

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2022
6:00 PM**

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

Council Members

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

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

MINUTES Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve an overview of the August 9, 2022, meeting minutes as presented, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

TAX ABATEMENT – KYOCERA SGS TOOL Dale Buuck, EDC President, was present to discuss the Kyocera tax abatement. He shared Mr. Johnson, Director of Operations, was planning to be present but had something come up that he could not attend. Dale Buuck explained Kyocera was one of our medical device companies in the area and things were going very well for them. He noted they were getting ready to move from Swihart Street to a building on Towerview Drive. He advised with the move they will be adding a considerable amount of production equipment to the tune of almost \$1.8 million. He was proposing a 3-year abatement. He advised within a year they would be hiring up to 10 positions at above the County average wage.

RESOLUTION 2022-26 TAX ABATEMENT – KYOCERA Motion was made by Walt Crowder to read Resolution 2022-26 by title only, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Resolution 2022-26 a resolution of the Columbia City Common Council approving the deduction of assessed valuation for personal property improvements.

Motion was made by Tad Varga to approve Resolution 2022-26 and award for a 3-year period, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2022-24: ESTABLISHMENT OF ARTS COMMISSION – 2ND READING Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Ordinance 2022-24 by title only, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2022-24 an ordinance establishing an Arts Commission for the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Ordinance 2022-24 on second and final reading, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

RESOLUTION 2022-25: TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS Motion was made by Tad Varga to read Resolution 2022-25 by title only, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Resolution 2022-25 an emergency resolution providing for the transfer of appropriations for several departments of the City of Columbia City, Indiana for the Year 2022 for the action and passage pursuant to IC 6-1.1-18-6.

Rosie Coyle explained because the fire department was short staffed, there has been a large amount of overtime which has put their budget in the hole. She advised to cover the projected overtime and wages for the new firefighter for rest of the year they were requesting \$80,000.00 from LOIT. Mayor Daniel explained the new firefighter will not be starting until September 24, in addition, will still have a training period so anticipate having overtime into October and maybe November.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve Resolution 2022-25, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Shawn Lickey** – update on Westgate project, Board approval to begin hiring process, pole attachment agreement with Surf Internet. **Terry Wherry** – SOS rewiring MSF, working to provide employee training on email phishing and malware, working with SOS to get the water department gate operational. **Mike Cook** – attended IWEA conference, met with engineer on the Main Street force main project, intern from Whitko. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – concrete crew finished up 50/50 sidewalk on Maple Street, installed the Welcome to Columbia City sign on the Little Turtle property, Lori Shipman will be submitting Community Crossings grant. **Mike Shoda** – finished storm drain on Dogwood and will be starting a small one in Westgate, drained north tower for inspection. **Tom LaRue** – new firefighters starting September 24 and December 31, update on Pump 102 repairs, Pump 101 having charging issues. **Chip Hill** – update on Westgate, preparing old high school property for skate park, working with County RDC on possible sewer project. **Mark Green** – football started, splash pad shut down for repairs, planning Mother/Son Halloween party, met with JPR on the skate park project.

MAYOR’S REPORT Mayor Daniel asked Council members to tentatively mark calendars for October 3 for the veteran’s memorial at Patriotic Park. He reported they would be holding the first Youth Council meeting. He advised on Monday, August 29 they would be giving a presentation to INDOT and their consultant regarding US 30.

Having no further business to discuss, Mayor Daniel called the meeting adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle