

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020
6:00 PM**

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

Council Members

Walter Crowder – Present
Jennifer Reffitt – Absent
Jennifer Romano – Present
Tad Varga – Present
Daniel Weigold – Present

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

MINTUES Motion was made by Daniel Weigold to approve an overview of the October 13, 2020 meeting minutes as presented, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

POLICY CHANGES: BEREAVEMENT – SHORT TERM DISABILITY FMLA Beth Igney was present to discuss changes that were recommended from the last meeting.

Rosie Coyle requested the changes begin as of December 1, 2020.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve as presented, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2020-29: AMENDMENT TO FIRE PREVENTION CODE – 2ND READING
Motion was made by Tad Varga to approve, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2020-31: AMENDING THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE Nathan Bilger, Planning Director, was present to discuss an ordinance change to the subdivision code. He advised this has been in the works for almost 2 years and steamed from a request from the Fire Department as a result of the number of lots in Deer Chase. He explained if developing a new subdivision with 40 lots or less it could be done off of one points of access. He shared additional changes included stub streets to undeveloped properties. He advised if the subdivision crosses the 40 lot threshold then a second form of egress is required. He explained this was built upon their research. He shared the Indiana Fire Code suggested but does not mandate a 30 lot threshold; some places use 45, some 60.

Nathan Bilger explained Section 3.03 was also being modified to include a requirement at the primary plat stage to have a sectionalization plan, meaning a plan showing how it is complying with the 40 lots, etc.

Tad Varga questioned if Eagle Glen were to add more lots to a particular section that has only one access point would they have to add another access point; would this be retroactive. Nathan Bilger explained it would not be because Eagle Glen has a primary plat that was already approved, so would be grandfathered in. He noted if they made changes that required a new primary plat this would be in effect. He explained there were some subdivisions, Deer Chase as an example that have done a new primary plat for each new section. Jennifer Romano questioned if Deer Chase could get any bigger. Nathan Bilger explained Deer Chase was already built out with a small exception at the far south end that was in progress of being sold to one homeowner.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to read Ordinance 2020-31 by title only, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2020-31 an ordinance amending the subdivision ordinance with regard to access and connectivity.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to accept Ordinance 2020-31 as first reading, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Scott Leatherman** – update on hiring process, dispatch collecting applications until November 6, update on new police car.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE Jennifer Romano reported a resident who lives at the corner of Collinwood and Whitley has a no parking sign in his yard pertaining to the high school. She shared they were inquiring if that sign could be removed since the school has moved. Rosie Coyle advised she talked with Kelly Cearbaugh about this and suggested, once the school was down, to review the ordinance because she thought there were more parking regulations along that stretch. Scott Leatherman noted the other locations where there were parking regulations pertaining to the school. Jennifer Romano suggested waiting until the whole deal has gone through. Rosie Coyle was not sure we would need to wait until the whole deal had gone through because there was no traffic through there now. Walt Crowder felt once the City takes ownership to the land to review the ordinance at that point. Attorney McNagny advised it would be awhile before ownership transfers but thought demolition would start in December.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Council President Walter Crowder

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle