

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES
MAY 2, 2016

The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Morton Community Center on May 2, 2016, at the hour of 6:30 p.m.

President Bunder called the meeting to order and presided.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

Present: Peter Bunder, Nick DeBoer, Steve Dietrich, Azeem Jha, Gerry Keen, Larry Leverenz, David Sanders, Gerald Thomas, and Norris Wang.

Absent: None

Also present were Mayor John Dennis, Corporation Counsel Eric Burns, Clerk Sana Booker, IT Director Brad Alexander, Public Works Director David Buck, Facilities Director Tim Clark, Interim Director of Development Dale Dixon, Parks Superintendent Jan Fawley, Human Resources Director Diane Foster, City Controller Peter Gray, Fire Chief Tim Heath, WWTU Director David Henderson, Street Commissioner Doug Payne, and Police Captain Sparger.

AGENDA

President Bunder stated that if there are no objections, he would like to move Resolution No. 11-16 on the agenda to follow Public Relations. There were no objections.

MINUTES

Councilor Keen moved for acceptance of the minutes of the March 31, 2016, Pre-Council Meeting, and the April 4, 2016, Common Council Meeting. Councilor DeBoer seconded the motion, and the motion passed by voice vote.

REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

There were no comments.

REPORT OF THE APC REPRESENTATIVES

Councilor Leverenz reported that the APC Ordinance Committee will meet on May 4, 2016, to discuss form-based overlay district for Centennial Neighborhood in Lafayette. He explained that the significance of that for West Lafayette is that the next form-based neighborhood will be New Chauncey, and this will allow a preview of the process. He stated that he has had several questions regarding the property at 1801 N. Salisbury Street. He stated that the house is nearly completed and it had a zoning sign in front of it. He reported that the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) took that issue up last week, and he has asked Public Works Director Buck to give an explanation of what happened with that case. He explained that after the house was nearly complete there was a request for a variance, and there have been some questions raised.

Director Buck stated that his office did issue a permit for that single-family home construction in December 2015. He stated that upon further review, the plot plan that was submitted with that building application reflected the 1946 originally platted minimum building line setbacks, and it did not accurately reflect the required setback along Salisbury Street as this came into effect with our new Unified Zoning Ordinance in 1999. He stated that his office issued a permit in error that

would have required additional front or side setback off of Salisbury. He stated that the property owner, instead of tearing out the construction and moving the house, went to the BZA to request that it be legitimized with a variance. That is the action that was taken last week. He stated that we have had a few of these happen where an existing house has been torn down, and this is one of the more prominent locations. He stated that it is also a corner lot, and those lots are unique in that the front is actually the narrow dimension. In this case, the front setback is on Riley Lane and not what you might think commonly as on Salisbury Street. He stated that he thinks it got looked at as being as a side-yard setback instead of the 40 feet required for a secondary arterial on Salisbury Street. He noted that there is another just down the street, across from the water tower location, that he found to be within the proper setback.

Councilor Leverenz asked for comment on the tree.

Director Buck stated that there was concern in 2007 or 2008, when the City did some sidewalk and curb construction along that section of Salisbury, about a huge oak tree that overhangs Salisbury. The power company has done some trimming of that tree, and our contractors were careful not to damage the tree roots during construction. He stated that the homebuilder initially wanted to take the tree down, which is completely within their right on their property, but they voluntarily put up tree protection to protect the tree from construction traffic.

President Bunder thanked Councilor Leverenz for his attentiveness. He stated that he knows that the concern in the New Chauncey neighborhood is always that there are building permits issued before there is a chance to evaluate the project. He stated that particularly as Irongate continues to buy and demolish houses, we need to be on top of that. Councilor Leverenz stated that it is a positive to the street and neighborhood, but the lots in that neighborhood are somewhat small. He stated that they are building some big houses on small lots, so just keep an eye on them.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

a. Beautification Award

Councilor Sanders presented the Beautification Award to David Bridges and Vicki Burch. He described their garden, which they have worked on since moving into their home 25 years ago, and shared a photograph.

Ms. Burch expressed her appreciation for the honor.

b. Mayoral Appointment with Council Confirmation: Historic Preservation Commission

President Bunder stated that Shelley Lowenberg-DeBoer is replacing Persis Newman on the Historic Preservation Commission, and he noted that a resume has been provided to the Council.

Councilor Keen moved to confirm Shelley Lowenberg-DeBoer as the new Mayoral Appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission. Councilor DeBoer seconded the motion.

Ms. Lowenberg-DeBoer noted that she lives in a historic home herself.

The motion passed by voice vote.

Resolution No. 11-16 (Amended) A Resolution To Support The Adoption Of The Say's Firefly As The State Insect (Sponsored by Councilor Keen)

President Bunder read Resolution No. 11-16 (Amended) by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Resolution No. 11-16 (Amended) on first and only reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor DeBoer.

Mayor John Dennis stated that we have a large group of advocates of Resolution No. 11-16.

Councilor Keen asked Ms. Samudio to give a brief history of what has gone on to this point.

Maggie Samudio (teacher, second grade, Cumberland Elementary School), introduced Kayla Xu, who was in her class last year. While studying the 50 states, Kayla discovered that Indiana is one of only three states that does not have a state insect. Kayla asked Ms. Samudio how the State can get one, so Ms. Samudio did some research. The class wrote to all of the top elected officials in the State, so that if it went to the State House with legislation, the officials would know what the class was doing. She stated that the officials were very encouraging and thought it was a great idea. Ms. Samudio stated that the class started lobbying Senator Ron Alting, who offered to draft a bill after the class showed that there was support from the area. After receiving over 800 pieces of correspondence, Senator Alting drafted Senate Bill 95. Ms. Samudio stated that State Representative Sheila Klinker had promised the students earlier that she would sponsor a House bill. Hopefully, if there is one in the House and one in the Senate, then there will be a better chance. She stated that the second and third graders went down and lobbied in front of the Natural Resources Committee, thanks to State Representative Randy Truitt. Ms. Samudio stated that the students will be giving a similar presentation to the Council tonight. She noted that Kayla inspired her class last year, her class this year, Senator Alting, and Representatives Klinker and Truitt to support this legislation. Ms. Samudio stated that they have also had wonderful support from Tom Turpin (Purdue Professor of Entomology). She explained that Mr. Turpin tried to do this same thing 17 years ago, unbeknownst to her and the class. She connected with Mr. Turpin when checking into providing information at the Bug Bowl. They were not able to set up a table at Bug Bowl because there was no politicking allowed on campus. She stated that Richard Bieber (Senior Editor, *Electric Consumer*), who is in attendance, will be doing an article about the kids.

Kayla and the other students in attendance made a presentation to the Council. They provided facts about the importance of the Say's Firefly to Indiana for historical, environmental, and economic reasons.

Ms. Samudio stated that State Representative Klinker and Senator Alting have said they will re-enter the bills. She stated that we will continue working and not give up, because we are persistent.

Representative Klinker stated that this was one of the most wonderful days spent at the State House. She stated that years ago when Dr. Turpin started this idea of a State insect, some people were afraid of that because the sugar cream pie that became the state pie got such a backlash, and Senator Alting suffered from that. She explained that people questioned, "Is that all you have to do?" and that type of thing. Representative Klinker stated that this issue of the State insect is extremely important. She stated that these children were out of this world, and she noted that they made stuffed firefly pets for each person on the Council. She stated that with that there was a whole explanation of why this is important. She stated that this firefly is extremely important because it is going to go up into space. She stated that she has provided some documentation of how Steve Collicott, professor of aeronautics and astronautics at Purdue, is going to use materials to test the flight and the light in zero gravity. Dr. Collicott has invited Mr. Samudio's class to investigate the question by partnering with the students to create an experiment with mixing the relevant chemicals during the weightlessness of a space flight, and they are observing the results. Representative Klinker stated that Ms. Samudio is the most wonderful teacher who

left no stone unturned with this project. She described the firefly cards that the students made for the State officials. She stated that House Bill 1243 just has to go through. She noted that the students received letters from Senator Dan Coats, Purdue President Mitch Daniels, Senator Joe Donnelly, Representative Todd Rokita, and so many other folks. The students left no one out, and all of those people wrote them back. She stated that we are going to keep working, and keep fighting, and make this something that the children will always remember. She stated that Congress just passed a bill making the bison the United States mammal, so we are right in line for the firefly being our insect.

Dr. Turpin stated that the scientific name for this firefly, *Pyractomena angulate*, describes the markings on the back of the firefly. It was named by Thomas Say, who traveled across the United States collecting insects. Dr. Turpin stated that the reason he thinks the firefly should be the State insect is that it is one of the few insects that binds the generations together. He stated that these days the kids leave their electronics to go collect fireflies just as their parents and grandparents did. It is an insect that has so many scientific and literary connections to Indiana that we cannot go wrong with that. He stated that as an entomologist he appreciates what everyone is doing.

Ms. Samudio stated that an Internet search for "blue origin" will show the vehicle that Dr. Collicott will be using to take the experiment up with the chemicals luciferin and luciferase into suborbital space to see if they will glow. She spoke of how the students are fortunate to be in West Lafayette where they can work with classes at Purdue.

Councilor Sanders stated that he has three comments. The first is that he wants to compliment the students, the teachers, and our legislators all for taking on this very important task. It has been inspiring to see. He stated that the second thing is that he teaches himself, and a student in his class this past week did his report on the luciferase enzyme. As part of that, that student will be creating 3D-printed models of that enzyme. Councilor Sanders stated that he is planning to get one for the school and one for the Mayor's Office. He stated that the third thing is that he is strongly in favor of this Bill, but he has one concern. That is, if West Lafayette adopts this as its own insect, we potentially face some problem from, for example, the representative from Bloomington who will not want the West Lafayette insect being adopted as the State insect.

Ms. Samudio stated that Dr. Turpin said that when he tried this 17 years ago, Evansville also named this as its insect. She noted that Evansville is in Posey County, where this was named by Thomas Say 190 years ago.

Dr. Turpin stated that he does not know if it is the city's insect, but they have a festival recognizing the firefly.

Ms. Samudio stated that hopefully we will not have a problem because this is a statewide initiative now. It crosses borders because they do not just stay in Posey County or West Lafayette; they go everywhere.

Councilor Wang asked that the Council be kept advised of the progress being made on getting the State firefly.

Ms. Samudio confirmed that she would. She noted that they have a Facebook page that provides updates. She added that the Purdue Student Senate invited the students for a presentation in February, and they had a draft of a firefly bill. They voted on it that night and voted it unanimously.

Councilor Keen congratulated everyone on a job well done. He stated that he is amazed at all of the work that the young children have done on this effort. He stated that he is proud to be pushing

this forward for them. He stated that this resolution will name the Say's Firefly as the official West Lafayette insect, along with the Council's recommendation that this be furthered onto the Indiana General Assembly for approval.

Zachary Baiel (124 Connolly Street) stated that as a fellow activists, he wants to celebrate the passion, energy, research, and commitment to the Say's Firefly lobbying effort and bill. He stated that he would encourage the kids to stay for the entire meeting. He stated that as was mentioned during the presentation that light pollution is a factor for the firefly's reproduction, how we develop our land is important. The Land Use Plan for the 231 bypass will be discussed a little later, so this is all compounded by other things that the City does, especially being adopted as the City insect. He noted that with tomorrow being the Indiana primary he would encourage the kids to stay active in the political process. Though due to their age they have not been granted the right to vote, they still have the political power to get things done and that should be inspiring to us all. He asked the kids to continue to lobby and not let the legislators off easy.

Councilor Bunder thanked everyone for doing this. He stated that he is delighted that West Lafayette is taking the initiative to lobby the State through our ability to pass ordinance and resolution.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

<u>Councilperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Bunder	AYE
DeBoer	AYE
Dietrich	AYE
Jha	AYE
Keen	AYE
Leverenz	AYE
Sanders	AYE
Thomas	AYE
Wang	AYE

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 9 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Resolution No. 11-16 (Amended) passed on first and only reading.

FINANCIAL REPORT

City Controller Gray stated that the report given to the Council was run this morning, so it incorporates the entire month of April. It shows that our spending is right in line with our budget.

LEGAL REPORT

Corporation Counsel Burns stated that this report is on file.

SPECIAL REPORTS:

a. 2015 WWTU Annual Report

Jim Treat (O.W. Krohn & Associates) noted that he provided the Council with two booklets. He stated that he will not go over the 2016 budget that the Board of Works approved last week, though he will answer any questions. He stated that he wanted to hit some highlights in the 2015

WWTU Annual Report. He explained that he does monthly financials with a lot of different analyses as the financial advisor to the City and the WWTU. He stated that this report is brought to the Council for informational purposes that gives an overview of the general financial status of the Utility. He stated that it has the required accrual financial statements, as well as some general comments and findings. He stated that he is available for Council members to contact and he will speak with any of them to go over details. Mr. Treat stated that on Page 1 of the Annual Report statements there is the statement of net assets, which is basically the balance sheet for the Utility. The major assets of the WWTU are cash and investments. These were approximately \$10 million at the end of 2015, then capital assets were almost \$80 million. He noted that this provides a comparison for 2014 and 2015 to show how things have gone up and down in terms of the assets. He stated that we did have some decline in the cash balances for the Utility, which is important to this discussion and some of the subsequent ones we will have this evening. He stated that this was due mainly to the projects that we spent money on out of the Improvement Fund and Construction Funds. There was also some decline in the operating balances as well. He stated that in terms of the liabilities of the Utility, by far and away it is tax exempt revenue bonds that have financed the projects over the years. He stated that the wastewater bond outstanding balances dropped just based on scheduled payments, and they are a bit under \$37 million at the end of 2015. Mr. Treat moved to the revenues and expense statement. He stated that this provides a comparison of the revenues from year to year. In operating revenues, wastewater revenues are kind of flat. We will have some increases with the rate increase that was adopted last year, but between 2014 and 2015 not much changed. There were some increases due to stormwater and trash fee revenues. He stated that there is also a breakdown provided that show the increases in operating expenses. He stated that the non-operating expenses for the Utility are mostly interest expense on the bonds, and there is a decrease of approximately \$130,000 from 2014 to 2015. A big portion of that was from the refundings we did by taking older bonds and refinancing with newer bonds at lower rates, so there is an immediate savings impact. Mr. Treat moved to the amortization schedules starting on Page 9. He stated that it shows a payment schedule for every bond issue and shows which have been refunded. He stated that the oldest bond that has not been refinanced is the 2006 bond, which is still at 3.5%. That is something that will probably be looked at later this year to see if the market will support savings there. He reviewed the savings that have been realized from previous refundings. He stated that there is a schedule on Page 15 that shows the total debt service payments, which is currently approximately \$3.5 million. However, there were bonds issued in January to fund the CSO project. That bond was approximately \$22 million, which is the largest the Utility has done. There were new rates done in conjunction with that, but the City has not yet seen the full impact of this on the bond debt service. He stated that this year it will go up to approximately \$3.9 million, but by next year when there are full payments on that new bond it will go up to approximately \$4.9 million. He noted that the next section of the report has a number of tables and schedules that mainly provide historic billing data. Mr. Treat stated that one schedule that has always been of interest to Council members is the one that shows rate comparisons to nearby communities and other communities in the State that are comparable in size. He noted that it shows the three-step rate increase for the City. In two years the rate will be approximately \$40.00 for the average user, and that is still well within the middle of the pack for the rates in the comparisons shown. American Suburban's rate is \$47.50 per month, and they have a rate case pending to potentially double that rate. He stated that the last table of the report provides a summary of revenue requirements and revenues. It is important to monitor that revenue projections are met in the next couple of years, and to see that expense increases are managed.

Councilor Keen asked what the ratio, or percentage, of the bond coverage is now.

Mr. Treat responded that in 2015 it was 136%, and he confirmed for Councilor Keen that we are still well over the 125%.

President Bunder reminded the Councilors that this is a large budget, and it is sometimes difficult to explain to the constituents that the City is not just the Council sitting here managing the budget. There is, in fact, the significant financial component to the City's common life that is the Utility, as well as the RDC and the TIF districts. He thanked Mr. Treat for providing a good explanation.

b. Report to Council Regarding Updating and Modernizing the West Lafayette City Code

Counsel Burns stated that he and the Clerk put together a report provided to the Council. This was in response to Resolution No. 06-16, introduced by Councilor DeBoer, which asked the City administration to look into modernization of our City Code. Counsel Burns stated that this report provides preliminary findings. He stated that we have a fairly prompt, which is in about one year, and a fairly economical, which is approximately \$10,000, way to get our code where it ought to be. He explained that we are currently using a service, MuniCode, at a very basic level. The proposal in the report is to use some of the other services that MuniCode is able to provide. He stated that we will get a report back from MuniCode that outlines some of the issues they see with our code.

Councilor DeBoer thanked Counsel Burns and Clerk Booker for the work done on this, and he is optimistic that we will be able to understand what is in our City Code. The hyperlinking feature should provide context to all of the ordinances that we have on record.

c. Joint Board Report

Councilor DeBoer stated that last month the Joint Board handled some routine procedures, including a couple of payments. There was discussion about how the Board could vote—either in person or electronically—and moved that they could not do so electronically. He stated that one concern is that the meetings have been moved around a lot, making it difficult for people to attend. He asked if it is on us or on Purdue, and he asked if he should provide the date for the next meeting right now or hold off on that.

Facilities Director Clark responded that Councilor DeBoer should hold off right now. He stated that one of the reasons that the meeting has moved around is that Purdue goes by different guidelines than the City. Purdue does not record meetings, and they are not required to post meetings like the City does. He stated that we are trying to get a schedule where the Joint Board meeting is taking place on the same day as another City meeting so that the room and equipment does not have to be setup again. He stated that we are trying to get a schedule between ourselves, the City, and Purdue.

Councilor Sanders asked if the Joint Board is not under the rules for public meetings and announcements of dates in advance.

Director Clark stated it is under City rules, but Purdue does not have to follow those same rules. Because it is between the two entities we will follow the City rules since it is the stricter of the two. He confirmed for Councilor Sanders that there will be advanced notice and recordings.

Councilor DeBoer stated that we have had advanced notice, but it just keeps jumping around. We have been following the guidelines, but it would be best to have it consistent.

President Bunder stated that for the record, Mayor Dennis has stated over and over again that our goal is transparency. We try very hard as a City to make sure that everyone knows what we

are doing and is able to see what we are doing. He stated that he hopes that Joint Board will be able to work this out so that people are not searching to try to find the meetings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 11-16 An Ordinance Concerning The Construction Of Additions And Improvements To The Sewage Works Of The City Of West Lafayette, Indiana, The Issuance Of Revenue Bonds To Provide The Cost Thereof, The Collection, Segregation And Distribution Of The Revenues Of Said Sewage Works, The Safeguarding Of The Interests Of The Owners Of Said Revenue Bonds, Other Matters Connected Therewith, Including The Issuance Of Notes In Anticipation Of Bonds, And Repealing Ordinances Inconsistent Herewith (Sponsored by Mayor Dennis)

Councilor Keen read Ordinance No. 11-16 by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Ordinance No. 11-16 on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor DeBoer.

Director Buck stated that the developers that own some of the area in the north part of the City, along the east side of North Salisbury Street, desire to move forward with a residential R1 subdivision. He stated that this area is in the County; it is not currently in the City limits. It is inside our sanitary sewer service area though. He stated that it is a part of our long-range plan to provide sanitary sewer service to this area. In our capital plan we had identified a regional lift station, which will now go by the same name as the subdivision, the Auburn Meadows Regional Lift Station. He stated that we would like to move forward with the design and construction of the lift station to service not only this subdivision, but also some of the other areas in conjunction with our master plan of this area. There are some other existing flows that may someday be routed to this lift station, as well as other development as this area grows. Director Buck stated that the cost of this lift station will be funded through the Utility, and we are requesting Council approval to get a bond anticipation note. He stated that Mr. Treat can speak to this more in depth, but he thinks of it as a short-term borrowing as revenues come in that will support paying for this as a part of the recent rate increase. He stated that this has been identified and it has been covered in the rate increase. The timing of it is due to the development's request to go forward sooner rather than later. He stated that for the next couple of years, as the revenues come in, we could possibly do this project as a pay-as-you-go, or pay-go, type of project. He stated that the market pressure is there now to develop this lift station as well as the subdivision.

President Bunder asked if this is not a bond.

Mr. Treat stated that what we have in mind is not a bond as is typically done for the Utility. He stated that we are anticipating a short-term borrowing. However, because of the nature of the entity that we are dealing with, and we have to do tax-exempt municipal borrowings, we technically have to authorize the issuance of a bond. We cannot just go to the bank and get a commercial loan. He stated that if the Council looks back at previous bond ordinances, we always set up an opportunity for a long-term 20-year bond, and there is also the option to do bond anticipation notes or short-term borrowings that can be rolled over. He stated that in this case the plan is to only use the anticipation note portion of the ordinance, and not the long-term borrowing. He stated that statute allows the notes to be done for up to five years, but he does not think it will take five years. He stated that as he quickly covered in the annual report presentation, the Utility is at a tight time right now in cash flows, so we are not comfortable making the commitment in this construction season to finance a \$1 million individual project. If the interest to the City is to move

forward with this project this year, then he believes it is in the best interest to authorize a temporary borrowing. Mr. Treat explained that we would go to a local bank and negotiate the best terms that we can get for up to five years, and then within that term we would repay the entire principle amount and not do a long-term bond.

President Bunder asked if there is some analogy that would help people to understand what the anticipation note is. He asked if it is like a short-term loan, a home equity, or a draw on a credit card.

Mr. Treat responded that it is like a swing loan until you get your permanent mortgage. He stated that in this case it is the only security that the bank has. Typically a bond issue is secured by the net revenues of the WWTU, and we are not giving a net revenue pledge. The only pledge we have is that if we do not pay this note within the period before final maturity, then we are obligated to issue bonds to pay it back. That is the security, and it allows us to avoid things about parity and security with our other outstanding debt. He stated that this is ultimately a short-term cash flow loan. The ordinance document allows the flexibility for what the sweet spot is for the bank, whether they would like two, three, or five years, and the best interest rate. He noted that the rates are low right now, so the interest costs will be nominal.

Councilor DeBoer asked if we are confident that we can pay it back within the window.

Mr. Treat responded that we can well within the five-year window, though he expects it to be closer to two years.

Councilor DeBoer asked where the revenue comes from to pay it back.

Mr. Treat responded that it would be the operating revenues. He explained that it took us a lot of years to build up the Improvement Fund, and we have been spending that, knowingly, on a lot of different projects. We were waiting on our rates until we were ready for this big CSO project. With the timing of this lift station project, we are at the low of our cash balances and now anticipating starting to build it up. He stated that the last page from the 2016 budget document shows cash flow for the next five years at the new rates, the new debt servicing coming in, and the kind of capital projects that are scheduled. It shows that we hope to show a notable build-up in those funds, but it takes a long time. He stated that this would be paid out of the general revenues of the Utility.

Councilor DeBoer stated that the reason he brought it up is that there was talk about annexation during the Pre-Council meeting, and what that mean, and when we would do that. He stated that he was curious about why annexation was not on the table for a sooner period. He stated that he is concerned that we are going to do this investment and then just wait to annex.

Councilor Dietrich asked to interject with a follow-up question on financing. He asked if the loan is based on overall income, and not just specifically on this new customer base.

Mr. Treat stated that we have not included any set or new revenues from this customer base. He confirmed for Councilor Dietrich that even if we get not one new customer, this loan can still be paid back.

Director Buck explained that, regarding annexation, by extending the Utility service outside of our current City limits, we are asking the developer to voluntarily submit a waiver of remonstrance rights to be able to provide that service. That waiver will run with the land. So, at a time that the City deems necessary the fiscal plan can be done and go through the annexation process for this

area. He stated that the long-range plan years ago was to annex to the corner of Salisbury Street and County Road 500 North, as the area develops, to clean that corner up.

Councilor DeBoer asked what the benefit is in waiting to annex.

Director Buck responded that until the developer actually plats the first phase of 80 additional lots, the actual laws of annexation would be remonstratable. So, there could be enough people who could potentially want to remonstrate and have the potential to create a majority. When the waiver for these 80 new lots come on, then the scales will tip and it will not be possible to defeat annexation of that corner. He stated that we need to wait for that point, and then at whatever point in the future that it becomes fiscally feasible and it is a lock.

Councilor Keen asked for confirmation that there is anticipation to do a voluntary annexation when the time comes.

Counsel Burns responded that he was speaking about a voluntary annexation, and Director Buck had corrected him in that it does not give all of the timing to the City. It has to be on a faster track than we may be ready for, and it does not take into account the other areas to develop. He stated that the other way to do the annexation is to do the waiver of the right to remonstrate. That is the way that gives the City the maximum flexibility. He stated that the options reach the same conclusion, but one is on a more set and faster track, while this one gives us the full ability to decide the right time to do it.

Councilor Sanders stated that looking over the budget and the ordinance, the ordinance asks for \$1.5 million as a maximum, and the budget shows \$1.3 million. So, that is presumably a cushion. He asked if it is the plan for all of the money to be expended in 2016.

Director Buck responded that it will probably not be all from a cash-flow standpoint, but it will probably all be committed in 2016. That includes construction, inspection services, and remaining engineering work that needs to be done for the design. He stated that not all of the bills may come in by the end of 2016, but we would anticipate having contracts signed and that money obligated.

Councilor Dietrich asked if either the voluntary annexation or the other process give the City more control over the subdivision itself, as clearly the City has a little different perspective or interest in how things are done than the County does in some cases. He stated that he would be interested for the City to have as much control so that it would meet our requirements, knowing that the annexation is going to happen. He asked if that is in the works at all.

Director Buck responded that it is not technically, until it is fully annexed, the City's responsibility to approve the design and construction of the streets themselves. He stated that there is a Unified Subdivision Ordinance that we are all member jurisdictions of, so a lot of the basic and foundational elements are unified for West Lafayette, Lafayette, and unincorporated Tippecanoe County. He stated that for some of the more specific details, we are similar to the County. The approval authority will be up to the County Highway Department for the construction and design process. The County Building Commissioner will be the one issuing building permits for the homes that will be constructed, until such time that it would become annexed. He stated that there is a fine line in timing between when the lots are created and the math works for the City as far as the annexation statutes work to able to annex it remonstrance-free, and then being in charge of some of these detailed approvals.

Councilor Dietrich asked why there is a rush for the City to annex this if we are not going to gain control from the blank page to having a sewer.

Director Buck stated that it is only the sanitary sewer service component that we are requesting to move forward on sooner. He stated that the annexation mathematically and logically should not happen until this subdivision has been platted, and that course is a little further down the approval line. He stated that the sanitary sewer service will have to come before that, no matter when it starts. Whether annexation starts two years from now or ten years from now, we have to have the plumbing in place before construction can begin on the subdivision. He stated that the sooner that the Council would be interested in doing the annexation, the more input the City can have in the later phases of the subdivision and the home construction.

President Bunder stated that he understands the limits of this ordinance are to approve the expansion of a sewer project into our service district. He stated that beyond that, the Council may be thinking about if the roads will crack up, or if there will be parks and trails in this subdivision, because people may ask why their subdivision does not have the same amenities as another. Our answer will be that it was in the County.

Director Buck stated that we do not have a different standard than the County for some of those things, unless it is a planned development where we can require some level of that. A lot of those amenities have been market-driven. He stated that they will meet the minimum requirements of the thoroughfare plan and subdivision ordinance, such as having a minimum-width sidewalks. It is not a requirement to have a park in the City or the County.

Derrin Sorenson (Tippecanoe Development, LLC), noting that they developed Arbor Chase, stated that something not mentioned much in public is that they gave St. Andrew Church \$50,000 to build a park in return for the subdivision being able to utilize it. He stated that there are planned walkways and ponds for amenities.

Mr. Baiel stated that it sounds like before we can proceed in this development that the wastewater needs to be developed first, and obviously that is at the incentive of the developer. He asked if it is uncouth to table this and actually get what benefits mutually we see for the City's direction prior to annexation. He stated that it seems like we lose all our leverage as a City in this development if we just put in this sewage connection without any incentive. He stated that he knows that we have done this in the past for other developments, where we have commitments. Having certain amenities available to the potential citizens is something that we should consider before giving up our only leverage point

Jan Myers (1909 Indian Trail Drive) stated that there is no sidewalk along the extension of Salisbury Street and the county road. She stated that she walks along the shoulder to get to St. Andrew United Methodist Church, and there are various programs that meet there. She asked if the sewer lines mean that there will be sidewalks there. She stated that the church location has become important for a number of residents, and the bus line does not go there.

Councilor Dietrich asked if it is correct that this subdivision could be built without the City extending the sewer line.

Director Buck responded that they would need to either be relinquished from our service area and be served by American Suburban Utility (ASU), which they have contemplated requesting, or the City needs to provide sanitary sewer service to this area.

Councilor Dietrich asked if it is correct that the request would not come to Council.

Director Buck stated that he does not know the answer to that. He stated that some of the comments about minimum standards are what we are talking about. If the Council would like to discuss increasing or changing the minimum standards for things such as parks then it is something we could do, and it would not really be negotiable. He stated that there is no negotiation here. It is zoned appropriately for the use, and they want to go forward with the approved rules on the books. That is how it works. There would be some opportunity for negotiation if they were asking for some special consideration, like a rezone to a planned development or a variance. If they can meet the minimum standards and check all of the boxes then they get a green light.

Ms. Myers stated that she has lived beside ASU's treatment plant, what they call the Carriage Estates Plant, and there are a number of issues. She stated that she does not believe this City wants to have that sewage going there and affecting our water systems. She stated that she can go into technical details if needed, but asked that the City not give over any of our sewer district. She stated that it is written in some of the early permits for ASU that they were to be absorbed by West Lafayette's Utility as soon as we annexed in or to their land. She asked that the City not open that box.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

Councilperson	Vote
Bunder	AYE
DeBoer	AYE
Dietrich	AYE
Jha	AYE
Keen	AYE
Leverenz	AYE
Sanders	AYE
Thomas	AYE
Wang	AYE

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 9 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 11-16 passed on first reading.

Ordinance No. 12-16 An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 07-16, To Fix The Salaries Of Appointed Officers, Employees, And Members Of The Police And Fire Departments Of The City Of West Lafayette, Indiana, For The Year 2016. (Submitted by City Controller)

Councilor Keen read Ordinance No. 12-16 by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Ordinance No. 12-16 on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor DeBoer.

Controller Gray stated that this ordinance is to lower both the minimum and maximum of the bi-weekly salary for the Clerk's Administrative Assistant in order to fit it into the current position.

Clerk Booker stated that with the change from Clerk-Treasurer to the standalone Clerk's Office, we no longer have all of the people who were a part of the department before. She stated that we were not necessarily prepared for that because we did not know what it would mean, and the

department moved locations as well. She stated that to work efficiently and to be reasonable, she cannot have one person in the office who is the only person who knows everything about how to do everything. It does not allow for that person to be as effective as she needs to be because she does not have anyone to take some of that load off. Clerk Booker stated that there is a part-time person, who was also a temp for seven months, who is experienced in some areas. She stated that she would like to divide out some of those jobs, so that both people will be cross-trained and efficient in doing this work as we expand as a City. She stated that we want to give excellent service, and we cannot do that if we are crippled by not having the staff that we need.

Mayor Dennis stated that Councilor Sanders alluded to this earlier. He stated that there are a lot of work that goes into meetings, committees, and things that we do internally. Most of that has to be documented through the compilation of minutes. Oftentimes, because of what we do with our website, we are trying to get those minutes transcribed and posted. He stated that obviously with Clerk Booker's staffing at this level, it cannot be done. He stated that it is important, not only for what we are trying to do here internally, but also for what we are trying to externally, to get some additional staff to assist with that.

Mr. Baiel spoke of how he would like to see the ordinance document reflect the difference between the previous salary and the proposed salary at a glance, including the percentage change.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

Councilperson	Vote
Bunder	AYE
DeBoer	AYE
Dietrich	AYE
Jha	AYE
Keen	AYE
Leverenz	AYE
Sanders	AYE
Thomas	AYE
Wang	AYE

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 9 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 12-16 passed on first reading.

Ordinance No. 13-16 An Ordinance Requesting An Additional Appropriation And Reduction To The 2016 Budget (Clerk, Fire) (Submitted by City Controller)

Councilor Keen read Ordinance No. 13-16 by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Ordinance No. 13-16 on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor DeBoer.

Controller Gray stated that this is to fund the Administrative Assistant position just discussed. He stated that we have the money in the Fire Department's budget, and this is to move it from the Fire Department to the Clerk's budget.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

Councilperson	Vote
Bunder	AYE
DeBoer	AYE
Dietrich	AYE
Jha	AYE
Keen	AYE
Leverenz	AYE
Sanders	AYE
Thomas	AYE
Wang	AYE

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 9 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 13-16 passed on first reading.

Ordinance No. 14-16 An Ordinance Establishing Internal Control Standards And Establishing A Materiality Threshold (Submitted by City Controller)

Councilor Keen read Ordinance No. 14-16 by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Ordinance No. 14-16 on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor DeBoer.

Controller Gray stated that the City is required by the State Board of Accounts (SBOA) to adopt internal control standards, and we are also required to do training for anybody who deals with funds. The materiality threshold answers the question of when a dollar amount gets to a point where any deficiencies, changes, errors need to be reported to the SBOA. He stated that right now, since we do not have a materiality threshold, we have to go through all of the documentation if an account is off by one penny. He stated that the SBOA has suggested that every municipality have an ordinance that states what the materiality threshold is, and a number of other cities are also using the \$500 threshold.

Mr. Baiel stated that in the document's Component Four: Information and Communication section there is a sentence that reads, "The City strives to lead in the areas of financial transparency and accountability." He stated that without direct access to the financial information and transactions of the City, by way of a citizen access portal, it would be difficult to realize Principle 13. He asked the Council to apply some pressure to the Controller's Office to publish and make available the finances and transactions of the City via the Internet.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

Councilperson	Vote
Bunder	AYE
DeBoer	AYE
Dietrich	AYE
Jha	AYE
Keen	AYE

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, May 2, 2016, CONTINUED

Councilperson	Vote
Leverenz	AYE
Sanders	AYE
Thomas	AYE
Wang	AYE

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 9 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 14-16 passed on first reading.

Ordinance No. 15-16 An Ordinance Providing For Temporary Loans (General Fund) (Submitted by City Controller)

Councilor Keen read Ordinance No. 15-16 by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Ordinance No. 15-16 on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor DeBoer.

Controller Gray stated that this is for temporary loans for the General Fund to ensure we have the appropriate funds in the General Fund until we get the tax levy from the County in June. He confirmed for Councilor DeBoer that he would like two readings.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

Councilperson	Vote
Bunder	AYE
DeBoer	AYE
Dietrich	AYE
Jha	AYE
Keen	AYE
Leverenz	AYE
Sanders	AYE
Thomas	AYE
Wang	AYE

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 9 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 15-16 passed on first reading.

Councilor Keen moved to suspend the rules and consider Ordinance No. 15-16 on second and final reading. Councilor DeBoer seconded the motion, and the motion passed by voice vote.

Councilor Keen read Ordinance No. 15-16 by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Ordinance No. 15-16 on second and final reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor DeBoer.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, May 2, 2016, CONTINUED

Councilperson	Vote
Bunder	AYE
DeBoer	AYE
Dietrich	AYE
Jha	AYE
Keen	AYE
Leverenz	AYE
Sanders	AYE
Thomas	AYE
Wang	AYE

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 9 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 15-16 passed on second and final reading.

Resolution No. 08-16 A Resolution Authorizing The Filing Of An Application With The U.S. Department Of Housing And Urban Development, For Community Development Block Grant Funds, As Provided In Title I Of The Community Development Act Of 1974, As Amended (Submitted by Department of Development)

Councilor Keen read Resolution No. 08-16 by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Resolution No. 08-16 on first and only reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor DeBoer.

Interim Director of Development Dixon stated that this is to request authorization to submit our application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). He stated that we do this annually, and it is put together through the Mayor's Advisory Committee. He stated that the action plan is submitted by May 15 each year.

President Bunder stated that, on behalf of one of the beneficiaries of the CDBG, he appreciates West Lafayette's precise and congenial process.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

Councilperson	Vote
Bunder	AYE
DeBoer	AYE
Dietrich	AYE
Jha	AYE
Keen	AYE
Leverenz	AYE
Sanders	AYE
Thomas	AYE
Wang	AYE

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 9 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Resolution No. 08-16 passed on first and only reading.

Resolution No. 09-16 A Resolution Of The Common Council Of The City Of West Lafayette, Indiana, Approving Certain Matters In Connection With The Amendment Of A Declaratory Resolution And The Plan For The 231 Purdue Economic Development Area (Submitted by Department of Development)

Councilor Keen read Resolution No. 09-16 by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Resolution No. 09-16 on first and only reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor DeBoer.

Tom Brooks, attorney for the RDC, stated that on April 20, 2016, the RDC passed a declaratory resolution expanding the 231 Purdue TIF to include the Purdue West shopping center and a 5-acre tract at the corner of State Road 26 and US 231 that Purdue Research Foundation (PRF) is planning on developing. He stated that also on April 20, the APC passed their resolution approving the change in the plan to include these two properties expanding the TIF district. He stated that this is for Council approval, and then it will go back on May 18 for the confirmatory resolution. At that point the TIF district would be expanded to include those two lots.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

Councilperson	Vote
Bunder	AYE
DeBoer	AYE
Dietrich	AYE
Jha	AYE
Keen	AYE
Leverenz	AYE
Sanders	AYE
Thomas	AYE
Wang	AYE

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 9 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Resolution No. 09-16 passed on first and only reading.

Resolution No. 10-16 A Resolution To Request A Land Use Plan For The US 231 Corridor Within The City Of West Lafayette (Sponsored by Mayor Dennis)

Councilor Keen read Resolution No. 10-16 by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Resolution No. 10-16 on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor DeBoer.

Mayor Dennis stated that we have come to the realization that in a community that is growing as fast we are it is imperative that we have plans. He stated that oftentimes in the unbridled enthusiasm that is development, some of the common ground and common logic of the community is lost. He stated that we feel that it is incumbent upon us to ensure the establishment

of some base-level parameters on the development of that corridor. This will allow the Council and other legislative bodies to have a basic blueprint in which to formulate those decisions.

Councilor Dietrich asked if this means that we will suspend all economic development until this plan is created and passed.

Mayor Dennis responded no. He stated that there is not much going on right now, but there is a lot of speculative development. A lot of developers are looking at the intersections at Cumberland Avenue and US 231 and further on. He stated that this plan is an outgrowth of a conversation we had some months ago when looking at the potential of over-densifying particular areas of that new area. He stated that we want to make sure we are in a position to do what we can as a legislative body to create an environment that will put the right things in the right place. Mayor Dennis confirmed for President Bunder that the APC will hold public hearings. He stated that it will be done the same way as the New Chauncey plan, but more quickly.

Councilor Keen reminded that there is the County's comprehensive plan that is in place and offers some safeguards for development until this gets put into place. He stated that there is a plan in place, but this would just be more specific.

President Bunder asked if we know how this plan will interact with the collaboration zone with the Joint Board. He stated that it is not a question that has to be answered tonight.

Mayor Dennis stated that it is two different things, but with one common goal. He stated that the reality of what is going to happen with the further south-end of the TIF, because of its connectivity to the innovation district, the airport, and the aerospace district, will be somewhat different than what will happen to the north.

President Bunder stated that he would be interested to know how greenspace will be provided on US 231, and how that impacts the work that Purdue is doing. He stated that he would like to know what is happening with Todd's Creek and Horticulture Park. He stated that collaboration works both ways. If we are going to show the University what Blackbird Farms is doing, we should also be able to show what we are doing with park land on US 231, and they should be able to share with us what the intention is with Horticulture Park.

Mayor Dennis stated that from the conversations he has had, they are trying to put Todd's Creek back the way it was. The impact on the Horticulture Park will be minimal; it is not going to be much more than what is seen now.

President Bunder stated that he appreciates that, and he understands that these are bright people doing the renovation, but it would be nice for the University to discuss this either with the Joint Board or through a public presentation.

Mayor Dennis stated that there are developers specific to that area, and we can make a point of contact with them to make sure that what we are hearing is what we are getting.

Councilor Wang asked if this plan is for all of the US 231 corridor that is within the West Lafayette domain from start to end, and Mayor Dennis confirmed that it is.

Mr. Baiel stated that he knows that we have a comprehensive plan for the County; though it is sparse in details, at least it isn't the Wild West out there. He stated that this resolutions says that the residents, property owners, and City staff will create a land use plan as an amendment to that comprehensive plan. He encouraged details of what the City staff would expect to be made

public. He stated that the Joint Board has increased some of its observation, so if he understands then it is feasible that the Joint Board could make the US 231 corridor a part of that. He stated that he knows they have that special APC unit to be notified and have influence, as we saw with the church by Northwestern. He asked what can be done to make sure we do not get similar businesses as on US 52, because that it is not what we want to develop again on the other bypass. He stated that greenspace is important, and we do not want to encourage more automobile traffic. He asked the Council to help keep the citizens informed as the plan develops.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

<u>Councilperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Bunder	AYE
DeBoer	AYE
Dietrich	AYE
Jha	AYE
Keen	AYE
Leverenz	AYE
Sanders	AYE
Thomas	AYE
Wang	AYE

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 9 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Resolution No. 10-16 passed on first and only reading.

Resolution No. 12-16 (Amended) A Resolution Requesting The Transfer Of Funds (Clerk, Police, Facilities) (Submitted by City Controller)

Councilor Keen read Resolution No. 12-16 (Amended) by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Resolution No. 12-16 (Amended) on first and only reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor DeBoer.

Controller Gray explained that this is to move funds within departments—within Police, within Clerk, and within Facilities. He stated that this is mainly to deal with leasing of copiers and matching that budget with the expenses that will be coming through. The Police Department also has expenses for finishing renovations on the dispatch center at Purdue University, and getting an accreditation for their policy manual.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

<u>Councilperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Bunder	AYE
DeBoer	AYE
Dietrich	AYE
Jha	AYE
Keen	AYE

Councilperson	Vote
Leverenz	AYE
Sanders	AYE
Thomas	AYE
Wang	AYE

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 9 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Resolution No. 12-16 (Amended) passed on first and only reading.

REPORT BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Dennis announced a partnership between the Department of Development and the Fire Department. He stated that we are creating a Rental Inspection Team. He stated that this is similar to the Neighborhood Resource Team (NRT), and the intent is to assist with our rental property inspection—to have a little more validity, a little more teeth, a little more access, and a lot more cooperation on the part of some of the people providing housing for our rental population. He stated that this will allow us easier access to the rental properties and rental property documents. It is going to empower inspectors to have more authority. He stated that this will empower some of our inspectors to have more training and a more focused approach to what they do. He stated that we have always thought that there is nothing worse than when we get a parent who approached the Council with issues a rental property that is below the standards they anticipated. This will give us that authority to be of more assistance to our population and to be more focused with some of the landlords to provide some guidance.

Fire Chief Heath stated that the rental inspectors have had a fantastic program that they have built up in this community, and this will make it even better. It will give them more authority, and he stated that he thinks it will also make them safer while they are out there. He stated that we looked at making our people safer and making our rental properties safer. We can have a multi-pronged approach between the NRT, the Rental Inspection Team, and the Fire Department inspections. The Fire Department will look at the common areas of the building, the Rental Inspection Team will look at the living areas inside the rental properties, and the NRT will look at the outside. He stated that he believes they will make a big difference in the neighborhoods. He stated that we have a beautiful City and we can build on what we have and do some good things.

President Bunder asked where the personnel will go in the 2017 budget.

Chief Heath responded that rental inspections by State statute has to be kept separate, but it will be managed by the Fire Department.

President Bunder stated that this sounds like a good idea. Anything that gives the rental inspectors greater authority, or even the appearance of greater authority—if they get more respect, then that would be a good thing.

Chief Heath stated that they will have a uniform, badge, and radio. He stated that this is Day 1, and we will build on this from today.

Mayor Dennis stated that Chief Heath did a good job of crafting this team.

Thomas Kesler (479 Maple Street) stated that he is still picking up litter and turning over trash cans after rain so that water does not remain in the cans, as well as unused trash can lids on the ground. He stated that he is glad to hear that this is Day 1 of a new day.

COMMUNICATIONS

► Councilor Dietrich stated that the Police Merit Commission is having a hearing on May 9, 2016, about proposed revised rules, which is on file with the Clerk's Office. He asked if that could be put online, and Clerk Booker responded that it can be. Councilor Dietrich stated that he had a story about fireflies. He spoke of how he worked as security at the hotel where the cast of the movie *Blue Chips* was staying, and Shaquille O'Neal had never seen a firefly. He stated that the visual of this large man with a jar jumping after fireflies will never leave his mind.

► Councilor Sanders stated that he has had questions about the plans or timeline for opening up the entrance to Happy Hollow Park from Salisbury Street.

Mayor Dennis responded that it is probably one of the longest projects that we have ever had. He stated the challenge with it is that the equipment for that work has to be carried into that area. He stated that we have finished some of the spurs, and then we had money allocated at the RDC. He stated that they hope to finish it this year.

Councilor Sanders asked about the progress on Happy Hollow Road project.

Director Buck responded that we have gotten all of the utilities out of the way, and storm line construction has been proceeding up on the very top part of the hill at the north end. He stated that if you drive south down the construction site you can see all of the retaining wall go in. He stated that the large retaining wall that holds up the hill, the first one on the north, is done. They are now working on filling up the fill wall that holds the road up from falling into the park. He stated that as soon as they get that done, they will begin building the road pavement. He stated that then we will shift traffic onto that and work on the other side of the road in those areas. He stated that our hope and goal is that we are on schedule to be able to have two-way traffic before we run out of construction season this year. He stated that it is a little later than we had hoped, but that is due to the utility relocation work that was unforeseen. The water company had a 12-inch main that they did not know about, so we found it and they moved it.

► Councilor DeBoer expressed appreciation to the Police Department and the people who own establishments for a very safe Grand Prix. Very few people were arrested here, and he is very happy with our numbers compared to Bloomington.

Councilor Wang stated that he wanted to say the same thing. He stated that he used to avoid Grand Prix weekend in West Lafayette, and he can remember when he used to get after-midnight phone calls about certain activities, but it was very quiet. He expressed his compliments to the West Lafayette and Purdue Police Departments.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

► Mr. Baiel spoke of how his family usually fills 5 gallon buckets with trash during their walks in the New Chauncey neighborhoods. He stated that this stresses the importance of the tight-fitting lids; our City ordinance was updated to mandate that, and we should probably enforce it as well. He stated that Vectren left some horrible mounds of sand, rock, and debris when they replaced the gas line in New Chauncey, but he is happy to report that they are going back through and repairing that and replanting grass. He stated that we do not want any more Family Express', so he appreciates coming up with a plan for US 231. He stated that he wishes former Director of Development Poole and his family well, and stated that the next director has some large shoes to fill. He asked if the legal report could be posted ahead of the meeting.

Counsel Burns stated that it was there this afternoon, and he tries to keep it current so it gets there on the day of the meeting.

Mr. Baiel stated that it would be great if the Joint Board report was there. He stated that it is interesting that the Joint Board will allow people to participate in the meeting over Internet or telephone, but it is more fascinating that they do not give the same courtesy to the public. He stated that he would encourage the Joint Board to broadcast their meetings. He stated that he hopes the memorandum for the MuniCode update will be released to the public.

Councilor DeBoer noted that the Joint Board members will not be able to vote through the electronic attendance; they can only participate in discussion.

► Ms. Myers invited, any member, department head, or representative of a department to go for a walk with her on her other set of “roundfeet.” to experience what it is like on some of the City’s sidewalks and trails. She stated that she keeps reading about our City being a go-greener City, that we want to be funky, and that we like public art. She stated that she had an idea that would combine all three of those. She stated that the old City Hall building has some very interesting pre-cast concrete window wells. Before we throw those pieces away, she asked that we think about using them in own version of Indianapolis Museum of Art’s *Funky Bones* outdoor art piece. She suggested using them as benches or raised gardens, and stated she can provide other ideas.

► Mr. Kesler stated that regarding the State Street project and the US 231 corridor, he sort of understands what we are going to tell corporations to attract them to locate here; we are going to tell them business-ready, business-friendly. He stated that reading the news recently he has learned that those words are synonyms for low-labor costs. He stated that this leaves him confused as to what we are going to say to college educated people to attract them to what we develop in these projects. He stated that he recently saw a letter in the newspaper that claimed that Indiana never discriminated against anybody; the rebuttal letter was very swift and very pointed. He stated that he also a recent article stating the health ranking dropped precipitously in Tippecanoe County, and that is a part of our public image. Another article said that Hoosier income lags nationally. Mr. Kesler stated that he is confused about how we will get college educated people interested in coming to Indiana.

► Bill Arthur (306 N. Sharon Chapel Road), noting that he lives outside City bounds to the west, stated that he was here a number of meetings ago, and the word “transparency” was very prominent. He stated that following that there were a number of meetings for the State Street project. He stated that considering all of the dirt that is being moved in the area, and now with the APC being charged to create the Land Use Plan, he thinks that the opportunity for more such meetings is ripe and appropriate. He stated that he would encourage more meetings where public input can be presented.

President Bunder stated that, as someone who went through a land use plan, the APC staff is very professional. They will do a fine job of staging these public hearings. He stated that hopefully the time between the hearings and the implementation of the plan will be shorter than for New Chauncey.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, Councilor Keen moved for adjournment, and President Bunder adjourned the meeting the time being 8:48 p.m.