

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021
6:00 PM**

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

Council Members

Walter Crowder – Present
Jennifer Reffitt – 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 Motion was made by Tad Varga to approve an overview of the March 9, 2021 meeting minutes as presented, Jennifer Reffitt seconded the motion, Walt Crowder, Jennifer Reffitt, Tad Varga and Daniel Weigold voted aye, Jennifer Romano abstained.

PUBLIC HEARING ON REESTABLISHING CUMULATIVE CAPITOL

DEVELOPMENT FUND Mayor Daniel recessed the meeting to hold a public hearing on the reestablishment of the CCD Fund. Hearing no comments or questions the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE 2021-6: REESTABLISHING CUMULATIVE CAPITOL DEVELOPMENT

FUND – 2ND READING Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Ordinance 2021-6 by title only, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2021-6 an ordinance/resolution reestablishing Cumulative Capital Development Fund under Indiana Code 36-9-15.5.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve Ordinance 2021-6 on second and final reading, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PUBLIC HEARING; ANNEXATION OF WHITLEY COUNTY CONSOLIDATED

SCHOOL Mayor Daniel recessed the meeting to hold a public hearing on the annexation of the WCCS property. Hearing no comments or questions the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE 2021-7 ANNEXATION WHITLEY COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

– 2ND READING Motion was made by Jennifer Reffitt to read Ordinance 2021-7 by title only, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2021-7 an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Columbia City, Indiana, annexing certain territory to the City of Columbia City, Indiana, placing the same within the corporate boundaries thereof and making the same a part of the City of Columbia City.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2021-7 on second reading and move to third reading, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2021-8: AMENDMENT TO HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS –

1ST READING Motion was made by Jennifer Reffitt to read Ordinance 2021-8 by title only, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2021-8 an ordinance amending Chapter 32, Administrative Departments and Boards, of Title III of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Mayor Daniel explained this was a clean-up ordinance to reflect the State Code.

Motion was made by Tad Varga to approve Ordinance 2021-8 on first reading, Jennifer Romano, all voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Terry Wherry** – updating Exchange Server to the Cloud. **Mike Cook** – update on hiring process, meeting on LTCP with final completion around May 5, SCADA System temporarily being installed at Ellsworth Street, UV System up and running. **Mark Green** – pickle ball courts are open, bathrooms will be open the first week of April, update on Morsches Park bathroom project, baseball and softball teams picked and schedules outs, interviews for part time employees, soccer fields painted, ordered 2 doggie stations for people to clean up after their dogs. **Shawn Lickey** – update on hiring process, started work for the Tree Board, security update to front door at MSF, looking at replacement pole trailer, named to the IMEA Legislative Committee, working north substation.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Daniel reported the newest stimulus bill included funds for local government to be passed directly from the State. He shared the amount was to the tune of about \$1.9 million dollars. He advised he and Rosie Coyle were working through trying to figure out what the exact requirements were for those dollars. He stressed that any appropriation has to come before Council but he and Rosie would like to come up with a generalized plan to bring for input and approval. He hoped to have more information at the next meeting and noted the funds were not expected until May or June.

PARKING IN GRASS Dan Weigold advised he has been receiving a lot of calls regarding parking in the grass and felt they may need to talk with Nathan Bilger to maybe adjust some ordinances. He felt it was something that needed to be looked at.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle