

CITY OF WHITING – MAY 19, 2020

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA**

The Common Council of the City of Whiting met in regular session on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Stahura presiding.

Mayor Stahura read the Notice of Publication sent to the Times on May 14, 2020 regarding the scheduled meeting of the Common Council on May 19, 2020.

This is to notify you that the Common Council will meet at their regularly scheduled time on May 19, 2020.

The meeting will be held at Whiting City Hall, 1443-119th Street, Whiting, Indiana, via teleconference. No entry into City Hall will be permitted.

Dial in access number: 866-866-2244
Participant Code: 1641958#

Mayor Stahura asked if there was any media or public on the phone call. Paul Czapaowicz from The Times was on the phone call.

Attorney Sejna stated that this meeting is pursuant to suspension of the meeting statutes of the executive order issued by Governor Holcomb as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. Part of the rules for an electronic meeting is that there will need to be a roll call on every vote.

I. ROLL CALL

Mayor Stahura, Councilmembers Michko, Michniewicz, Sarvanidis, and Turpin were present, constituting a quorum. Also, present, were Attorney Sejna and Clerk-Treasurer Haynes.

Councilmembers Zubeck was absent.

II. MINUTES

Mayor Stahura asked for consideration of the minutes from the May 5, 2020 Regular Common Council. Councilmember Michniewicz made a motion to accept the minutes from May 5, 2020 as submitted. Councilmember Michko seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS OR REMONSTRANCES

None.

IV. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Stahura reported that 119th Street Project is rolling smoothly. There were 6 or 7 days they lost over the last few weeks on account of rain, but they did pour concrete today and they will have two crews out tomorrow pouring more. The lakefront repairs are still underway and are also

experiencing weather problems, but they are planning on getting crews out there to get that project finished. The Illiana Project experienced a two-week delay because one of the subcontractors tested positive for Covid-19 so they could not get in to show the properties. They will now begin showing the properties starting May 25, 2020. Once the showings start they will start on marketing the building and will work on getting it opened and rented. The Illiana Project is looking at an opening date of July 1, 2020 to get people moved in.

V. STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilmember Sarvanidis advised the Council that he will be presenting Resolution No. CC-2020-06, a resolution that transfers appropriations within various funds of the City of Whiting; Ordinance No. CC-2020-2026, an ordinance that amends prior ordinances regarding the fee schedule related to the operation of the Mascot Hall of Fame.

VI. REPORT OF THE CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer Haynes presented Civil City Check #16-17, 11809-11850 total amount of \$363,163.51. Councilmember Michko moved to ratify the Accounts Payable Voucher Checks as submitted. Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

Attorney Sejna reported that last Friday the Redevelopment Commission closed on the sale of three New York Avenue properties that will make way for two new homes to be built on the three lots.

VIII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

X. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Sarvanidis introduced Resolution No. CC-2020-06, a resolution that transfers appropriations to purchase laptops for police vehicles.

The unencumbered appropriation balance in the various funds of the City of Whiting, Indiana be decreased and the appropriation balance in the following accounts be set forth and increased as follows:

		Increase	Decrease
LOIT PUBLIC SAFETY FUND 249			
Police-Insurance	413.0050		26,504.78
Police-Equipment	445.0000	26,504.78	

Councilmember Sarvanidis read Resolution No. CC-2020-06 in title only;

A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS WITHIN VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA

Councilmember Sarvanidis made a motion to adopt Resolution No. CC-2020-06. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Sarvanidis introduces Ordinance No. CC-2020-2026, an ordinance amending two prior ordinances, 2018-1998 and 2020-2023 which is regarding the fee schedule related to the operation of the Mascot Hall of Fame. The MHOF staff is recommending further revisions to the fee schedule as well as establishing new fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Whiting, County of Lake, Indiana, as follows:

1. The Common Council hereby repeals Exhibit A” of Ordinance No. CC 2020-2023 and replaces it with Exhibit “A” which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.
2. The new proposed fees and the amended fees in Exhibit “A” are hereby approved and are designated in *italics*.
3. The new fees/rates shall be effective July 1, 2020.

There will be a Furitorium Cleaning fee, if necessary, of \$50.00. There will be a minimum cash bar purchase for rentals of \$60.00. For Special Event/Program/Rental/Party Optional Add on Fees, there will be new add on fees depending on the event.

Councilmember Sarvanidis read Ordinance No. CC-2020-2026 in title only;

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. CC-2018-1998 AND ORDINANCE NO. CC-2020-2023 REGARDING THE FEE SCHEDULE RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF THE MASCOT HALL OF FAME

Councilmember Sarvanidis made a motion to take Ordinance No. CC-2020-2026 to a 2nd reading. Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Sarvanidis read Ordinance No. CC-2020-2026 in title only;

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. CC-2018-1998 AND ORDINANCE NO. CC-2020-2023 REGARDING THE FEE SCHEDULE RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF THE MASCOT HALL OF FAME

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Sarvanidis made a motion to move the next Common Council meeting to June 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

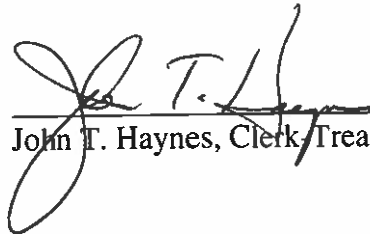
Councilmember Turpin asked Mayor Stahura about the speed bumps. Mayor Stahura stated that the speed bump decisions have not yet been made.

XII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters to come before the Common Council, Councilmember Michniewicz moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.



John T. Haynes, Clerk/Treasurer