

COMMON COUNCIL
 COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 CITY HALL
 JUNE 18, 2024

City Council Vice President Kent Anderson 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 Luke Maggard with Free Methodist Church provided the invocation.
- B. Councilor Josh Burnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll Call was taken: Christopher Bartels, Elaine Hilber, Kent Anderson, Jay Foyst, Josh Burnett, Tom Dell, and Grace Kestler were present in person. Jerone Wood and Frank Miller were absent.
- D. Councilor Hilber made a motion to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting on June 4, 2024, as presented. Councilor Burnett seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Christopher Bartels	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Jay Foyst	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye

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

II. Old Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Reading of a Resolution entitled, "RESOLUTION NO. 12, 2024, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FISCAL PLAN FOR PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA." (James & Jennifer Richardson Annexation) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this resolution and the following ordinance at the same time. He explained the applicants, James and Jennifer Richardson, are requesting 1.8 acres located at 1850 Deaver Road be annexed to the City of Columbus. 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 ten (10) in favor and zero (0) opposed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Foyst made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Hilber seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Christopher Bartels	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Jay Foyst	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye

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

- B. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. 15, 2024, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND DECLARING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO BE A PART OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA." (James & Jennifer Richardson Annexation) Jeff Bergman offered no additional information. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Foyst made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Burnett seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Christopher Bartels	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Jay Foyst	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye

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

- C. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 16, 2024, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM P (PUBLIC & SEMI-PUBLIC FACILITIES) TO RM (RESIDENTIAL: MULTI-FAMILY)." (Housing Partnerships Rezoning) Jeff Bergman presented this ordinance. He stated Housing Partnerships proposes to rezone the former Columbus Health & Rehabilitation facility site at 2100 Midway to RM (Residential: Multi-Family). The property consists of 15 acres and is currently zoned P (Public & Semi-Public Facilities). 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 ten (10) in favor and zero (0) opposed. Brief discussion followed. Vice President Anderson opened the meeting for public comments. Zach Patchett, 4721 Clairmont Drive asked what ensures this project is affordable housing. Kevin Johnson with Housing Partnerships stated most of their housing projects range in the 30, 50 and 60% AMI (area median income). Vice President Anderson closed the meeting to the public. Councilor Hilber made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Dell seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Christopher Bartels	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Jay Foyst	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Abstained

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

- D. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 17, 2024, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM I2c (INDUSTRIAL: GENERAL WITH COMMITMENTS) TO RM (RESIDENTIAL: MULTI-FAMILY)." (Vision Housing - Omega Drive Rezoning) Jeff Bergman presented this ordinance in addition to the following ordinance at the same time. He explained Vision Housing is requesting rezoning for two adjacent properties on the west side of Indianapolis Road at Omega Drive. Jeff stated the applicants are proposing the rezoning for the purpose of developing the property for multi-family residential. He displayed maps and photographs of the area.

Jeff stated the Columbus Plan Commission forwarded both applications to City Council with a favorable recommendation by a vote of ten (10) in favor and zero (0) opposed. Discussion followed. Vice President Anderson opened the meeting for public comments. Kerri Sinibaldi asked if access to the Omega property would remain as Indianapolis Road. Jeff indicated the connections of Indianapolis Road and County Road 150 W are perceived as fairly critical. Zach Patchett asked if the city bus would ever service this area. Jeff responded that the Transit Department would have to make that determination. Vice President Anderson closed the meeting to the public. Councilor Hilber made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Dell seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Christopher Bartels	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Jay Foyst	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye

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

- E. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 18, 2024, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM I1c (INDUSTRIAL: LIGHT WITH COMMITMENTS) TO RM (RESIDENTIAL: MULTI-FAMILY)." (Vision Housing - West Rezoning) Jeff Bergman offered no additional information. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Hilber made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Burnett seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Christopher Bartels	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Jay Foyst	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye

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

- F. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 19, 2024, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COLUMBUS & BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE AND OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FOR THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS." (Columbus Front Door Overlay Zoning District) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, and Jessie Boshell, Senior Planner, both presented this ordinance. Jeff explained the request is to adopt the creation of the Columbus Front Door Overlay Zoning District, and amend the Official Zoning Map rezoning the Columbus Crossing PUD from PUD to CR (Commercial: Regional Center). Jessie stated the intent of the Columbus Front Door Overlay Zoning District is to incorporate basic architectural standards that would encourage thoughtful design that enhances the front door into the City of Columbus. These standards were designed off of what is existing in the area and the standards would apply to new construction, redevelopment, and expansions. Jessie displayed photographs of guideline examples. Much discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Hilber made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Kestler seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Christopher Bartels	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Jay Foyst	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye

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

- G. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. 20, 2024, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2024." Jeff Bergman presented this ordinance. He stated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is most federally funded, with the MPO budget being 80% federal and 18% city and 2% county. Jeff stated there is a surplus of funds to be captured and is seeking an additional appropriation of \$80,000. He indicated the Engineering Department is requesting \$30,000 of these federal funds for audits of five of the City's top crash intersections, \$20,000 for Flood Risk Management Plan and Food Response and Evacuation Plan, and \$30,000 to purchase new stationary and mobile bicycle & pedestrian counters to be used on the People Trails. Brief discussion followed. Vice President Anderson opened the meeting for public comments. Zach Patchett asked the location of the five most dangerous locations. Andrew Beckort, City Engineer, stated the locations are Central and 25th St., Central and Rocky Ford, Central and 10th St., Marr and 25th St., and Marr and Gladstone. Vice President Anderson closed the meeting for public comments. Councilor Dell made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Hilber seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Christopher Bartels	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Jay Foyst	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye

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

- H. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. 21, 2024, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE CDBG-COVID FUND FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2024." Paul Smith, Community Development Assistant Director, presented this ordinance. He explained CDBG-COVID funds were used to help Turning Point Domestic Violence Shelter for ADA accessibility. The request is to return matching funds in excess of final expenses of \$6,000 to Turning Point Domestic Violence Shelter. Brief discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Kestler made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Hilber seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Christopher Bartels	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Jay Foyst	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye

of the building for 2024. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Hilber made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Dell seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Grace Kestler	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Jay Foyst	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Christopher Bartels	Aye

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

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

None

IV. Other Business

- A. Build Operate Transfer (BOT) Discussion – Jason Larrison, Vice President at J.S. Held, LLC provided information regarding the Build Operate Transfer program.
- B. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports – Councilor Kestler reported Juneteenth is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, with many downtown activities.
- C. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 2, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**
- D. Councilor Kestler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Dell seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Grace Kestler	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Jay Foyst	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Christopher Bartels	Aye

Motion passed by a vote of seven (7) in favor and zero (0) opposed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.



Clerk of the City of Columbus


 Presiding Officer