

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES
JUNE 2, 2014

The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Morton Community Center on June 2, 2014, at the hour of 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Dennis called the meeting to order and presided.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

Present: Bunder, Burch, Dietrich, Hunt, Keen, Thomas, and VanBogaert.

Also present were City Attorney Burns, Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes, Public Works Director Buck, Facilities Director Clark, Police Chief Dombkowski, Street Commissioner Downey, Human Resources Director Foster, Fire Chief Heath, WWTU Director Henderson, and Parks Superintendent Payne.

MINUTES

Councilor Keen moved for acceptance of the minutes of the May 1, 2014, Pre-Council Meeting, and the May 5, 2014, Common Council Meeting. Councilor Burch seconded the motion, and the motion passed by voice vote.

COMMITTEE STANDING REPORTS

STREET, SANITATION, AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT UTILITY

Councilor Bunder presented this report, which will be on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office. He noted that the bids for the Fairway Knolls Lift Station and the Sheraton Lift Station came in over budget, which will impact Ordinance No. 11-14. He also provided updates for ongoing construction projects.

Councilor Dietrich stated that he used the pothole tip line and the issue was taken care of within 48 hours. He expressed his appreciation to the Street Department.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND ORDINANCE

Councilor Keen presented this report, which will be on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office. He noted that the West Lafayette Fire Department runs have nearly doubled each month in comparison to last year since the annexation took effect.

PURDUE RELATIONS

Councilor VanBogaert reported on events at Purdue University, including that the Board of Trustees approved the conceptual operating budget for 2015 which is up 0.59% to a little over \$1 billion. Vice Provost, Dale Whittaker, is leaving Purdue to take a position at the University of Central Florida.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Councilor Hunt presented this report, which will be on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office. She also announced that the red bows seen around town signify individual's gardens which have won the Beautification Award, indicating that the Art in Bloom garden tour is soon.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilor Thomas presented this report, which will be on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

Councilor Bunder stated that a constituent sent a picture of a "For Auction" sign in front of Peoples Gas. He asked if anyone knew anything about that.

Mayor Dennis responded that he knows that they have already auctioned off most of the equipment in there; he does not know if they are selling the ground. Director of Development Poole has been working with them to see what their intentions are.

Councilor Bunder stated that it has been an important part of redeveloping the river.

PERSONNEL

Councilor Burch presented this report, which will be on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Councilor Dietrich reported that we are sneaking up on budget time again and he is attempting to schedule a joint meeting with the Council and the Redevelopment Commission (RDC) this month; he hopes for June 17. He stated that Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes has advised him that there is new software available for the department heads to make things easier for the upcoming budget meetings with the department heads.

REPORT OF APC REPRESENTATIVE

Councilor Keen reported that at the June 18 APC meeting there will a discussion of Z-2571 rezone for Walk His Way, LLC, which has a direct impact on West Lafayette. The rezone would be an R1 to R3W for an adult daycare center.

SPECIAL REPORTS:

State Street Master Plan (Reimagining State Street) – MKSK

Mayor Dennis introduced Eric Lucas from MKSK to do a brief presentation of the State Street Master Plan, which is nearing completion.

Mr. Lucas began by noting that the State Street Master Plan work will need to be done as portions of the Perimeter Parkway work around the University are done. He spoke about the changes in character along the street. He explained the various groups that were met with over 20 different sessions to get a feel for what is important, along with engaging the public via social media and online surveys. After that, a framework was developed which looked at the different categories of function of the street more so than the character. He explained proposed changes to number of lanes and lane functions, including returning reversing the one-way flow through the Village back to two-way circulation. Mr. Lucas stated that they are proposing a dedicated and separated bicycle path, called a cycle track, as well as wider sidewalks and street trees. Another proposal is to have a new downtown entrance off of the bridge at the Wabash Landing development. This would include replacing the surfaced parking lot in front of Wabash Landing with two travel lanes going westbound. Opposite that, south of a new boulevard, would be two travel lanes going eastbound. Both sides of the travel lanes would have parallel parking. He explained that this is kind of a continuation of what is happening in downtown Lafayette on Columbia Street. Mr. Lucas stated that a roundabout is proposed at Tapawingo Drive right before Wabash Landing at the touchdown point of the bridge itself. A second roundabout is proposed at River Road. Brown Street would be closed before the intersection to safely get the traffic around that intersection. He noted that the surveys done showed a lot of support a lot of these ideas. Mr. Lucas stated that a market study was also done to look at market potential

