

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES
January 8, 2007

The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met in the Council Chambers at City Hall on January 8, 2007, at the hour of 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Mills called the meeting to order and presided.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

Present: Griffin, Hunt, Keen, O'Callaghan, and Satterly.
Councilor Plomin arrived at 7:38 p.m.

Absent: Truitt.

Also present were City Attorney Bauman, Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes, City Engineer Buck, Public Works Director Downey, and Parks Superintendent Payne.

MINUTES: Councilor Griffin moved for acceptance of the minutes of the November 30, 2006, Pre-Council Meeting, and the December 4, 2006, Common Council Meeting. Councilor Satterly seconded the motion, and the motion passed *viva voce*.

COMMITTEE STANDING REPORTS:

STREET AND SANITATION: Councilor Satterly presented this report.

Thank you, Madam Mayor. December monthly highlights concerning leaves and brush, the weather has been great, and people are still cleaning and trimming. These items, plus Christmas trees can be placed out for removal on Monday or Friday. You have to check the brochure or call the office to see whether your district is in the Monday pick up or the Friday pickup. The winter snow season is fast approaching, and you want to remember that each citizen is responsible for removing snow from in front of their mailbox. Wait until your street has been plowed before shoveling your driveway. When you do shovel your driveway, place the snow to the left side of the driveway as you're facing the house, to prevent it from being plowed back into your driveway. Leave the snow on the street. The Bar Barry Lift Station will be re-bid. Easements have been secured from Duke Energy and the property owner. And that completes the report.

Mayor Mills said okay, thank you.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT UTILITY: Councilor Satterly presented this report.

Thank you, Madam Mayor. In Wastewater, the total flow, 274.17 million gallons. Average flow 8.93 million gallons per day. There was a combined sewer overflow of 6.17 million gallons. The percent treated at the plant was 97.75. The overflow points were the Wet Weather Facility, there were three events; Dehart Street, five events; Quincy Street, six events. As I say, the total overflow was 6.17 million gallons. Mr. Dave Downey, the Public Works Director, would like to bring the community up to date as to the construction on the Western Interceptor sewer. Dave [Public Works Director Downey].

Public Works Director Downey said good evening. I just got this information printed up by Greeley and Hansen. As you know, we're under construction for the Western Interceptor. That project is a 27-inch pipe going basically from the corner of McCormick and Cherry Lane

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all the way over to Windsor and Northwestern. What you see on your map there is that we have four sections of it going at the same time. There's a bore going underneath Lindberg Road; it's in red. There is pipe being laid through the golf course, my favorite part. There's a bore going underneath McCormick Road, and then there's a section of pipe being laid headed north towards Blackbird Lift Station. And, of course, the black shows you the entire route, and the dotted line shows you where we're going all the way back to the plant. The project's moving quite well, and we hope to be finished by spring, and the golf course back up and running. There's some pictures in there to show you some pictures, and if you have any questions, be free to call me or ask them now.

Councilor Satterly said you'll be finished with the northern part?

Public Works Director Downey said yes, we're just working on the north part, the dotted line shows you the southern route that we've got to go through yet.

Councilor Satterly said what's the estimation on completion of the entire line?

Public Works Director Downey said it depends on INDOT and [US] 231. The section about in the middle of the map there runs right along with the highway. So rumor has it, I don't know for sure, but that phase of [US] 231 might be delayed a little bit longer yet. So I'm not sure. But we will get from the south side of the airport all the way to the plant. I hope to have that under construction by, hopefully, spring of next year. The only section that will be left is what's running along with [US] 231. Thank you. Yes, Patti [Councilor O'Callaghan].

Councilor O'Callaghan said what's that northern point again, Northwestern and—? Is it Sycamore?

Public Works Director Downey said Windsor.

Councilor O'Callaghan said oh, Windsor, okay.

Public Works Director Downey said there's two lift stations at Windsor, one at Camelback and one on down the street near Carlisle that will be eliminated.

Councilor O'Callaghan said thank you.

Councilor Satterly said that completes the report.

Mayor Mills said thank you. I also asked, I don't know if Mr. Moore [WWTU Instrumentation/Data Processing Administrator] is going to do this presentation, but I wanted him to give us just a little update on the digester project and the savings that the City can realize with that project. Mark [Mr. Moore].

Mr. Mark Moore said I just put together some data from last year's energy use and consumption and kind of made up some graphs showing what we would have used if we had cogeneration in place. Last year, natural gas consumption at the plant, we spent almost \$74,000. If we add two engine generators and produce heat with those, which is our current plan, those will provide enough heat to reduce that cost by \$59,400, leaving a balance of

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\$14,500. The engineers from Kennedy Jenks, they've estimated that if we add grease receiving, we will generate enough excess gas to operate four more engine generators, and basically that would provide all of the heat that we would need at the plant. I have one little note there. We have 11 buildings around the plant, and it wouldn't really be economical to run a hot water loop to each of those buildings, so we would still have some cost, but the lion's share of the heat that we use in the plant is in the digester building, heating the digester for the digestion process. The next page is kind of a graph showing month by month what those costs were. Another side note for me is that this last fall and here in December it's been very warm, and we didn't use nearly the gas consumption that we normally would have. Gas cost per therm last February was \$1.48 per therm, and this last month it was \$1.07. So energy costs have been going down a little bit, but I don't see that holding true into the future. Next page, electrical consumption, we used \$220,000 of electricity last year. Again, the two engine generators, the way they work, they generate electricity and heat, they would reduce our electrical cost by \$53,600, down to \$167,100. That's if they were in place last year. Again, if we added two more with grease receiving, we would reduce that again, another \$53,600. The engineers indicated in a survey that Lafayette-West Lafayette, there's enough waste grease here from the restaurants and so on that we could receive up to 810,000 gallons a year. With a \$0.15 tipping fee that would generate \$121,500 in funds for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, to help offset the cost. Electrical and natural gas savings, plus the tipping fees would result in a 2.6 year payback from grease receiving. So the plan for now is that we will go ahead with the grease receiving, unless otherwise instructed.

Mayor Mills said thank you very much.

Mr. Moore said any questions?

Mayor Mills said any questions for Mark [Mr. Moore]?

Councilor O'Callaghan said so after two and a half years, then we're making money on it. Thank you.

Mr. Moore said I believe so, yes.

Councilor Plomin said what's the cost of operating this kind of service?

Mr. Moore said operating? There's a small amount associated for maintenance on the STM units, and I don't recall right off the top of my head what that number is, but it's like 0.01 cents per kilowatt. There's a very small maintenance fee, that's pretty low maintenance. One thing I did not note is these calculations are 100% of the time these generators are running, and the company typically states they're 95% "up" time, so I may be a little generous on their numbers.

Councilor Plomin said the grease receiving, I mean, there are additional facilities involved with depreciation cost and expense to operate, so we're talking about revenue and payback on the initial investment, but what about equipment replacement and ongoing operation maintenance?

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Mr. Moore said I have not calculated equipment replacement into that. The pumps and machinery have a life expectancy of 15 to 20 years, and with a payback of 2.6 [years]. For this quick presentation, I didn't calculate that in, no.

Councilor Plomin said okay.

Councilor Keen said there are funds built into the SRF to cover maintenance and that sort of thing, though, aren't there, on most of that stuff?

Mr. Moore said yes.

Public Works Director Downey said those costs have been figured in, and so the cost of the maintenance and the upkeep of those has always been figured in, too, and it still comes out to the payback on that figure. All of that has been calculated in, Mr. [Councilor] Plomin.

Mayor Mills said good. Thank you, Mr. Moore. Anything else? You have, with your Wastewater report for this month, these graphs in a small version, but I thought it would be nice if you could see them a little larger and hear a little bit of conversation about the project, to know what we're doing and the savings we can realize as this moves forward.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilor Keen presented this report.

Thank you, Madam Mayor. In December, the West Lafayette firefighters, a number of them, are nearing completion of a 16-hour course to help them, Workplace Spanish for Firefighters and EMS. It's designed to help the EMS personnel understand non-English speaking victims and that sort of thing, so that they can better treat them and that sort of thing, which is a good thing, I think. Two new fire trucks have been ordered, one for the new Station No. 3, and one that's going to replace one at Station 1, and it looks like they're both scheduled for delivery for August 1 of this year. The renovation that we're working on completing the renovation at Station 1, and on this report I have, there's quite a laundry list of things that have been done and are being done, and if I'm not mistaken, some of our firefighters are at least doing part of this work. Is that correct? I believe it is, if not all of it.

Mayor Mills said the firefighters are doing the majority of the work. I think 95%.

Councilor Keen said yes, so, again, I think that that is definitely kudos to the Chief there in getting that done. For the Police Department during the month of December, their calls were down by about 6% from the month previously. Also, during the December, there were several officers that attended various different trainings. Some would include canine training, SRT, which is Special Response Team, and legal update training, and it says here also, "The Department also participated in a district quarterly gang meeting." I'm assuming that was about gangs and not by the gangs. But also the Police Department would also like to remind everyone that, effective January 1, the Purdue University Police Department and Fire Department started providing service to the area in West Lafayette that is bordered by University Street, Russell Street, State Street, and Stadium, and they will also provide service on State Street, west of Marsteller and on Stadium, west of Northwestern. However, the [WL] Police Department Parking Enforcement will still patrol and issue citations in those areas for parking violations. That concludes my report.

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PURDUE RELATIONS: Councilor Plomin presented this report.

Thank you, Madam Mayor. That last bit of Councilor Keen's report I was going to lead with, but instead I'll lead with classes started today. The spring semester's off to a good start. If you've noticed an increase in traffic on campus in the past weekend, that would be why. Also an update on the previously mentioned hunger strike for sweatshop monitoring agency enrollment from Purdue ended before the semester broke with an amicable arrangement by both the University and the groups that the hunger strikers represented. I think that all parties walked away from the table satisfied and with the option to revisit the issue in the future. Purdue University has done a good job partnering with the City, and today we're going to talk about a new fund to deposit money associated with the new ring road and the new Purdue long-term transportation plan. And we'll talk about that later on. I think the Mayor has a few things to say about the State of the City, and so I will keep my comments brief. Thank you, Madam Mayor.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Councilor Hunt presented this report.

Thank you, Madam Mayor. I'm sure most of you have received your West Lafayette Parks and Recreation guide. There are really some nice classes offered in that. Registration for these classes is underway at City Hall and at Morton. In addition, shelter reservations for 2007, if you want to reserve a shelter for a party or whenever the weather is nicer or now, you may make that reservation by calling City Hall. The Riverside Skating Center has just done tremendous since it opened right after Thanksgiving. The numbers of skaters in December 2006 exceeded 7400 skaters, and it was up 24% from last year. I think that's quite impressive. The "Dare to Bare" which is skating in your swimsuit is scheduled for February 2 at 7 o'clock. That's always fun. The 2007 "Wednesdays in the Wild" programs begin again January 17th at Lilly Nature Center. The January-March schedule is available; I have a copy here if someone wants it. One particular presentation I think is very interesting is there is one on the search for the ivory billed woodpecker. If anybody is interested in birds, it's supposedly extinct, but maybe it isn't. It's scheduled for February 17th from 1:00 to 3:00. The next Park Board meeting will be January 22 at 4:30 in City Hall. Thank you.

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT: Councilor O'Callaghan presented this report.

Thank you, Mayor. The Redevelopment Commission met on January 2 and swore in the Commissioners for the coming year. I guess I'd just like to publicly thank them for their service. They also elected officers. Steve Belter will be President; Patsy Hoyer, Vice-President; and Larry Oates, Secretary; the other members are Earle Nay and Diane Damico, a new member this year. The Commission heard an update on the Tapawingo Drive South project and, as the asphalt factories are closed now, it will be June before that gets resurfaced. At Chauncey Square, they're putting up steel in the first building, which actually fronts Chauncey Street. It should be ready to open February '07. Looking forward to '07, this coming year, the Commission's anticipating the Salisbury Street Phase II project. That's after Phase I gets resurfaced, when the street will be the same level as that lip and it will be much easier for the bike riders and for the storm drains, too, when that gets done. They're also anticipating the engineering work for the Sycamore Lane traffic calming project, utility separation on lower Salisbury, gateways on Sagamore West, fire stations, and Cumberland Avenue. A great meeting was held at Cumberland School in December, and lots of input and getting a committee together with staff and the consultants and residents. I think they're going to get together yet this month. I guess I'd also like to mention some of the grand openings that we're having. One today was Marco's Pizza at River Market today, and the

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official ribbon-cutting for Collette's and Junipers down at Wabash Landing will be January 16. We're real excited, ever since Wabash Landing opened, we wanted to get clothing stores down there, and we're glad to have those stores down there. Also, the CDBG, the Community Development Block Grant process is getting started, and the first public hearing will be Tuesday, February 6, at 7 o'clock right here.

