

CITY OF WHITING – APRIL 5, 2022

**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, April 5, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Spebar presiding.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Councilmember Suarez made a motion to suspend the rules to hold a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. CC-2022-2064, an ordinance appropriating monies in the various funds of the City of Whiting from unappropriated funds for the year 2022. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Haynes indicated that the Legal Notice for this hearing was published by the Times on March 21, 2022 and was posted in City Hall.

Councilmember Suarez explained Ordinance No. CC-2022-2064 in further detail.

	Amount Requested
Fund Name: 2402-American Rescue Plan	
444.0000—Improvements	\$ 75,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 75,000.00
Fund Name: 4500-Community Crossing	
431.0000—Professional Services	\$ 32,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 32,000.00
Fund Name: 2209-CEDIT	
431.0000 – Professional Service	\$ 20,000.00
444.0000 – Improvements	\$ 50,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 70,000.00

Mayor Spebar, under the suspension of rules, opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. CC-2022-2064, an ordinance appropriating monies in the various funds of the City of Whiting from unappropriated funds for the year 2022.

Mayor Spebar asked three times for any comments about Ordinance No. CC-2022-2064. With there being no further comments, Mayor Spebar closed the Public Hearing.

II. MINUTES

Mayor Spebar asked for consideration of the minutes from the March 15, 2022 Regular Common Council meeting. Councilmember Michko made a motion to accept the minutes from March 15, 2022 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:

- The Easter Parade will be this Saturday. The parade will start at the YMCA around 2:00 p.m. They're looking forward to a nice crowd in attendance and for everyone to have a great time.

V. STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilmember Suarez advised the Council he will be presenting Ordinance No. CC-2022-2064, an ordinance appropriating monies in the various funds of the City of Whiting for the year 2022 for possible 3rd and final reading and Ordinance No. CC-2022-2065, an ordinance to amend a prior ordinance for fixing salaries and compensation of officers and employees of the Police and Fire Departments and employees of the City of Whiting to correct a math error and declare an extraordinary emergency for possible 1st, 2nd, and 3rd readings.

Councilmember Sarvanidis advised the Council he will be presenting Resolution No. CC-2022-03, a resolution supporting the WPD for a grant.

VI. REPORT OF THE CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer Haynes presented Civil City Check #543E-544E, 14456, 14458, 14460-14464, 14466-14520 & March Payroll in the amount of \$727,511.40. Councilmember Michniewicz moved to approve 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

None.

VIII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

X. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Suarez presented Ordinance No. CC-2022-2064, an ordinance that includes a couple different appropriations of various funds.

Councilmember Suarez explained that the 1st and 2nd reading for Ordinance No. CC-2022-2064 was completed at the last Common Council meeting.

Councilmember Suarez made a motion to take Ordinance No. CC-2022-2064 to a 3rd and final reading. Councilmember Michko seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Suarez read Ordinance No. CC-2022-2064 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 Suarez presented Ordinance No. CC-2022-2065, an ordinance that amends a previous salary ordinance to adjust the wages for one particular position with the extraordinary emergency clause. This reflects the 2% increase in salary for that position which was not applied in error.

GENERAL – ALL DEPARTMENTS & FUNDS:

<i>Position</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Hourly</i>
<i>Part-time Laborers/Maintenance Workers</i>	<i>Level 8</i>	<i>\$18.62 per hour (was \$18.02)</i>

Councilmember Suarez read Ordinance No. CC-2022-2065 in title only;

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. CC-2021-2055
AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA, EFFECTIVE FIRST PAY IN 2022, TO CORRECT A MATH ERROR AND TO DECLARE AN EXTRAORDINARY EMERGENCY

Councilmember Suarez made a motion to take Ordinance No. CC-2022-2065 to 2nd reading. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Suarez read Ordinance No. CC-2022-2065 in title only;

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. CC-2021-2055
AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA, EFFECTIVE FIRST PAY IN 2022, TO

CORRECT A MATH ERROR AND TO DECLARE AN EXTRAORDINARY EMERGENCY

Councilmember Suarez made a motion to suspend the rules to consider a 3rd reading for Ordinance CC-2022-2065. Councilman Turpin seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Suarez made a motion to take Ordinance No. CC-2022-2065 to 3rd and final reading. Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Suarez read Ordinance No. CC-2022-2065 in title only;

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. CC-2021-2055
AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND
EMPLOYEES OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND EMPLOYEES OF
THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA, EFFECTIVE FIRST PAY IN 2022, TO
CORRECT A MATH ERROR AND TO DECLARE AN EXTRAORDINARY
EMERGENCY**

Councilmember Sarvanidis presented Resolution No. CC-2022-03, a resolution supporting the Whiting Police Department Cops grant application for technology and equipment.

The Whiting Police Department is preparing to submit a grant application to the federal government for Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) – Technology and Equipment. The purpose of the grant will be to obtain additional license plate readers and video cameras for various locations within the community. The Council wholeheartedly supports this application in light of the previous success which the Whiting Police Department has had with license plate readers and apprehension of suspects.

Additional cameras on major thoroughfares and in the Downtown Business District will serve to provide continuous license plate reader coverage from the Indiana state line to the Borman Expressway as the Whiting Police Department works in conjunction with the Hammond and East Chicago Indiana police departments. The cameras in the downtown area and around the school will provide additional security for students, festival attendees, visitors to the Mascot Hall of Fame Children’s Museum as well as the many employees and contractors employed by and within the BP Whiting Business Unit Refinery.

Councilmember Sarvanidis read Resolution No. CC-2022-03 in title only;

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE WHITING POLICE DEPARTMENT
COPS GRANT APPLICATION FOR TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT**

Councilmember Sarvanidis made a motion to adopt Resolution No. CC-2022-03. Councilmember Suarez seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Spebar thanked Mr. Brian Lowry for his work on this grant. Mr. Lowry had already been in contact with Congressman Mrvan's Office. Mayor Spebar informed the Council of another grant that the City is applying for through Congressman Mrvan's Office.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

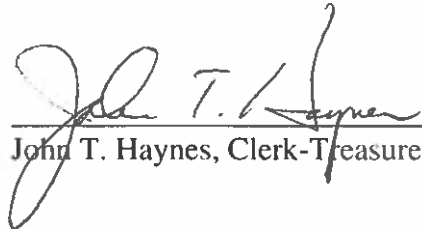
Councilmember Sarvanidis made a motion to move the May 3, 2022 Council meeting to May 4, 2022. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Brian Lowry thanked the Council for their support with the grant.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters to come before the Common Council, Councilmember Turpin moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Councilmember Michko seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.



John T. Haynes, Clerk-Treasurer

