

Resolution No. 15-19 A Resolution Confirming The Designation Of An Economic Revitalization Area For Real And Personal Property Tax Abatement For Purdue Research Foundation/Saab (Submitted by the Department of Development) [No. of Readings 1 of 1] **[PUBLIC HEARING]**

Councilor Bunder read Resolution No. 15-19 by title only.

There was no discussion.

[Councilor Keen arrived at 4:38 pm]

Resolution No. 17-19 A Resolution Approving Resolution No. RC 2019-10 Of The West Lafayette Redevelopment Commission Modifying The Newman Road Project By Adding A Roundabout Without Change To The Project Cost (Sponsored by Mayor John Dennis) [No. of Readings 1 of 1]

Councilor Bunder read Resolution No. 17-19 by title only.

City Engineer Garrison stated that a revision has taken place to the Newman Road Project. A roundabout was added to the intersection of State Road 26 and Newman Road, as part of the scope of the project, through project development. This resolution further clarifies the scope and is within the original budget.

There was no further discussion.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS:

Police Merit Commission (PMC) – Riwitti Roy

Councilor Bunder requested that Riwitti Roy be approved to the Police Merit Commission (PMC), in order to attend the next PMC meeting on Monday, December 9, 2019, at 5:30 pm.

Councilor DeBoer motioned for approval of the Council Appointment of Riwitti Roy for the Police Merit Commission, and that the vote be by voice vote. The motion was seconded by Councilor Keen. The motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

► Councilor DeBoer requested that further discussion take place on Monday in regards to the student rental report that was recently released. There has been some confusion about the dates and times, and what is considered a vacancy. Mr. DeBoer brought up that he read that the student rental report only considers it a vacancy if the property has been vacant for the entire twelve months. It is unclear if that is something that the City takes as policy. He questioned what the plan is for housing in District 1, as well as the rest of the city.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, Councilor DeBoer moved for adjournment. President Bunder adjourned the meeting, the time being 4:41 p.m.