

COMMON COUNCIL
 COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 CITY HALL
 AUGUST 6, 2024

City Council President Frank Miller 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. Dr. Heath Harrison provided the invocation.
- B. Councilor Josh Burnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll Call was taken: Christopher Bartels, Elaine Hilber, Jerone Wood Kent Anderson, Frank Miller, Josh Burnett, Tom Dell, and Grace Kestler were present in person.
- D. Councilor Hilber made a motion to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting on July 16, 2024, as presented. Councilor Burnett seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Christopher Bartels	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Jerone Wood	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Frank Miller	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye

Motion passed by a vote of eight (8) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

II. Old Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 21, 2024, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FISCAL PLAN FOR PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF COLUMBUS." (Jeremy & Cynthia Thompson Annexation) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this resolution adopting a fiscal plan and the following two ordinances (Items B & C) at the same time. He explained the applicants are requesting that an area of 18.79 acres be annexed and rezoned for future industrial development. The property is located on the west side of 300 West, generally between its intersections with State Road 58 and Tuttle Drive. Jeff displayed maps and photographs of the area. He stated the Columbus Plan Commission forwarded both the annexation and rezoning applications to the City Council with a favorable recommendation by a vote of ten (10) in favor and zero (0) opposed. Brief discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Hilber made a motion to pass the resolution as presented. Councilor Wood seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Christopher Bartels	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Jerone Wood	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Frank Miller	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye

Resolution passed by a vote of eight (8) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

- B. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 26, 2024, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND DECLARING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO BE A PART OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA." (Jeremy & Cynthia Thompson Annexation) Jeff Bergman offered no additional information. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Dell made a motion to pass the second reading for annexation and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Burnett seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Christopher Bartels	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Jerone Wood	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Frank Miller	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye

Motion passed by a vote of eight (8) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

- C. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 27, 2024, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM AP (AGRICULTURE: PREFERRED) TO I3c (INDUSTRIAL: HEAVY WITH COMMITMENTS)." (Jeremy & Cynthia Thompson Rezoning) Jeff Bergman provided no additional information. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Hilber made a motion to pass the second reading for the rezoning request and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Kestler seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Christopher Bartels	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Jerone Wood	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Frank Miller	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye

Motion passed by a vote of eight (8) in favor and zero (0) opposed

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2024, AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA AMENDING ORDINANCE 24, 2023 SALARY ORDINANCE FOR CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES." Luann Welmer, Clerk, and Eric Frey, Executive Director of Administration, both presented this ordinance and the following ordinance (Item B) at the same time. Eric explained the request is for a part-time position in the Clerk's Office and an additional appropriation for funding. He stated there is an increase in freedom of information requests being processed through the Clerk's Office and the need for coverage of meetings when the Clerk is unable to attend. Luann stated the Finance Office and Clerk's Office were sharing a position, with the employee receiving pay through the Finance budget. This employee has now left the city and it was suggest separating the position. Eric stated the additional appropriation of \$12,000 would cover the pay for the remainder of the calendar year. Much discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Kestler made a motion to pass the first reading of the ordinance and place in proper channels. Councilor Dell seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Christopher Bartels	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Jerone Wood	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye

Frank Miller	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye

Motion passed by a vote of eight (8) in favor and zero (0) opposed

D. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2024, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2024." Luann Welmer offered no additional information. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Dell 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
Jerone Wood	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Frank Miller	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye

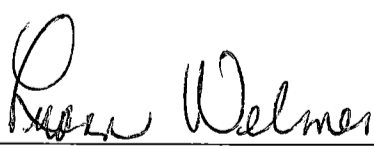
Motion passed by a vote of eight (8) in favor and zero (0) opposed

IV. Other Business

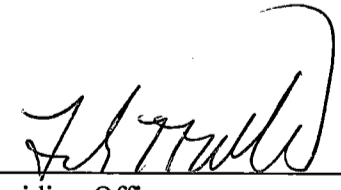
- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports
- B. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 20, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**
- C. Councilor Hilber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Burnett seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Christopher Bartels	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Jerone Wood	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Frank Miller	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye

Motion passed by a vote of eight (8) in favor and zero (0) opposed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:37 p.m.



 Clerk of the City of Columbus



 Presiding Officer