outside of the right of way. They found a fairly strong market opportunity in the retail and office categories, show potential for economic development in the corridor. Mr. Lucas showed several slides of various State Street areas as they are today and sketches of proposed ideas.

Councilor Bunder stated that he has an observation, which is that we come to this later as a City than a lot of other cities and universities. This has been a popular collaboration in the mid-west and across the country, so this is not a novelty. He stated that it is good to see us start down this road. He asked about capital and reinvestment—where would the money come from?

Mr. Lucas responded that that is the next step in determining how to move forward. There are traditional pots of money. One avenue may be the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) route. All of this area is in two TIF districts which may provide an opportunity for some dollars. The next step is to look at phasing and funding opportunities. He hopes that with the consensus seen throughout the project—there is a lot of local excitement here—that it will help nudge some ideas forward.

Mayor Dennis stated that Purdue has been given this same demonstration, and they have since expressed a significant amount of interest in this project—not only in the quality of the presentation, but also in actually making it happen. One thing brought forward was that Purdue does not rank very high when it comes to the aesthetics of the campus. He does not think the any of the administration at Purdue, nor anyone in the City, wants to hold that low spot, so this has truly been an energized product. Purdue is working collectively with the City administration to see how this can be done collaboratively and quickly.

Councilor Bunder stated that his, and Councilor Hunt's, most recent experience with reinvestment at Purdue University was Wang Hall. The conversation about what would go in that building and what would happen after that building lead to a memorandum of understanding regarding further investment on the backside of that building, and that went away last October. He understands that no plans are carved in stone. He hopes with this reimagining of State Street and with the energy that comes with it that we will get a firm commitment from the University to participate, particularly at the top of the hill.

Mayor Dennis stated that he believes the original area of focus is going to be from the river up Grant Street.

Councilor Thomas stated that, regarding the roundabout at the bottom of State Street and US 43, it is a heavily traveled area with heavy trucks. He asked for comments about that from Mr. Lucas.

Mr. Lucas responded that there is the engineering aspect of it which was studied from the level of service perspective, which is a measurement of how an intersection functions. Compared to the level of service at that intersection today, the roundabout configuration actually improves the level of service one grade level. In terms of vehicular movement, we are improving a little bit the current function of that. There is also the hope that from the bicyclists and pedestrian perspective that we are improving that function as well, as trying to cross the six lanes there is tricky. With the redesign a pedestrian or bicyclist would cross two lanes at any given time. He explained that due to the two lanes of the roundabout, there will also be flashing beacons that can be pushed to stop traffic if there is not a natural break in traffic. He stated that in the surveys, about 60% of each category—motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians—said that they would rather see the roundabout than the current traffic signal.

Mayor Dennis stated that there were conversations specifically about that, and the comparative data used what currently exists. There may as well be a wall when talking about getting students down State Street Hill, as they are reluctant to cross that section of roadway. US 231 has been a great help in taking a lot of the heavy traffic off. The roundabout, because it allows for safe harbors, will be a second component. When we improve the commercial and retail down towards the east end, it will be further.

Councilor Dietrich stated that he is hesitant to think about a button that can stop traffic on a roundabout. He asked if there is data available from other communities or locations using that system.

Mr. Lucas responded yes and during the last public meeting there were videos shown of places where that system is installed. The final report has examples of that in other areas. He stated to keep in mind that feeding into the roundabout there is a traffic signal on River Road at Howard Street and at Tapawingo Drive, north and south of the proposed roundabout. So, traffic is being sent to the roundabout in a "pulse" instead of being non-stop.

Councilor Dietrich stated that he is much more comfortable with that than with traffic stopping in roundabout.

Mr. Lucas stated that a person could call for the stop in the roundabout but it would actually be timed with the rest of the traffic operations.

Councilor Burch asked if opinions have been sought from the businesses on Brown Street regarding the proposed closing off that road.

Mr. Lucas responded that the feedback they have gotten so far is positive. He explained that there is proposed access from State Street onto Roebuck Drive with a left turn, which is not possible today. This access would offset the loss of that particular intersection.

Councilor Hunt stated that has a person who retired from Purdue, crossing State Street always scared her. She believes that the safety that would be implemented is a big feature.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:
Beautification Award

Councilor Keen presented the beautification award for Robert and Carolyn Perrucci at 305 Leslie Avenue. He explained how their landscaping has been a work in progress for 40 years, and described some of the landscape details and the Perrucci's gardening background. He noted they have a plaque certifying the landscape as a wildlife habitat. Ms. Perrucci expressed her appreciation.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes reported that the soft opening of the new software system is expected to take place this week.

LEGAL REPORT

City Attorney Burns stated that this report is on file.

Councilor Bunder asked how we are doing on the Lutz Street fire incident.

City Attorney Burns responded that the reference in the legal report was regarding the receipt of a tort claim, which is a standard precursor to any sort of legal action. The tort claim was filed by Mr. Notary, the father of the young man that died. He stated that he does not have further information since he is not the attorney handling this case.

Councilor Bunder asked if we are still looking at the timing for the certificate of occupancy.

Police Chief Dombkowski stated that since the last Council meeting, we provided more information and consultation with the attorney handling the case, and that is where it stands right now.

Councilor Bunder stated that he appreciates the difficulty of the situations, but he also has been patient a long time on behalf of his friends and neighbors to get some clarity about the certificate of occupancy and when there may be some public information.

Police Chief Dombkowski agreed to a request from Mayor Dennis to set up a meeting between the attorney and the Council.

Councilor Dietrich asked for an update on where we stand with the Amtrak situation. He stated that we obligated a significant amount of money and there was supposed to be some sort of matrix given on how to judge the successfulness of it.

Mayor Dennis stated that we have had monthly performance updates, which shows very little improvement and often it is even worse. Requests for proposals have been sought for continuation of the service in either in cooperation with Amtrak or independently. Interviews with those who have submitted proposals will be conducted tomorrow morning in Indianapolis, and we should know better than what the options will be.

Councilor Dietrich stated that he is still uncomfortable, and he expected that the City would be given some sort of process. He asked if it is a third party doing the evaluation.

Mayor Dennis stated that it is through INDOT. He stated that he will get the Council members put on the distribution list for the monthly reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 11-14 An Ordinance Concerning The Construction Of Additions And Improvements To The Sewage Works Of The City Of West Lafayette, Indiana, The Issuance Of Revenue Bonds To Provide The Cost Thereof, The Collection, Segregation And Distribution Of The Revenues Of Said Sewage Works, The Safeguarding Of The Interests Of The Owners Of Said Revenue Bonds, Other Matters Connected Therewith, Including The Issuance Of Notes In Anticipation Of Bonds, And Repealing Ordinances Inconsistent Herewith (Sponsored by Mayor John R. Dennis)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 11-14 by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Ordinance No. 11-14 on second reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

WWTU Director Henderson stated that the Board of Public Works and Safety rejected the single bid that was received for the lift station project. The bid was higher than the engineering estimate and the amount that was requested to be bonded with the State Revolving Fund (SRF)

Loan Program. He explained that we would like to officially push pause on the SRF bond ordinance, and he anticipates being able to get funding in the next SRF funding cycling which starts in July. He plans to work with the project engineers to see if there are opportunities to do things a little differently to get more and competitive bids and see if the funding amount needs to be adjusted.

Councilor Keen moved to table Ordinance No. 11-14 until a time uncertain, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

Councilor Dietrich asked if it is just a symptom of the marketplace right now or the bid itself that only one bid was received.

Director Henderson responded that we are not the only project out there that has suffered from lack of bidding. There are a lot of projects out for bid in this timeframe and that a less busy time may bring more interest. He noted that there were several bidders at the pre-bid conference, but he was told by one that they were just too busy to bid on this project. Director Henderson and Mayor Dennis discussed that it is the ebb and flow of the economy.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch	✓			
Dietrich	✓			
Hunt	✓			
Keen	✓			
Thomas	✓			
VanBogaert	✓			

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 7 AYES and 0 NAYS.

Mayor Dennis announced that Ordinance No. 11-14 is tabled until a time uncertain.

Ordinance No. 15-14 An Ordinance Requesting An Additional Appropriation To The 2014 Budget And Transfer From Rainy Day Fund (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 15-14 by title only.

Councilor Burch moved for passage of Ordinance No. 15-14 on second reading and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Keen.

Mayor Dennis clarified that these funds are not coming from our cash reserves; they are coming exclusively from the Rainy Day Fund. He stated that in this particular case, it did rain and the rain froze and created some havoc within the City.

Councilor Burch moved to open a public hearing on Ordinance No. 15-14. The motion was seconded by Councilor Keen, and the motion passed by voice vote.

Mayor Dennis announced that we are in public hearing and read Ordinance No. 15-14 by title only.

Karen Griggs (100 Thornbush Drive) said, “I would like you to state in 25 words or less what the money is for. There is something missing here. We don’t understand what is going on. There is a transfer of money proposed, but it doesn’t say what for. So, would you please explain that.”

Mayor Dennis said, “Sure. Basically, this allocation is for some of the road work that we had to do insofar as removing the snow, repairing the roads, paying for the overtime, we’re paying for the equipment, and paying for the gas from this past winter. The amount is, from the General Fund: Facilities, total increase is \$140,000. And then, the MVH part is \$250,000. Other public comment?”

There were no further comments.

Councilor Burch moved to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 15-14. The motion was seconded by Councilor Keen, and the motion passed by voice vote.

Councilor Burch asked why the funds cannot come from another revenue source—from Wastewater, Motor Vehicle, or EDIT, or some other source.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes explained that the \$140,000 which is going to be transferred to the General Fund in order to be appropriated in the Facilities Department is to reimburse expenses to date for the two City Hall floods and subsequent move out of the building. This is the estimated total cost net of insurance recovery. The transfer of funds from the Utility for this purpose, if it was to be a temporary loan, would require payment by the end of the year. At this point, pledging that draw on the City’s operating reserve is not warranted, given that we have the Rainy Day Fund with approximately \$750,000 which is meant to be used for exactly these circumstances. The second part is the transfer of \$250,000 to the MVH fund at the request of the Public Works Director to accelerate maintenance and repair necessitated by severe winter conditions that have deteriorated the infrastructure of the City. Without these expenditures we would face a ramp-up in our road maintenance and possible reconstruction expenses as Director Buck related. She stated that this is a penny now to save a pound later. The decision to tap the Rainy Day Fund was due to this being an extraordinary climate event that necessitated extra expenditure, and our MVH fund is pledged pretty much 100% this year and next to the major road infrastructure projects that have already been launched. We do not have the extra money there. Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that we are fortunate that we have a Rainy Day Fund and that we are able to use it now to protect our operating reserves in the General Fund and enable us to complete the infrastructure projects that we have already obligated ourselves to in the next two years.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch		✓		
Dietrich	✓			
Hunt	✓			
Keen	✓			
Thomas	✓			
VanBogaert	✓			

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 6 AYES and 1NAYS.

Mayor Dennis announced that Ordinance No. 15-14 passed on second and final reading.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 16-14 An Ordinance To Establish The Cumulative Capital Development Fund And Readopt West Lafayette City Code Provisions Concerning The Fund (Submitted by the Clerk-Treasurer) PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 16-14 by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Ordinance No. 16-14 on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that this ordinance is required to maintain our Cumulative Capital Development (CCD) rate at 5 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. We have maintained that rate for several years. It is essential to reestablish the rate annually at the beginning of the budget process, particularly when a significant increase in the assessed valuation is expected from the annexation coming into effect in 2015. The mechanism by which the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) regulates this rate is that any increases in the assessed valuation result in an automatic corresponding reduction in the rate so that no extra dollars are raised, unless the Council takes the initiative by reestablishing the rate to guarantee that the rate should be maintained. She stated that we all understand that we are providing services to the annexed area in advance of receiving any monies, as was noted in the Fire Department report. It is important to maintain our fixed our rate—not to increase the tax rate, just maintain it. It is on an accelerated schedule this year because of the need to have a period of remonstrance as if we are establishing the rate for the first time following the public hearing and final vote by the Council. After the remonstrance period, the County Auditor needs time to certify the status of the remonstrance. All of this has to be filed with the DLGF by August 1. She requested that the Council have both readings and to hold the public hearing so we can begin the advertising. The public hearing has been advertised in advance of this meeting and there will be another advertising notice to allow another 30-day comment period.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch	✓			
Dietrich	✓			
Hunt	✓			
Keen	✓			
Thomas	✓			
VanBogaert	✓			

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 7 AYES and 0 NAYS.

Mayor Dennis announced that Ordinance No. 16-14 passed on first reading.

Councilor Keen moved to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance No. 16-14 for second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch, and the motion passed by voice vote.

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Councilor Keen moved for passage of Ordinance No. 16-14 on second reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

Councilor Keen moved to open a public hearing on Ordinance No. 16-14. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch, and the motion was passed by voice vote.

Zachary Baiel (124 Connolly Street) said, "In reading over this particular adoption, I think we heard some of the necessary and prudent reasons as to why now, especially with the annexation, that this should be reapproved. Curious though, in terms of, especially since the new financial software is having a soft rollout next week, what is the best way for the public to find out how funds from this particular Cumulative Capital Development Fund have been spent in the past?"

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes responded, "As far as history of expenditures, that would be events by the adopted Cumulative Capital Development budget. We also would be glad to provide information on the history of expenditures in detail. That information is in our current system, which is not web-accessible. Our new system will come to a public gateway concept, which will allow citizens to inquire and see a great deal of detail on the transactions that are supporting the policies of the Council and the Mayor."

Mr. Baiel said, "Thank you. In addition to that, how much of the historical data is being imported into that system?"

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes responded, "We are not converting, because we've had a significant material change in our chart of accounts which makes the conversion prohibitive for us."

Mr. Baiel said, "Thank you."

Councilor Keen moved to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 16-14. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch, and the motion was passed by voice vote.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch	✓			
Dietrich	✓			
Hunt	✓			
Keen	✓			
Thomas	✓			
VanBogaert	✓			

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 7 AYES and 0 NAYS.

Mayor Dennis announced that Ordinance No. 16-14 passed on second and final reading.

Ordinance No. 17-14 An Ordinance Changing The Classification Of The City Of West Lafayette From Third Class To A Second Class City (Sponsored by Mayor John R. Dennis)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 17-14 by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Ordinance No. 17-14 on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

Councilor Bunder stated that he thinks that this is a good idea and that the changes involved in moving from a third class to a second class City are not that many or that challenging and he appreciates the Mayor's proposal. He believes that increasing the number of City Council members if helpful as there will be better representation for more people. He stated that on a personal note, he would rather have a district that represented the people on Salisbury and Robinson Streets instead of the Hovde Hall Fountain as he currently has under the current annexation district map. He stated that he would also be happy to have a district that included a significant portion of students. He stated that his day job is helping Purdue students move beyond self interest and utility into an appreciation of community and participation in the political process. Governing is difficult, it is clumsy, but it is good, and he hopes that this political community would model young adult inclusion in government. Councilor Bunder stated that he believes that Councilor Hunt has done a great job when she has served as Chair of our Pre-Council and Council meetings; he does not see that as being a difficult change. He stated that splitting the Clerk and Controller job is probably a way for us to better manage the complexity of City finances and City government. It is probably time to separate those two. Councilor Bunder stated that he appreciates getting two more spots on the Area Plan Commission; the number of people we would appoint on APC would go from two to four, expanding the APC membership from 17 to 19. He feels that this better reflects the growing urbanization of the County. He stated that he believes we will find a way to offset the revenue loss to the school corporation, and believes their lack of objection to this change is telling. He stated that the biggest change comes in our self-understanding with the annexation of the Purdue, with the completion of US 231, with the redevelopment of State Street, and with a new interest in land use, historic preservation, and our urban core. The City of West Lafayette is now bigger and different, and he hopes better. This move would acknowledge that evolution.

Councilor Burch stated that speaking of the loss to the school corporation, the \$68,000 year, she thinks it was in 2010 a referendum was passed at 43 cents per \$100 for the school corporation. She asked what has been done with that taxpayer money.

Mayor Dennis stated that there is no representation from the school corporation here but he can make a phone call.

Councilor Hunt stated that she believes that referendum was for seven years.

Councilor Dietrich stated that the tax we are talking about loss for the school corporation is, in relationship, not a significant amount of money that would close Happy Hollow.

Mayor Dennis noted that it is for playground equipment.

Councilor Dietrich asked if there are dollar figures for what the impact would be the City where we will bring on a new Treasurer and new Council members.

Mayor Dennis responded that we can get that.

Councilor Hunt stated that she wants to comment about the wonderful job our current Clerk-Treasurer has done in her many years as both a Council member and Clerk-Treasurer. She

thanked Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes for juggling all of those many roles, for moving into the new software system, and for being a good sport about this.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that her hope is that the new system will allow the new structure of the City to thrive. It will provide better oversight and management. She stated that it has long been a dream of hers to see this done and it has taken extraordinary effort, like many things do that are worth doing, that really matter, and that build the foundation. She hopes to be able to see that through and that it will be something that will give the City a boost in the coming years.

Mr. Baiel stated that he is not against moving to a second class City; however, he is concerned about the speed at which we are running towards the move. He voiced other concerns, including wanting to know more about goals, wanting more information on the eligibility of new dollars from grants, issues other cities had in making the change, and the fear that there may be two Council seats decided by transient student residents.

Jan Myers (1909 Indian Trail Drive) stated that she has some of the same concerns and questions as Mr. Baiel, and asked how citizens find out about some of the issues brought up at this meeting. She asked how becoming a second class City improves the City.

Patti O'Callaghan (927 N. Salisbury Street) stated that Councilor Bunder expressed a lot of the benefits and she doesn't have objections. She expressed her preference for the nomenclature "city of the second/third class" instead of "second/third class city."

Mayor Dennis stated that this is just the first reading and the second reading will be held significantly later.

He asked the Council about the goals moving towards this way for the next year, five, ten. He stated that he has heard we are possibly eligible for new dollars, and asked if it is known if there are specific grants or things we can apply for as a second class that are not available as a third class.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch		✓		
Dietrich	✓			
Hunt	✓			
Keen	✓			
Thomas	✓			
VanBogaert	✓			

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 6 AYES and 1 NAYS.

Mayor Dennis announced that Ordinance No. 17-14 passed on first reading.

Resolution No. 09-14 Resolution Approving The Bylaws Of The West Lafayette Housing Appeals Board (Sponsored by Mayor John R. Dennis)

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

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Resolution No. 09-14 on first and only reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

Mayor Dennis stated that this resolution to approve that we have established the Housing Appeals Board and the governing rules for the Board.

Councilor Hunt asked if she is correct that each district will have one person on this Board, and City Attorney Burns confirmed that is correct.

Councilor Bunder stated that as he is the one who usually complains about housing and housing ordinances, he would like to thank the City of reactivating the Housing Appeals Board.

Councilor Burch asked how this related to the historic preservation ordinances, and Mayor Dennis and City Attorney Burns responded that it does not have a direct relation to it.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch	✓			
Dietrich	✓			
Hunt	✓			
Keen	✓			
Thomas	✓			
VanBogaert	✓			

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 7 AYES and 0 NAYS.

Mayor Dennis announced that Resolution No. 09-14 passed on first and only reading.

Resolution No. 10-14 A Resolution Requesting The Transfer Of Funds (IT) (Submitted by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Resolution No. 10-14 by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Resolution No. 10-14 on first and only reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that this transfer is requested by Facilities Director Clark who oversees the IT Department. The transfer is to allocate funds to the categories where they are needed during this coming budget year.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote:

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	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch	✓			
Dietrich	✓			
Hunt	✓			
Keen	✓			
Thomas	✓			
VanBogaert	✓			

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 7 AYES and 0 NAYS.

Mayor Dennis announced that Resolution No. 10-14 passed on first and only reading.

Resolution No. 11-14 A Resolution Appropriating Insurance Recovery Received For Damage To City Property (Police) (Submitted by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Resolution No. 11-14 by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Resolution No. 11-14 on first and only reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that this resolution is to appropriate insurance received for damage to a Police vehicle. It allows the Council to know about the larger modifications to the budget; this increases the budget corresponding to the revenue we received.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch	✓			
Dietrich	✓			
Hunt	✓			
Keen	✓			
Thomas	✓			
VanBogaert	✓			

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 7 AYES and 0 NAYS.

Mayor Dennis announced that Resolution No. 11-14 passed on first and only reading.

COMMUNICATIONS

► Councilor Bunder brought up the Faith West tax exempt hearing. Mayor Dennis and Councilor Hunt provided the details that it will be on July 24 at 1:30 p.m. at the County Office building in the Tippecanoe Room.

► Mayor Dennis stated that this meeting marks the last Council meeting of long-time employee, Street Commissioner David Downey who has worked for the City for over 38 years. He will be retiring at the end of the month. Mayor Dennis thanked Mr. Downey for all he has done for him,

especially when he was new to his position. He explained that Mr. Downey had him get on the back of a trash truck so that he understood what goes on out there.

Councilor Hunt stated that in regard to Mr. Downey and the services that he and his staff provided, one of the strongest good comments she has heard is about what great trash service, street sweeping, recycle pickup, and yard waste pickup we have. In addition, we were very early beginners on recycling. She added her compliments for Mr. Downey's service.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

► Thomas Kesler (479 Maple Street) expressed his appreciation to the Street Department for collecting rubble that he has gathered in recent months, and to Code Enforcement for giving notices for un-mowed yards. He spoke of issues with neighbors not picking up leaves and not covering trash.

► Ms. Myers expressed her appreciation for how hard Street Commissioner Downey and his staff works.

► Mr. Baiel expressed his appreciation to Street Commissioner Downey for his help during Boiler Blast, Clean Sweep, and the recycling program, and noted that as a cyclist the street sweeping is invaluable. He spoke in favor of the midblock crossing at the entrance to the pedestrian bridge and the Farmers Market and of the public piano project. He spoke about the Faith West assessment appeal and the State Street Master Plan, and stated that he is looking forward to the citizen's gateway aspect of the new financial software.

► Councilor Hunt stated that those interested in flowers in our City should drive through the Yeager Road and Cumberland Avenue roundabouts to see the purple salvia in full bloom.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, Councilor Burch moved for adjournment, and Mayor Dennis adjourned the meeting the time being 8:08 p.m.