

REGULAR MEETING COMMON COUNCIL – November 14, 2023

The Common Council of the City of Huntington met on the 14th day of November 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with all applicable requirements and notice.

INVOCATION: Ashlyn Kippert, The Awakening Church, gave the invocation.

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

ROLL CALL: Common Council Members present: Charles Chapman, PJ Felton, Dave Funk, Todd Johnson (remote), Seth Marshall, and Paul Pike. Absent: Joe Blomeke.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Strick opened the public hearing on Economic Revitalization Areas (ERA) Designation Resolution 6-R-23. City Attorney Hartburg explained the resolution and the process of designating ERAs. With no one from the public wishing to speak, Mayor Strick closed the public hearing.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Council Member Marshall moved to approve Council's October 31, 2023, regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Pike. Motion passed 6-0. Minutes signed.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS: Council Member Chapman reported on recent Board of Public Works and Safety meetings. Several projects are in the works and the City is making improvements in a lot of areas. Youth Council member, Lilly Poling, reported that the Teen Town Hall meeting went well and they are working on ideas for a City youth project. No other reports were given.

PETITIONS OR COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: Matt Shoda read Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Member Marshall made a motion to approve on **first and final reading Resolution 6-R-23: "Preliminary Resolution Designating Economic Revitalization Areas for 2024 and 2025"**, seconded by Council Member Pike. Motion passed 6-0. Resolution signed.

Council Member Felton made a motion to approve on **first and final reading Resolution 7-R-23: "State of Benefits - Incipio Devices" (SB-1/PP)**, seconded by Council Member Marshall. After some discussion and explanation from Kendall Mickley, Incipio Devices Comptroller, motion passed 5-0. Johnson abstained. Resolution signed and SB-1/PP signed by Council President Chapman.

Council Member Marshall made a motion to approve on **first and final reading Resolution 8-R-23: "Statement of Benefits - Bendix" (SB-1/PP)**, seconded by Council Member Chapman. After

some discussion and questions concerning the information presented on the SB-1/PP, Council Member Marshall made a motion to table the approval of Resolution 8-R-23 until Bendix could answer some questions, seconded by Council Member Felton. Motion ended in a tie 3-3 with Mayor Strick voting in favor of tabling. Motion passed in favor to table 4-3. Ayes: Felton, Funk, and Marshall and Mayor Strick. Nays: Chapman, Johnson (remote), and Pike.

Council Member Pike moved to approve on first reading Ordinance 21-C-23: “An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 17-C-23- Elected Official Salary Ordinance,” (to add BPW&S Member pay), seconded by Council Member Chapman. After some discussion, motion passed 6-0.

MISCELLANEOUS: Clerk-Treasurer McElhaney presented the October monthly budget report.

City Attorney Hartburg reminded Council that once a tax abatement is approved, the process for removal involves a hearing and an opportunity for the company to address Council.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Pike moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Felton. Motion passed 6-0.

APPROVED:

Absent
Richard Strick As Mayor

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Charles Chapman As Council President

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PJ Felton As Member

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Seth Marshall As Member

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Joseph E. Blomeke As Member

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Dave Funk As Member

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Todd Johnson As Member

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Paul Pike As Member

Attest:
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Christi A. McElhaney Clerk-Treasurer