

COMMON COUNCIL
 COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 CITY HALL and WEBEX
 NOVEMBER 8, 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 Council Chambers.

I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Pastor Adam Rodriguez with St. Peter's Lutheran Church provided the opening prayer.
- B. Mayor Lienhoop led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll Call was taken: David Bush, Elaine Hilber, Tim Shuffett, Tom Dell, and Grace Kestler were present in person. Jerone Wood and Frank Miller were present via WebEx. Councilor Wood was not present on WebEx during new business.
- D. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting on October 17, 2023, as presented. Councilor Kestler seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Jerone Wood	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
David Bush	Aye
Tim Shuffett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye
Frank Miller	Aye

Motion passed by a vote of seven (7) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

II. Old Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. 27, 2023, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COLUMBUS & BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS." Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this ordinance. He explained the proposed zoning ordinance amendments include a variety of topics from changes to mobile & manufactured homes to new provisions including electric vehicle charging, and solar energy generation. Jeff stated at the October 17, 2023 City Council meeting he was asked to make ordinance revisions to switch the Commercial Solar Energy Systems from something that would have been conditional use to something that would be prohibited. The updates consist exclusively of deletions of Commercial Solar Energy System content, resulting in it no longer being listed as a conditional use in the agricultural zoning districts. He explained summary comprehensive plan material was included in the materials provided since Council chose to make a change over the recommendation of the Plan Commission. The

comprehensive plan is one of five factors that Indiana Law asks Council pay reasonable regard to when considering a legislative act around zoning. Discussion followed. Councilor Miller stated the changes made by Council consider the five criteria and he believes they meet the five criteria on what is being accomplished, specifically with regard to the comprehensive plan. Mayor Lienhoop opened the meeting for public comments. Mark Niemoeller of S Gladstone read a prepared statement commenting that the Council is impeding local solar electric generation businesses and are interfering with a landowner's right to engage in a private contractual arrangement with them. Sean Cavanaugh representing Samsung Renewable Energy from Bloomington referenced the two-mile area, which affects 46,000 acres. He stated the Council is taking away landowner rights for those acres and this will have a ripple effect for years to come. Staci Goodwin 300 S Hinman Street shared reasons to support solar farms. Mayor Lienhoop closed the public portion of the meeting. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance as presented. Councilor Dell seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Grace Kestler	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Tim Shuffett	Aye
Frank Miller	Aye
David Bush	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Jerone Wood	Aye

Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- B. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. 28, 2023, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF AVIATION FUEL NON-REVERTING FUNDS FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2023." Regina McIntyre, Director of Finance, presented this ordinance. She stated this is a second reading for an additional appropriation of \$50,000 for aviation fuel pursuant to DLGF guidelines. There were no questions from the audience. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Kestler seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Jerone Wood	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
David Bush	Aye
Frank Miller	Aye
Tim Shuffett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye

Motion passed by a vote of seven (7) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2023, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF

COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FOR I2C (INDUSTRIAL: GENERAL WITH COMMITMENTS) TO I2 (INDUSTRIAL: GENERAL). Jeff Bergman presented this ordinance. He explained AAA Striping Company is requesting a rezoning in order to remove previous zoning commitments on property located at 3906 North Indianapolis Road from I2C (Industrial: General with Commitments) to I2 (Industrial: General). Jeff displayed maps and photographs of the area. He stated the Columbus Plan Commission forwarded the application to City Council with a favorable recommendation by a vote of nine in favor and zero opposed. Much discussion followed. There were no questions from the audience. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the first reading of the ordinance and place proper channels. Councilor Dell seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Elaine Hilber	Aye
David Bush	Aye
Frank Miller	Aye
Tim Shuffett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye

Motion passed by a vote of six (6) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

- B. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2023, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND DECLARING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO BE PART OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA." Jeff Bergman presented this ordinance. He stated this is a request to annex Columbus Regional Health (CRH) property, with the total area of 688.42 acres. Jeff displayed a city view district map of the area and discussed the criteria to be considered. He reported the Columbus Plan Commission forwarded this application to City Council with a favorable recommendation by a vote of seven in favor and zero opposed. Dave Lenart with CRH spoke briefly about the project. Much discussion followed. There were no comments from the audience. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the first reading of the ordinance and place proper channels. Councilor Dell seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Elaine Hilber	Aye
David Bush	Aye
Frank Miller	Aye
Tim Shuffett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye

Motion passed by a vote of six (6) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

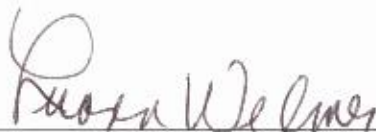
IV. Other Business

- A. 2024 Columbus City Utility Budget Discussion. Roger Kelso, Director of Columbus City Utilities, Ashley Getz, Engineer, and Jamie Brinegar, Finance Director, presented a proposed budget for the 2024 calendar year.
- B. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports - none

- C. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 21, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**
- D. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Dell seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

David Bush	Aye
Frank Miller	Aye
Tim Shuffett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye

Motion passed by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:17 P.M.



Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus



Presiding Officer