

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
COMMON COUNCIL
PRE-COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2009

The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met in the Lower Level Conference Room at City Hall on December 3, 2009, at the hour of 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Dennis called the meeting to order and presided.

Present: Bunder, Burch, Dietrich, Hoggatt, Hunt, Keen (arrived at 4:37 p.m.), and Thomas.

Also present were City Attorney Burns, Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes, City Engineer Buck, Police Chief Dombkowski, Street Commissioner Downey, Fire Chief Drew, WWTU Director Henderson, Parks Superintendent Payne, and Director of Development Poole.

Agenda Review

Councilor Hunt stated that she had taken the position of the Budget and Finance Committee Chair on a short-term basis, and would like to continue on the committee, but not as Chair. The Council agreed that Councilor Dietrich would serve as Chair, effective January 1, 2010. Mayor Dennis thanked Councilor Hunt for her service as Chair.

For Mr. Wayne Merriman and the Go Greener Commission, Councilor Hunt requested that the Council provide her information about whether the Council wants sanitation fees, along with the revenue from the County grant for the City's recycling center and sales of recyclables, to make the Sanitation budget self-sufficient. The 2010 Sanitation budget is \$985,000, including set-asides to replace equipment. If that is not acceptable, what portion of the total budget should come from increased fees? Councilor Hunt asked the other Councilors to provide this information to her via email. Based on inflation, the \$9.00 fee established in 1993 would be \$13.46 today.

Mayor Dennis announced that his appointees to the Redevelopment Commission (Steve Curtis, Gary Lehman, and Linda Sorensen) would be continuing on the Commission. Councilor Hunt stated that the Council would nominate Larry Oates and Diane Damico to continue on the Commission.

Councilor Hunt said that the Parks Foundation Board nominee would be Vinod Sagi. She stated that the Council appointment to the Police Merit Commission would be delayed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 30-09 An Ordinance To Vacate Drainage And Utilities Easement (Submitted by Stuart and Branigin, LLP; Sponsored by Councilor Burch) **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Dennis said read Ordinance No. 30-09 by title. Attorney Marianne Mitten Owen was present to answer questions.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 32-09 An Ordinance Requesting An Additional Appropriation - Clerk's Record Perpetuation Fund (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer) **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 32-09 by title.

There was no further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 34-09 To Amend Certain Portions Of The Unified Zoning Ordinance Of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, Designating The Time When The Same Shall Take Effect [UZO #63] (Submitted by Area Plan Commission)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 34-09 by title.

Councilor Hunt asked for clarification of the ordinance. Councilor Keen responded that the essence of the ordinance is providing the option to elevate their homes, if they are in flood-prone areas.

City Engineer Buck reported that the only West Lafayette buildings that are affected by this APC ordinance are those at Williamsburg on the Wabash.

There was no further discussion.

Resolution No. 14-09 Resolution Amending Resolution No. 5-09 By Substituting The Map Describing The Neighborhood (Sponsored by Councilman Bunder)

Mayor Dennis read Resolution No. 14-09 by title.

Councilor Bunder that the "map from space" is replacing the map that was included with Resolution No. 5-09. Councilor Hunt asked if the boundaries were both sides of the streets affected. Councilor Bunder answered that the boundaries were not both sides of the street, that this map is the same map that APC uses to define neighborhoods.

There was no further discussion.

Resolution No. 15-09 A Resolution Requesting The Transfer Of Funds [General Fund and Cumulative Firefighting Building and Equipment Fund] (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Resolution No. 15-09 by title.

There was no further discussion.

Resolution No. 16-09 A Resolution Supporting The Application For Tippecanoe Cultural District Designation (Submitted by Department of Development; Sponsored by Mayor Dennis)

Mayor Dennis read Resolution No. 16-09 by title and announced that Director of Development Poole was present to answer questions.

Councilor Dietrich asked whether, in Article 2, there was a commitment to financial support. Director of Development Poole responded that there was not. Mayor Dennis added that there is

no mandate for financial support, it is an option. Director of Development Poole said that most of the district is in the TIF District anyway.

Councilor Keen asked what is accomplished by the ordinance. Director of Development Poole answered that the Indiana Arts Commission will recognize communities that have areas designated as cultural districts as they apply for funds. The other Indiana cities that have defined cultural districts are Bloomington and Carmel.

Councilor Dietrich questioned the south boundary of the Chauncey village area. Director of Development Poole said that there is not an exact boundary. City Attorney Burns observed that the Lafayette area seems to be defined by street; he asked Mr. Poole to seek clarification. Councilor Dietrich asked if the choice of boundary is the City's or the Indiana Arts Commission's. Mayor Dennis asked Mr. Poole to clarify this matter.

There was no further discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business at this time, Councilor Burch moved for adjournment, and Mayor Dennis adjourned the meeting, the time being 4:48 p.m.