

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
COMMON COUNCIL
PRE-COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 3, 2011

The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met in the Lower Level Conference Room at City Hall on February 3, 2011, at the hour of 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Dennis called the meeting to order and presided.

Present: Bunder, Dietrich (arrived at 4:35 p.m.), Hunt, Keen, and Thomas.

Absent: Burch, Hoggatt.

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

Mayor Dennis reported that the order of business for the Council meeting on February 7 would be that the Police Officer of the Year, the State of the City Address, and the Volunteer Recognition Awards would be given before the regular business of the Council. The Strategic Plan Update will be presented at the April Council meeting when Tripp Muldrow is available.

Councilor Hunt announced that the Dare to Bare would be on Friday, February 4, at the Riverside Skating Center at 7:00 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 05-11 An Ordinance To Name Depositories For The City Of West Lafayette (Submitted by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 05-11 by title and asked for comments or questions.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said that the 2010 investment report is in the Council folders. The December 31, 2010, balances can be reviewed in more detail when the Budget and Finance Committee meets. She asked that Councilors provide their questions in advance, so that she could prepare any analyses needed.

There was no further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 06-11 An Ordinance Requesting An Additional Appropriation – Perimeter Parkway Fund (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 06-11 by title and asked for comments or questions.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that she would ask for two readings of Ordinance No. 06-11 at Monday's meeting. The ad has already been run.

City Engineer Buck explained that this is the first phase of the Perimeter Parkway, and that bids were opened through INDOT about January 12. Milestone Contractors is the apparent low bidder at approximately \$4.8 million, well below the engineer's estimate of \$5.6 million. The contract for the project is between INDOT and Milestone. This additional appropriation will allow the City to pay INDOT when the local share is billed. 80% of the cost will be paid by a Federal Highway Administration grant, which INDOT will administer along with the construction contract. The 20% will be paid 10% from City's Levee-Village TIF Fund and 10% will come from Purdue University. Purdue will actually pay more than 10%, because there are University utilities that will be relocated in conjunction with the project. One utility relocation involves the University's chilled water lines, and there is a narrow window of time in which that work can be done. The project will begin this summer and will continue next summer. This first phase is primarily on Harrison Street, from Jischke Drive east to Sheetz Street. Purdue is the only landowner in this first phase and donated the right-of-way for this project. The next phase, currently in design, will be from Sheetz to Chauncey. There will be multiple property owners to deal with in that phase. Mr. Buck stated that the plan is that the roadway will be open to traffic during construction of the first phase.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 07-11 To Amend Certain Portions Of The Unified Zoning Ordinance Of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, Designating The Time When The Same Shall Take Effect (UZO Amendment #72, permits live music entertainment in the NB and NBU zones, but only by special exception) (Submitted by Area Plan Commission)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 07-11 by title and asked for comments or questions.

Councilor Bunder asked how this affected West Lafayette. Councilor Keen said that live entertainment would be permitted in Neighborhood Business (NB) zones and Neighborhood Business-Urban (NBU) zones, but by special exception only. Councilor Hunt reported that she talked with Larry Aukerman of APC today said there are only a few areas in West Lafayette, but that the exceptions will have to be approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals. Both of the West Lafayette representatives [Councilor Keen and Dr. Carl Griffin] are on that Board, and she said that she was comforted to know that the City's interests would be represented. Councilor Bunder asked someone to name a business in either of those zones. City Engineer Buck said that there are NBU areas in the City: Robinson and Salisbury, and Kingston and Salisbury. Northwestern and Lindberg is zoned NB. The area across from Mackey Arena is CBW. Along Sagamore Parkway, zoning is either GB or NB. Mayor Dennis asked if it would be helpful to have a list. Councilor Bunder agreed. City Engineer Buck will provide a map at the Council meeting. Councilor Keen stated that he felt that a nice thing about the ordinance is the oversight where there was not one before. It is almost like a planned development for live music, because it has to be approved before the event.

Councilor Dietrich asked what happened to the idea that only Councilors or City administrators could sponsor legislation, and why APC submitted this ordinance. City Attorney Burns responded that APC submissions are allowed by State statute. Mr. Burns said that there was conversation about requiring sponsorship of legislation, but that there was no Council action on the matter. He added that the Council could review each ordinance or resolution and refer possibly inappropriate pieces to committee for review and sponsor determination or other action. A problem with APC submissions is that there is often a time schedule.

There was no further discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS

► Mayor Dennis announced the Dare to Bare would be Friday at 7:00 p.m. at Riverside Skating Center.

► Councilor Dietrich asked whether citizens are given leniency on clearing their sidewalks. Mayor Dennis responded that the Neighborhood Resource Team (NRT) is encouraging compliance, not taking punitive measures at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, Councilor Hunt moved for adjournment, and Mayor Dennis adjourned the meeting, the time being 4:50 p.m.