

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
COMMON COUNCIL
PRE-COUNCIL MINUTES
September 6, 2018

The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Morton Community Center on September 6, 2018, at the hour of 4:30 p.m.

President Bunder called the meeting to order and presided.

Present: Peter Bunder, Jonathan Jones, Larry Leverenz, David Sanders, and Gerald Thomas.

Absent: Nick DeBoer, Steve Dietrich, Gerry Keen, and Norris Wang

Also present: Mayor John Dennis, Corporation Counsel Eric Burns, Clerk Sana Booker, IT Director Brad Alexander, Street Commissioner Ben Anderson, Director of Development Erik Carlson, Facilities Director Tim Clark, Human Resources Director Diane Foster, City Engineer Ed Garrison, City Controller Peter Gray, Interim Police Chief Troy Harris, Fire Chief Tim Heath, WWTU Director David Henderson, Parks Superintendent Kathy Lozano, and Building Commissioner Chad Spitznagle.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 14-18 A Resolution Welcoming Citizens Relocating From Puerto Rico
(Sponsored by Councilor David Sanders)

Councilor Sanders stated that he would like to table this resolution until a time certain for the October Council meeting. He explained that the extra time will allow any confusion to be cleared up within the document.

Councilor Sanders motioned to table Resolution No. 14-18, and that the vote be by voice vote. The motion was seconded by Councilor Leverenz. The motion passed.

There was no further discussion.

REPORT OF APC REPRESENTATIVES

Councilor Leverenz stated that the property at the corner of Kent Avenue and Salisbury Street is currently on the agenda for the September 19, 2018, meeting. However, this item is expected to be withdrawn.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Councilor Bunder motioned to add a Mayoral Appointment for the Historical Preservation Committee for Johnathan Dean to the Council agenda, and that the vote be by voice vote. The motion was seconded by Councilor Leverenz. The motion passed.

There was no further discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 21-18 An Ordinance Setting The 2018 City Budget And Setting The 2018 Tax Levy On Property And Tax Rate (Submitted by Controller)

President Bunder read Ordinance No. 21-18 by title only.

City Controller Gray explained that the 2019 City Budget needed to be adjusted this year for a couple of reasons. One was that the medical expenses had an increase from 10% to 16.1%. The City adjusted other line items within the budget to help compensate for the increase, such as the cost of living increase. Instead of the 2.5% increase, it will now have an increase of only 2.25%. Another way was that the two additional positions the City was looking to add have been eliminated at this time. Controller Gray further explained that those two positions were the Deputy Controller position in the Finance Department, and an Inspector position in the Engineering Department. In addition, the \$600,000.00 for the Cherry Lane Extension in the Motor Vehicle Highway (MVH) fund, which was mentioned at the previous Council meeting, has now been taken out of the budget. He reminded Council that this money is no longer needed because the Redevelopment Commission (RDC) will be covering these funds.

President Bunder asked where the Cherry Lane Extension funds will go if it is taken out of the budget, to which Controller Gray clarified that these funds were actually doubly covered in the City budget and Redevelopment Commission (RDC) budget. At the first Council meeting the funds had been added as a line item in the City budget. The RDC informed us that they would be able to cover these funds after the budget had been published.

There was no further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

Ordinance No. 22-18 To Amend Certain Portions Of The Unified Zoning Ordinance Of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, Designating The Time When The Same Shall Take Effect. (Fowler Avenue Apartments) (Submitted by the Area Plan Commission)

President Bunder read Ordinance No. 22-18 by title only.

Dan Teder (Reiling Teder & Schrier, LLC), stated that he would like to note that he will be presenting an additional rezone to the Area Plan Commission (APC) later this month. The property is for three acres on McClure Avenue and Yeager Road. The site is attached to the property that was presented to the Council a couple of months ago to be changed from an OR zone to R4W zone. Purdue Research Foundation has requested that this site is changed to a R4W zone too.

Mr. Teder, representing the petitioner, explained that a unanimous yes vote was received from the Area Plan Commission (APC). The rezone is for a planned development that will be residential on the site. The property is on the northeast corner of Chauncey Avenue and Fowler Avenue, which is east of Morris Rentals' planned development that was rezoned two years. Mr. Teder stated that the existing houses on the site will be razed, and they will build a four-story apartment complex with 53 units, 65 beds, and 35 basement parking spaces. The second lot that sits behind the lot it is currently unpaved, but will be paved to add additional parking spaces. The parking ratio will be 0.75 per unit. The apartment complex will also include bicycle parking. He concluding by stating that all of the New Chauncey Neighborhood requirements will be met in this project.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 23-18 An Ordinance To Set The 2019 Salary Schedule For Appointed Officers, Employees, And Members Of The Police And Fire Departments Of The City Of West Lafayette, Indiana (Submitted by the Controller)

Ordinance No. 24-18 An Ordinance To Set The 2019 Salary Schedule For The Wastewater Treatment Utility As Submitted By The Board Of Public Works And Safety For Approval By The Common Council Of The City Of West Lafayette, Indiana (Presented by the Board of Public Works)

Ordinance No. 25-18 An Ordinance To Set The 2019 Salary Schedule For The Elected Officials Of The City Of West Lafayette, Indiana (Submitted by the Controller)

President Bunder read Ordinance Nos. 23-18 to 25-18 by titles only.

City Controller Gray explained that these ordinances are the three salary ordinances for 2019, which correspond with the 2019 City Budget. In order to make the budgets easier to read, the formats are different compared to previous years.

Councilor Jones asked for clarification as to why the Deputy Controller position was still listed as a line item, to which Controller Gray responded that it was still in the ordinances, but it was not in the budget. Further discussion determined that the position should be removed from the ordinances.

Councilor Jones motioned to strike the Deputy Controller position from the Finance Department, and that the vote be by voice vote. The motion was seconded by Councilor Leverenz. The motion passed.

There was no further discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS

► Councilor Sanders discussed his humble experience he had while participating in the Family Fun Day at the West Lafayette Public Library. He commended the West Lafayette Police Department and West Lafayette Fire Department for participating in the event, and their interaction with the public during the event. He encouraged everyone to participate in the event in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

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