

REGULAR MEETING COMMON COUNCIL – June 25, 2024

The Common Council of the City of Huntington met on the 25th day of June 2024, at 7:00 p.m., for its regular meeting in accordance with all applicable requirements and notice.

INVOCATION: Pastor Shilmar Holderly, Trinity United Methodist 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: Dwight Brautigam, Charles Chapman, PJ Felton, Dave Funk, Todd Johnson, and Andrew Rensberger. Absent: Paul Pike.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Council Member Johnson moved to approve Council's June 11, 2024, regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Brautigam. Motion passed 6-0. Minutes signed. Council Member Felton made a motion to approve Council's June 25, 2024, executive session minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Rensberger. Motion passed 6-0. Minutes signed.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS: Council Member Felton reported that the Solid Waste Board put up a survey on the County website regarding keeping the West Park recycle site or relocating it to the Solid Waste District site at the old City landfill location. Due to contamination issues, the costs of the recycle contract may increase and the District is trying to get it under control. No other reports were given.

OLD BUSINESS

City Attorney Hartburg gave an **update on the opioid litigation**. The Indiana Attorney General has opted into the latest settlement with Kroger Co., Accordingly, Indiana municipalities that have opted into the opioid settlements, like the City of Huntington, will be included in the settlement without further action.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adopt on **first reading Ordinance 7-C-24: “An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntington, Indiana by Amending Section 98.21(D)”**, seconded by Council Member Rensberger. Director Keplinger explained that the amendment to the City Code would reduce the notification area to 200 feet from the original 400 feet for natural landscaping. Motion passed 6-0. Council Member Felton made a motion to **suspend the rules** to approve on second reading, seconded by Council Member Johnson. Motion passed 6-0. Council Member Brautigam made a motion to approve on **second and final reading Ordinance 7-C-24**, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 6-0. Ordinance signed.

Council Member Felton made a motion to **open discussion on the proposed draft ordinance for DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area)**, seconded by Council Member Rensberger. The draft ordinance spells out times and processes for having alcohol in a specific downtown area,

during specific event times. Mayor Strick told Council that the draft ordinance has been provided to the ATC for initial review. Council will take the draft ordinance under advisement and get back to the subcommittee members with any ideas or concerns for any amendments before first reading.

MISCELLANEOUS: Mayor Strick introduced Eric Long, a consultant under contract with the County to assist the City with projects such as: its Downtown Master Plan, Skate Park Design, and preliminary design of a pool project.

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

APPROVED:

Richard Strick As Mayor

Dwight Brautigam As Member

Charles Chapman As Council
President

Dave Funk As Member

PJ Felton As Member

Todd Johnson As Member

Andrew Rensberger As Member

Paul Pike As Member

Attest:

Christi A. McElhaney As Clerk-Treasurer