

**CITY OF WHITING – AUGUST 3, 2021**

**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, August 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Spebar presiding.

**I. ROLL CALL**

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

**II. MINUTES**

Mayor Spebar asked for consideration of the minutes from the July 6, 2021, Regular Common Council meeting. Councilmember Michniewicz made a motion to accept the minutes from July 6, 2021 as submitted. Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Spebar asked for consideration of the minutes from the July 20, 2021, Special Common Council meeting. Councilmember Michko made a motion to accept the minutes from July 20, 2021 as submitted. Councilmember Michniewicz 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 Spebar thanked all staff for their help with the Pierogi festival on July 23<sup>rd</sup> through July 25<sup>th</sup>. The new Fire Chief Don Harbin was sworn in today.

**V. STANDING COMMITTEES**

Councilmember Ken Zubeck advised the Council he will be presenting Resolution CC-2021-07 approving the issuance of Bonds by the Redevelopment Commission.

Councilmember Sarvanidis advised the Council he will be presenting Ordinance No. CC-2021-2050, an ordinance that amends Ordinance No. CC-2021-2049 to regulate the use of golf carts within the City of Whiting.

**VI. REPORT OF THE CLERK-TREASURER**

Clerk-Treasurer Haynes presented Civil City Check #32E, 13517-13575 in the amount of \$69,998.00. Clerk-Treasurer requested amending the claims to add invoice 822021-8545 dated 8/2/21 for \$1,350.00 from vendor Clark-Quinn. Councilmember Michko moved to amend the Accounts Payable Voucher Checks to add the additional claim. Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously. Councilmember Michniewicz motioned to approve the claims as amended. 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 redevelopment commission last week sold the lot located at 1844 Pennsylvania for a new home and accepted offers to sell 1619 Ohio Ave and 2011 Davidson Place.

**VIII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

None.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**X. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Councilmember Zubeck presented Resolution No. CC-2021-07 approving the issuance of Bonds refunding the 2018 TIF Revenue Bonds. This is a refunding of the 2018 TIF Revenue Bonds that will save the city an estimated \$517,762.50 and reduce the bond repayment schedule by two years.

Councilmember Zubeck read Resolution No. CC-2021-07 in title only;

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WHITING COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING  
ISSUANCE OF BONDS;**

Councilmember Zubeck made a motion to adopt Resolution No. CC-2021-07. Councilmember Sarvanidis seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Sarvanidis presented Ordinance No. CC-2021-2050, an amendment to ordinance No. CC-2021-2049 to revise a provision regarding place of operation of golf carts. Delete the following language in Section 7A(a) Place(s) of operation and storage: "... in the crosswalk area only". Replace the deleted language with "... only at traffic light signaled intersections when it is safe to do so".

Councilmember Sarvanidis read Ordinance No. CC-2021-2050 in title only;

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. CC-2021-2049 TO REVISE A  
PROVISION REGARDING PLACES OF OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS AND TO  
DECLARE AN EXTRAORDINARY EMERGENCY**

Councilmember Sarvanidis made a motion to take Ordinance No. CC-2021-2050 to a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) Councilmember

Zubeck abstained from the vote while all other Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Sarvanidis read Ordinance No. CC-2021-2050 in title only;

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Councilmember Sarvanidis made a motion to suspend the rules to consider the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Ordinance No. CC-2021-2050. Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) Councilmember Zubeck abstained from the vote while all other Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Sarvanidis made a motion to take Ordinance No. CC-2021-2050 to 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) Councilmember Zubeck abstained from the vote while all other Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Sarvanidis read Ordinance No. CC-2021-2050 in title only;

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## **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmember Sarvanidis made a motion to hold a special meeting on August 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Councilmember Zubeck seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Spebar read the resignation of Councilmember Zubeck. Mr. Zubeck thanked all the individual Councilmembers, City Attorney, Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer for the privilege of working with them.

Mayor Spebar presented Councilmember Zubeck with a special clock for his years of public service on the Common Council.

All the Councilmembers thanked Mr. Zubeck for his public service.

## **XII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Anita Hruskocy of 1919 Schrage Avenue. Anita told some stories about Councilmember Zubeck and wished him luck.

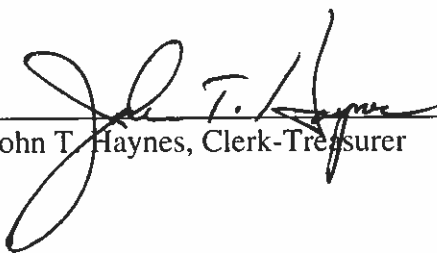
Brian Lowry of 1812 Sheridan Avenue. Brian wished Councilmember Zubeck well in his retirement.

Carolyn Marsh of 1804 Oliver Street, presented the following questions and statements to the Council:

- Thinks there should be public input on park projects.
- Concerned about the wildlife at the Beach and Park.
- SWAN organization would like communication in a letter from the Mayor to address any Lakefront projects.
- Discussed the dredge and public notice published by the DNR.

### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further matters to come before the Common Council, Councilmember Sarvanidis moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

  
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John T. Haynes, Clerk-Treasurer