

CITY OF WHITING – DECEMBER 21, 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, December 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Spebar presiding.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Councilmember Suarez and Attorney Sejna were absent.

II. MINUTES

Mayor Spebar asked for consideration of the minutes from the December 7, 2021 Regular Common Council meeting. Councilmember Michniewicz made a motion to accept the minutes from December 7, 2021 as submitted. Councilmember Turpin 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 reported the following:

- License plate readers have been installed at the intersection of 129th and Indianapolis Blvd in all four directions. These readers helped when a murder suspect from another town entered Whiting. This notified our officers and allowed them to arrest the individual.
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

V. STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilmember Sarvanidis advised the Council he will be presenting Ordinance No. CC-2021-2059, an ordinance to amend the 2022 Civil City Salary Ordinance to add additional levels of salary to the museum department and revise the animal control department for possible 3rd and final reading; Ordinance No. CC-2021-2060, an ordinance restricting the sale of animals at pet shops within the City of Whiting for possible 3rd and final reading; Ordinance No. CC-2021-2061, an ordinance appropriating monies in the various funds of the City of Whiting for the year 2022.

VI. REPORT OF THE CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer Haynes presented Civil City Check #46E, 524E, & 14050-14122 in the amount of \$524,675.70. Councilmember Michko moved to approve the Accounts Payable Voucher Checks as submitted. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

None.

VIII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

X. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Sarvanidis presented Ordinance No. CC-2021-2059, an ordinance to amend the 2022 Civil City Salary Ordinance to add additional levels of salary to the museum department and revise the animal control department.

Councilmember Sarvanidis made a motion to take Ordinance No. CC-2021-2059 to a 3rd and final reading. Councilmember Michko seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Sarvanidis read Ordinance No. CC-2021-2059 in title only;

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. CC-2021-2055
THE 2022 CIVIL CITY SALARY ORDINANCE TO ADD ADDITIONAL LEVELS
OF SALARY TO THE MUSEUM DEPARTMENT AND REVISE THE ANIMAL
CONROL DEPARTMENT TO REFLECT BI-WEEKLY RATES

Councilmember Sarvanidis presented Ordinance No. CC-2021-2060, an ordinance that restricts the sale of animals at pet shops within the City of Whiting.

Councilmember Sarvanidis made a motion to take Ordinance No. CC-2021-2060 to a 3rd and final reading. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Sarvanidis read Ordinance No. CC-2021-2060 in title only;

AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE SALE OF ANIMALS AT PET SHOPS
WITHIN THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA

Councilmember Sarvanidis presented Ordinance No. CC-2021-2061, an ordinance appropriating money in the various funds of the City of Whiting for the year 2022. There are revenues in various funds that the Council needs to pass an Ordinance to appropriate those funds. For example, there will be funds in the American Rescue Plan Fund in the amount of \$670,000.00. In the Park N/R Operating Fund, there will be \$39,600.00 appropriated, in the Parking Meter Fund, there will be \$418,305.00 appropriated, the Local Law Enforcement Continuing Education Fund will be \$28,000.00, the Economic Development Project Inn Tax will be \$4,725.00, Economic Development Commission will be \$27,409.07, and the Riverboat fund will be \$39,000.00.

Councilmember Sarvanidis read Ordinance No. CC-2021-2061 in title only;

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONIES IN THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA FROM UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2022

Councilmember Sarvanidis made a motion to take Ordinance No. CC-2021-2061 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-2021-2061 in title only;

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONIES IN THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA FROM UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2022

Councilmember Sarvanidis made a motion to have Clerk-Treasurer Haynes prepare for a Public Hearing for Ordinance No. CC-2021-2061 at the next Council meeting on January 4, 2022. Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Sarvanidis presented a Collective Bargaining Agreement from the Whiting Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #68. This agreement will extend their existing bargaining agreement currently in place between the City and the Whiting Police Officers. The previously entered into Collective Bargaining Agreement remains in full force and effect until December 31, 2021. Also, considering the current Covid-19 pandemic, the parties wish to extend the term of the current agreement for one year in 2022 in order to better understand the impact of the pandemic on future revenues. In consideration of said extension, the City will agree to a wage increase for the extended term. The details of the extension are as follows:

1. **ARTICLE III – Term of Agreement** shall be amended to extend the term of the agreement to December 31, 2022.
2. **ARTICLE IV – Salaries and Classifications** shall be amended to provide salary increase of Two Percent (2%) for 2022 over the 2021 salaries approved by the Whiting Common Council.
3. All other provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement not specifically modified herein shall remain in full force and effect through December 31, 2022.

The agreement is signed by Jacob Wright, Lodge #68 President, Andrew Delgado, Lodge #68 Vice-President, and Edwin Trinidad, Lodge #68 Secretary-Treasurer as dated of November 21, 2021.

Councilmember Sarvanidis made a motion to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Sarvanidis presented two Certificates of Appointments for the Redevelopment Commission which are Council appointments. The Certificate of Appointments are to reappoint Don Harbin and Paul Progar to the Redevelopment Commission for an additional one-year term commencing on January 1, 2022 and ending on December 31, 2022.

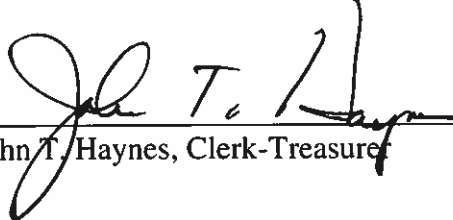
Councilmember Sarvanidis made a motion to accept and approve the reappointments of Don Harbin and Paul Progar to the Redevelopment Commission. Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Robert Reyna of 2230 Schrage Ave, spoke about his and fellow neighbors wanting industrial traffic to stop coming down Schrage Avenue from Indianapolis Boulevard. They're concerned for the safety and noise pollution that is being caused by the constant industrial traffic. Mr. Reyna continued to voice other concerns regarding changes around the city.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters to come before the Common Council, Councilmember Turpin moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.



John T. Haynes, Clerk-Treasurer