

COMMON COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY HALL and WEBEX  
FEBRUARY 21, 2023

Mayor James Lienhoop appeared in person and called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers meeting room.

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

- A. Steve Yeaton, Senior Minister, with First Christian Church provided the opening prayer.
- B. Mayor Lienhoop led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll Call was taken: Jerone Wood, Elaine Hilber, David Bush, Frank Miller, Tim Shuffett, Tom Dell, and Grace Kestler were present in person.
- D. Councilor Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting on February 7, 2023, as presented. Councilor Kestler seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of seven (7) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

**II. Old Business Requiring Council Action**

- A. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. 8, 2023, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FLOOD HAZARD AREA STANDARDS OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS ZONING ORDINANCE." Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this ordinance. He explained the proposed amendments pertain to the flood hazard standards in the city's zoning ordinance. Jeff asked that the Council consider passing this in one reading due to a deadline from FEMA. He presented an overview of the revisions. Jeff stated the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) serves as FEMA's agent in Indiana and their model ordinance represents the minimum standards required for local communities to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. This program makes federally-backed flood insurance available to local property owners. The Planning Department recommended additional modifications of the model ordinance, including better defining the floodplain management tasks of the Planning and Code Enforcement Departments, and a provision prohibiting the outdoor storage of hazardous materials in a floodplain. Much discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to suspend the rules of order to hear the ordinance in one reading. Councilor Bush seconded the motion. Motion to suspend the rules of order passed unanimously. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the first and second readings and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Bush seconded the motion. Motion to adopt the ordinance passed by a vote of seven (7) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

**III. Other Business**

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports
- B. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**

C. Councilor Kestler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of seven (7) in favor and zero (0) opposed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:33 P.M.



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