

**COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2018  
6:00 P.M.**

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

**Council Members**

Walter Crowder - Absent  
Nicole Penrod – Present  
Jennifer Romano – Present  
Tad Varga – Present  
Daniel Weigold – Present

The Columbia City Common Council met in regular session with all members except Walter Crowder present, Mayor Daniel presiding.

**MINUTES** Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve an overview of the July 10, 2018 meeting minutes as presented, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, Nicole Penrod, Jennifer Romano and Dan Weigold voted aye, Tad Varga abstained.

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY – POLICE CHIEF** Rosie Coyle performed the swearing in ceremony for Scott Leatherman appointing him as Police Chief.

**ORDINANCE 2018-22: AMENDMENT TO TEXT OF CHAPTER 7 OF ZONING**

**ORDINANCE** Motion was made by Tad Varga to read Ordinance 2018-22 by title only, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2018-22 an ordinance amending the text of Chapter 7 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Nathan Bilger, Planning Director, explained this ordinance would add some industrial buffers in lieu of the mandatory 50 ft. setbacks. He explained a 25 ft. setback was required and then either another 25 ft. to equal the 50 ft. or there would be options to pick 2 from a list of options, those being shade trees/shrubs, fencing or an additional 10 ft. of setbacks. He shared this would allow for flexibility to do what was appropriate for the site. He advised the other piece was during the development planning it also gives him the authority to have flexibility with those standards through the process.

Mayor Daniel questioned if Council would be approving the grandfathering of other scenarios until there would be a change on the property. Nathan Bilger advised they would.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve Ordinance 2018-22 on first reading, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**ORDINANCE 2018-19: SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING** Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Ordinance 2018-19 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded

the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2018-19 an ordinance amending the City of Columbia City salary ordinance for 2018.

Mayor Daniel reviewed the changes to include the assistant detective position and probationary patrolman wages.

Motion was made by Nicole Penrod to approve Ordinance 2018-19 on second and final reading, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**ORDINANCE 2018-21: AMENDMENT TO PARKING ORDINANCE – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING**

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Ordinance 2018-21 by title only, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2018-21 an ordinance amending Chapter 71, Parking Regulations, of Title VII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Mayor Daniel reminded Council this ordinance was regarding downtown parking.

Tad Varga questioned if there was a plan to revisit the issue in 3-6 months to see how this was working. Mayor Daniel advised they could but felt Council would hear about it one way or another how things were going. Dan Weigold felt after dealing with this for almost 10 years, this has been one of the best plans brought up.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve Ordinance 2018-21 on second and final reading, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** Terry Wherry – cameras up and going at the aquatics facility. Shawn Lickey – update on Wooddale project, approval on reconductoring project. Mike Shoda – hooked up houses on Jefferson St. Mike Cook – confined space trailer back in service, held pre-bid meeting for the SDI lift stations and bid opening will be August 14, station maintenance and truck out of service. Tom LaRue – looking into getting the fireman probationary pay more in line with what the probationary police pay, ladder truck did not pass testing.

**NATHAN BILGER – PLANNING DEPARTMENT UPDATES** Nathan Bilger reported the next section of the Ravenwood Addition was awarded tax credits and would be applying for a primary plat at the Plan Commission. He advised they would have to be annexed so will be coming to Council for that.

Nathan Bilger also reported there was a rezone request from I-1 to I-2 at the old Killian site. He shared there was a proposal for a legal chop shop or basically a salvage yard. He explained they would use the yard as a warehouse for old cars that they would strip parts off of.

Jennifer Romano questioned if there were any regulations that keep it from turning into a junk yard. Nathan Bilger explained that is where the commitments come into play to make limitations on what happens.

Mayor Daniel explained he, Jon Myers and Nathan went to their shop in Fort Wayne to tour the property. He advised they keep it as clean as they can and were consistently given awards for environmental stewardship of their properties. He reported all of their work would be done inside and they have indicated they would be completing the fence Omni Source started.

**COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH WHITLEY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR SDI PROJECT**

Mayor Daniel explained this would be the first of 3 agreements the City would enter into for the SDI sewer forced main project. He advised this was the inner local agreement between the County RDC and the City. He explained this agreement basically outlined what each party was promising. He pointed under Section 6C regarding the new forced main itself that the City would waive capacity and/or tap fees on that new line for themselves or any future development. He explained SDI would use the vast majority of the capacity so the idea of someone coming on that line was few and far between and secondly we do not allow direct connection to a forced main so would have to come in through a lift station. He stressed that this only applies to the new line, not the old line.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve the Cooperation Agreement between the WC Redevelopment Commission and the City of Columbia City, all voted aye.

**MAYOR UPDATE** Mayor Daniel reported a vendor had been selected for the downtown plan and were working on the proposal fees but still needed to go to OCRA to ask for the grant funds. He advised Board of Works approved the preliminary engineering report study to extend the trail to the new high school campus. He gave an update on the City Hall renovations. He reported the City Engineer, Ken Herceg started work with the City and would be under Jeff Walker. He advised they were considering potentially entering into an agreement with Enterprise on a lease program for City vehicles, 1-ton or less. He reported he was working with Sound Ideas to develop little video snip-it's for each of the department home pages. He gave an update on Wooddale project and advised the Utility Rate Advisory Board met to go over the utilities and to see where they were at financially. He shared he would be going to a Community Crossings presentation as they would be applying for \$1 million for paving in 2019.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Ryan Daniel

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Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle