

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present
Attorney Marcia McNagny – Present

Council Members

Nicole Penrod – Present
Ben Romine – Present
William (Bill) Simpson – Present
Daniel Weigold – Present
Jacie Worrick – Present

The Columbia City Common Council met in regular session with all members present, Mayor Daniel Presiding.

MINUTES Mayor Daniel noted a name correction and grammatical error.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve an overview of the May 13, 2014 meeting minutes as corrected, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PUBLIC HEARING: REQUEST FOR STATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT Mayor Daniel recessed the meeting to hold a public hearing.

Ross Pietzak with Region 3A and grant administrator for the project was present to discuss the project. He explained this would be the first of two hearings required for the grant. He shared that Columbia City was seeking a planning grant from OCRA in the amount of \$40,000.00 with \$24,320.00 benefitting low to moderate income individuals. He pointed out a correction to the public notice that was advertised; he stated that Columbia City would be committing \$42,400.00 in local match but it would actually be \$45,800.00 in local match. He advised there would be no displacement of the project.

Rachel Uthe with StructurePoint was present to discuss the process of the project. She explained this would be for a comprehensive plan which is basically a tool for our community to use as guide for issues related to community development. She stated this plan will be a forward thinking document that is vision based by the goals set with the steering committee. She advised the process would include an inventory stage, analysis stage and then ultimately recommendations and strategies. She continued to discuss the different components of the project. She advised they were looking at a 10 month schedule which would bring it to May of next year to start the process for adoption meetings.

Mayor Daniel advised this was something that has been on our radar for awhile and felt the grant would be very beneficial for us. He stated our current plan was about 10 years old and most experts recommend revising every 10 years.

Hearing no further comments or questions the public hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION 2014-11: LOCAL MATCH & APPLICATION – COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT Motion was made by Ben Romine to read Resolution 2014-11 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Resolution 2014-11 a resolution of the Common Council for the City of Columbia City, Indiana, authorizing the submittal of a planning grant application to the Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs and addressing related matters.

Ben Romine questioned what would happen if OCRA does not approve the grant. Mayor Daniel felt the Resolution would become null and void and Council would have to decide whether to fund the entire project.

Ben Romine questioned if they knew how much of the current comprehensive plan was implemented. Mayor Daniel advised a large portion of it was implemented.

Ben Romine questioned if the plan would address funding for some of the things that will be addressed. Mayor Daniel advised the plan would come with a series of funding options. Ms. Uthe shared as far as the committee wants to take the plan to outline funds or budgets they would go through those processes with them.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Resolution 2014-11, Jacie Worrick seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2014-10: FAIR HOUSING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT Motion was made by Dan Weigold to read Ordinance 2014-10 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2014-10 Fair Housing Ordinance.

Mayor Daniel explained this was a change that goes with HUD programs which is where OCRA gets their funding from. He advised this would be a way so as not to discriminate against individuals for housing purposes.

Bill Simpson questioned if we had HUD programs in our community. Mayor Daniel explained any Community Development Block Grant funding for storm water, wastewater, planning, etc we would have to have this ordinance.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Ordinance 2014-10 on an emergency basis, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, Penrod, Romine, Weigold and Worrick voted aye, Simpson voted against.

RESOLUTION 2014-7; APPROVAL FOR TAX ABATEMENT - PRECISION PLASTICS

Motion was made by Jacie Worrick to read Resolution 2014-7 by title only, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Resolution 2014-7 a resolution approving the deduction of assessed valuation for personal and real property improvements within an economic revitalization area in Columbia City, Indiana.

Motion was made by Penrod to approve Resolution 2014-7 for a period of 10 years on both personal property and real property with a depreciating scale, Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

RESOLUTION 2014-9: GRANTING WAIVER OF NONCOMPLIANCE – PRECISION PLASTICS Motion was made by Ben Romine to read Resolution 2014-9 by title only, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Resolution 2014-9 a resolution of the Columbia City Common Council granting waiver of noncompliance in accordance with the provisions set forth by Indiana Code 6-1.1-12.1 et seq.

Mayor Daniel recessed the Common Council meeting for a public hearing regarding the waiver of noncompliance for the provisions set in IC 6-1.1-12.1.

Hearing no comments or questions the public hearing was closed.

Ben Romine questioned the reason for the waiver. Ross Pietzak explained as they were filling out the paperwork, Precision Plastics began construction on their real improvements due to their streamlined schedule. He advised the resolution was presented to Council but it was tabled because some language needed changed. He explained the waiver was basically because work began in April but the paperwork would not be approved until a later date.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Resolution 2014-9, Bill Simpson seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – OAKVIEW TOOLING This issue was tabled to request a representative be present.

ORDINANCE 2014-8: MISCELLANEOUS CODE CHANGES – 1ST READING Motion was made by Ben Romine to read Ordinance 2014-8 by title only, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2014-8 an ordinance of the Common Council amending the Municipal code of the City of Columbia City, Indiana

Ben Romine reviewed the changes made regarding Chapter 96 dealing with the Blue River Trail, Chapter 100 Special Events; removal of Chapter 130 Miscellaneous Offenses, 32 Department of Aviation and 74 Railroads. Attorney McNagny went on to discuss changes made to Chapter 97 Streets and Sidewalks, Chapter 52 Water Service and Chapter 71 Parking Regulations.

Motion was made by Ben Romine to approve Ordinance 2014-8 as first reading, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS Department reports were given by Tom LaRue, Terry Wherry, Jeff Walker, Mike Shoda, Shawn Lickey, Tim Longenbaugh, Kelly Cearbaugh, Mike Cook and Mark Green.

BREWHA COFFEE HOUSE – DRIVE THRU WINDOW Mayor Daniel reported the Board of Works has been working with Brewha for the past couple months on the possibility of putting

in a drive thru window. He advised they talked with INDOT regarding potential traffic flow and they did not have a problem with it.

He advised the Board of Works has made a recommendation to City Council to make the E/W alley from Main Street to the N/S alley one way going east. He also advised there would be appropriate signage there.

He advised there would be an ordinance presented at the next meeting regarding this.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle