

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019
6:00 PM**

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

Council Members

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

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

MINUTES Mayor Daniel noted a spelling error for Holiday Inn Express.

Motion was made by Tad Varga to approve an overview of the November 26, 2019 meeting minutes as corrected, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PUBLIC HEARING – WAIVER OF COMPLIANCE – TAX ABATEMENT HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS Mayor Daniel opened the meeting as a public hearing.

Hearing no comments or questions the public hearing was closed.

Jon Myers was present to discuss the compliance issue. He offered to review discussion from last meeting. He noted one of the questions was regarding the 2019 low wages and explained that was because it was a partial year and the other question was the number of employees; he explained they originally committed to 14 employees and were currently at 17. He advised he had heard they would be interviewing for an 18th person.

Jon Myers shared, because of the time it took to get the Holiday Inn Express up and running, Raj thought he needed to wait until everything was done before filing for compliance. He advised the assessments were put into place because of the partial construction that was being done. He explained the request was for Council to consider waiving the previous noncompliance for 2018 payable 2019 and 2019 payable 2020; essentially back date the tax abatement to the point when the taxes jumped due to the construction. He advised Raj paid the taxes the previous years because they were so low.

Mayor Daniel confirmed it would be 100% on the \$1.5 million and 90% on the \$2.19 million. Jon Myers advised that was correct.

RESOLUTION 2019-25: GRANTING WAIVER OF NONCOMPLIANCE – VIDHI2 LLC

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Resolution 2019-25 by title only, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Resolution 2019-25 a resolution of the Columbia City Common Council granting a waiver of noncompliance in accordance with the provisions set forth by Indiana Code 6-1.1-12.1 Et. Seq.

Tad Varga confirmed this would follow suit with the 10 year parameters that were originally set in place. Jon Myers advised that was correct. Nicole Penrod confirmed they would have to file every year. Mayor Daniel advised that was correct; this would effectively get them back on schedule.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Resolution 2019-25, Nicole Penrod seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2019-20: ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARY ORDINANCE – 2ND

READING Motion was made by Tad Varga to read Ordinance 2019-20 by title only, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2019-20 an ordinance fixing the annual salaries of all elected officials for the City of Columbia City, Indiana effective December 21, 2019 for the year 2020.

Motion was made by Tad Varga to approve Ordinance 2019-20, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

YOUTH COUNCIL Tyler was present to give an update on the Youth Council.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Mike Cook** – update on Long Term Control Plan progress, Main Street liftstation repairs. **Shawn Lickey** – Board of Works approval of full implementation for AMI metering. **Tom LaRue** – Candy giveaway at Courthouse from 6-8 pm on December 24, update on Baby Box. **Chip Hill** – Ohki Alley donations are at \$22,889.00 and have until December 28 to raise the needed funds. **Scott Leatherman** – Patrolling for Presents on Friday, December 20 for 6-8 pm.

FINAL COUNCIL MEETING FOR 2019 Rosie Coyle reminded Council the next meeting was scheduled for Monday, December 30 unless there is nothing for the agenda.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Daniel reported he and his family checked out the ice rink. He noted it was different than regular ice and have gotten a lot of mixed reactions to it. He reported he and Chip met with Mark Herald to continue working on the trail project. Reminded Council of Swearing in ceremony at the Courthouse on January 1 for elected officials.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE Jennifer Romano reported the Ordinance Committee would be presenting an update the first or second meeting in January concerning golf carts. She advised the Committee would also like for Council to have discussions regarding animals at events.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle