

REGULAR MEETING COMMON COUNCIL – April 11, 2023

The Common Council of the City of Huntington met on the 11th day of April 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with all applicable requirements and notice.

INVOCATION: Mayor Strick gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Strick called the regular meeting of the Common Council to order.

ROLL CALL: Common Council Members present: Joe Blomeke, Dave Funk, Todd Johnson, Seth Marshall, and Paul Pike. Absent: PJ Felton. Listening Only by Remote: Charles Chapman.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Strick opened the public hearing for an additional appropriation for ARPA Funds - Sidewalk appropriation. With no one wishing to speak, Mayor Strick closed the public hearing.

Mayor Strick opened the public hearing for Cottage, Park, and Jessup Streets improvement projects, no public spoke. Director Cuttriss introduced Donna Anderson, Kenna Consulting, who explained the timeline for the grant application to be submitted in June and the requirements needed before submission. Phil Morton, Lochmueller Group, presented the project overview. Director Cuttriss asked all in attendance tonight to sign in for the grant application public hearing. With no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Strick closed the public hearing.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Council Member Pike moved to approve Council's March 28, 2023, meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Johnson. Motion passed 5-0. Minutes signed.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS: No reports were given from Council Members.

Ms. Deb Schmucker, of Cornerstone P.D.S., Fishers, IN, presented the City Park 5-Year Master Plan that they have been working on with Superintendent Yoder. She presented statistics regarding parks, trails amenities, and acreage. She showed a comparison of Huntington with other communities they have worked with and she commented that we have a lot to offer for a city our size. Deb showed a list of park programs to engage the community and commended us on all of those events. Deb then listed the items in the plan, by year, for the next 5 years, along with citizen wants and needs for our parks and recreation in our community. She said it is important to engage kids over 13 with E-Sports, because that is what they are interested in doing. You can incorporate outdoor activities and E-Sports to engage today's youth. Council Members appreciated the report.

PETITIONS OR COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council Member Marshall made a motion to approve on second and **final reading Ordinance 6-C-23: “An Additional Appropriation for ARPA and General Fund”**, seconded by Council Member Blomeke. Motion passed 5-0. Ordinance signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

First reading of Ordinance 7-C-23: “An Additional Appropriation Ordinance” (ARPA funds). Council Member Marshall moved to approve Ordinance 7-C-23 on first reading, seconded by Council Member Johnson. Motion passed 5-0.

First reading of Ordinance 8-C-23: “An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntington, Indiana by Amending Section 91.09.” Attorney Halverstadt advised the Council that this Ordinance would bring the City’s Code into alignment with state law concerning beekeeping. Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance 8-C-23 on first reading, seconded by Council Member Marshall. Motion passed 5-0.


First reading of Ordinance 9-C-23: “An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntington, Indiana by Amending Section 34.06.” Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve on first reading Ordinance 9-C-23, seconded by Council Member Marshall. After some discussion, Council Member Marshall made a **motion to amend the lodging allowance to \$250 per night, seconded by Council Member Johnson. Motion passed 5-0, to amend.** The vote was then taken on the first motion to **approve Ordinance 9-C-23 as amended. Motion passed 5-0.** Council Member Pike made a motion to suspend the rules for amended Ordinance 9-C-23 to be considered on second reading, seconded by Council Member Marshall. Motion passed 5-0. Council Member Marshall made a **motion to adopt on second and final reading amended Ordinance 9-C-23**, seconded by Council Member Johnson. Motion passed 5-0. Ordinance signed.

MISCELLANEOUS: Clerk-Treasurer McElhaney presented the March Financial Reports for Council’s review and questions. No questions were asked.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Blomeke moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Marshall. Motion passed 5-0.

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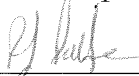
APPROVED:



Richard Strick As Mayor



Charles Chapman As Council
President



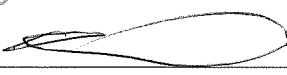
PJ Felton As Member



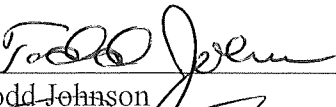
Seth Marshall As Member



Joseph E. Blomeke As Member



Dave Funk As Member

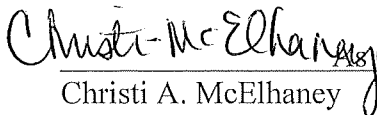


Todd Johnson As Member



Paul Pike As Member

Attest:



Christi A. McElhaney Clerk-Treasurer