

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
COMMON COUNCIL
PRE-COUNCIL MINUTES
March 30, 2017

The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Morton Community Center on March 30, 2017, at the hour of 4:30 p.m.

President Bunder called the meeting to order and presided.

Present: Peter Bunder, Nick DeBoer, Steve Dietrich, Aseem Jha, Gerry Keen, Larry Leverenz, David Sanders, Gerald Thomas, and Norris Wang [arrived at 4:34].

Absent: None

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, Parks Superintendent Janet Fawley, Human Resources Director Diane Foster, City Engineer Ed Garrison, City Controller Peter Gray, Deputy Police Chief Troy Harris, Fire Chief Tim Heath, and WWTU Director David Henderson.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 06-17 An Ordinance To Establish The Cumulative Capital Development Fund And Readopt West Lafayette City Code Provisions Concerning The Fund (Submitted by the Controller)
PUBLIC HEARING

President Bunder read Ordinance No. 06-17 by title only.

There was no discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 07-17 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 32-97 Being The Unified Zoning Ordinance Of Tippecanoe County. (UZO Amendment #89) (Fence Height in West Lafayette) (Submitted by Area Plan Commission)

President Bunder read Ordinance No. 07-17 by title only.

Director of Development Carlson stated that this is an addition to the fence ordinance for the UZO, done at his request due to some conflicts with the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). As the law reads, a fence of more than 42 inches in a side yard that has street frontage is technically an illegal fence. However, it is something we see in many places, and it has not been enforced anywhere in Tippecanoe County. This is cleaning up the law to allow for people to have these fences when they get approval from the Administrative Officer, which is Building Commissioner Spitznagle. He explained that if anyone wants a new fence, even to replace an existing fence in the HPC overlay, it needs approval from the Development Department, and he cannot approve a fence that is illegal. The APC has unanimously approved this. He noted that Building Commissioner Spitznagle will speak about this at the Council meeting.

[Councilor Wang arrived at 4:34.]

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 08-17 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 32-97 Being The Unified Zoning Ordinance Of Tippecanoe County. (UZO Amendment #90) (Keeping Horses in Dayton) (Submitted by Area Plan Commission)

President Bunder read Ordinance No. 08-17 by title only.

There was no discussion.

Resolution No. 04-17 A Resolution Requesting A Transfer of Funds (Police) (Submitted by City Controller)

President Bunder read Resolution No. 04-17 by title only.

Controller Gray explained that this transfer is moving funds from one budget line item to another for a copier to be leased instead of rented.

There was no further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, Councilor DeBoer moved for adjournment. President Bunder adjourned the meeting, the time being 4:36 p.m.