

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
COMMON COUNCIL
PRE-COUNCIL MINUTES
September 27, 2018

The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Morton Community Center on September 27, 2018, at the hour of 4:30 p.m.

President Bunder called the meeting to order and presided.

Present: Peter Bunder, Steve Dietrich, Jonathan Jones, Gerry Keen, David Sanders, and Norris Wang.

Absent: Nick DeBoer, Larry Leverenz, and Gerald Thomas

Also present: Mayor John Dennis, Corporation Counsel Eric Burns, Clerk Sana Booker, IT Director Brad Alexander, Street Commissioner Ben Anderson, Facilities Director Tim Clark, Deputy Director of Development Erin Easter, 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, and Building Commissioner Chad Spitznagle.

REPORT OF APC REPRESENTATIVES

Councilor Keen stated that the property at the corner of Kent Avenue and Salisbury Street was withdrawn from the September 19, 2018, meeting.

SPECIAL REPORTS:

2019 Proposed West Lafayette Redevelopment Commission Spending Plan

Deputy Development Director Easter stated that the RDC Spending Plan is linked to the agenda online for review. Development Director Erik Carlson and Redevelopment President Larry Oates will be in attendance at the Council meeting on Monday to answer any questions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 23-18 (Amended) 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 (Amended) 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 (Amended), 24-18 (Amended) and 25-18 by title only.

City Controller Gray stated that all three ordinances are the salary schedules for 2019. There have been no changes since the first reading.

There was no further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 26-18 To Amend Certain Portions Of The Unified Zoning Ordinance Of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, Designating The Time When The Same Shall Take Effect. (Pure Development, Inc.) (OR to R4W) (Submitted by Area Plan Commission)

President Bunder read Ordinance No. 26-18 by title only.

Dan Teder (Reiling Teder & Schrier, LLC), representing the petitioner, explained that this rezone is in addition to the previous approved rezone. They will be adding approximately three acres to the seven acres that the Council approved in July, which was changed from zone OR to zone R4W. After further discussion between the client and Purdue Research Foundation (PRF), it was determined that adding the additional three acres to the south portion of the tract made sense. He further explained that the additional property will provide a better layout, more parking, and increase greenspace.

There was no further discussion.

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

President Bunder read Resolution No. 14-18 by title only.

President Bunder announced that a scrivener's error was discovered within the document, but it will be corrected before the Monday's Council meeting.

Councilor Sanders stated that he would be unavailable to attend the Council meeting on Monday, but will be providing a written statement. He explained that the purpose of this resolution is to convey to the people of Puerto Rico that a community in Indiana cares about their suffering and the challenges in which they have faced. The devastation to the island and the number of deaths that scientists have attributed to Hurricane Maria should be acknowledged. The relocation of individuals from Puerto Rico has been to places such as Florida, New York, and Chicago. Councilor Sanders stated that he believes it is important to send a message to the citizens of Puerto Rico that the community of West Lafayette, Indiana will welcome anyone wanting to relocate to our City.

There was no further discussion.

Resolution No. 15-18 A Resolution Requesting The Transfer Of Funds (Mayor and Facilities) (Prepared by City Controller)

President Bunder read Resolution No. 15-18 by title only.

City Controller Gray explained that this resolution is to move funds from one major category to another in the General Fund. The Mayor's Department we will be moving \$1,000.00 from Services to the Personnel, which will cover medical insurance. The Facilities Department will be moving \$3,000.00 from Services to Personnel.

President Bunder asked how small of an amount the Council would need to consider for approval, to which Controller Gray responded \$5.01. He explained that the City has indicted that \$5.00 is the minimum.

Councilor Dietrich asked if the amount was determined by the State, to which Controller Gray stated that their amount is \$0.01. The City determined that \$5.00 was a more acceptable amount because anything under \$5.00 was too small of an amount for the Council to take action on.

There was no further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, Councilor Dietrich moved for adjournment. President Bunder adjourned the meeting, the time being 4:39 p.m.