Mayor Mills said I'll just add that Marco's has very good pizza which I participated in eating tonight at the grand opening. I had the white cheesy, which was really excellent, so please go down and try it.

PERSONNEL: Councilor O'Callaghan presented this report.

Thank you, Mayor. I'll just mention that the Board of Works approved the consortium to oversee the combined health program for the employees of Lafayette and West Lafayette. We're looking forward to this as a great way to provide coverage for our employees at not as much of an increase as would be expected otherwise.

BUDGET AND FINANCE: No report.

REPORT OF APC REPRESENTATIVE: Councilor Griffin presented this report.

Madam Mayor, the APC again has made some amendments to the Unified Zoning Ordinance, and I believe that the issues that were raised on Thursday have been settled. And so we'll proceed with seeing how UZO is being tweaked a little bit to better serve the needs of the community.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Employee Service Anniversaries

Mayor Mills said I don't have that. I'm sure we have some in January. Unfortunately it's not here, so if we do, we will relate those to you in February. My apologies.

Election of Council President

Mayor Mills said tonight we have the election of the Council President.

Councilor O'Callaghan said Mayor, I would like to nominate Ann Hunt as Council President again this year. Served in that capacity in such a excellent fashion in this past year, dedicating a lot of time to extra meeting presence. I think we couldn't do any better than having Ann Hunt again. Motion was seconded by Councilor Satterly.

Mayor Mills said all right, we have a nomination and second. Are there other nominations?

Councilor Satterly said I move we close the nominations. Motion was seconded by Councilor Griffin.

Mayor Mills said all right, are you ready to have the question? Do you want to do roll call or just voice vote?

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said whatever you want to do.

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Mayor Mills said we'll do voice vote, if that's acceptable.

The nomination of Councilor Ann Hunt as Council President for 2007 was approved, *viva voce*.

Mayor Mills said thank you, Ms. [Councilor] Hunt for being willing to serve again as the Council President.

Councilor Hunt said if I may, I do appreciate this. It does require some work, and I'm certainly willing to do that. I thank you for your vote of confidence. Thank you very much.

State of the City: Mayor's Address

Mayor Mills said we'll move now to the State of the City. I always enjoy putting this together every year. I certainly know how hard people work to day-to-day, because I see them. I hear the reports weekly, but I'm always impressed when I really gather everything together and look at the amount of work that we've accomplished in one year. And I really want to extend my thanks to the department heads and all the employees. They do an incredible job with often very limited resources. Always dealing with the public has its ups and downs, so I think they do a wonderful job and I'm going to just share that with you today. It's a little lengthy. When you start putting it all together, there's a lot to say, but I will try to move through it quickly.

Good evening, members of the Common Council, colleagues, friends, and fellow citizens. Thank you for joining us tonight as I report on the State of the City. It's an honor to have this opportunity. 2006 was a year of many accomplishments and a year in which we began collaborative projects that will continue into the next two decades. In 2006, we moved to make all public places in West Lafayette smoke-free, ensuring not only better health for our residents, but also assisting our economic development efforts. The City grew by a third with the annexation of 1,173 acres north of the City limits. We began the long-term Perimeter Parkway Transportation Project with Purdue University and Tippecanoe County. Strategic planning for the conservation and development of the Wabash River Corridor began with the City of Lafayette, the County and Purdue. All of these ongoing cooperative efforts serve to enhance the quality of life in our community. While we accomplished much in 2006, we intend to make our City even better in 2007. We will continue to strengthen our neighborhoods, invest in the Purdue Research Park and job growth, improve and modernize our infrastructure, support and assist our local businesses, expand our recreational trails and facilities, and focus on making our City more diverse and inclusive. We will continue to improve our efficient delivery of City services, always being mindful of our budget constraints. We've been successful in providing excellent services while keeping costs low, because we have department heads and dedicated staff who take pride in their work and who continue to stretch resources. I want to thank them for their tireless efforts and their commitment to keeping West Lafayette the most frugal city of its size in Indiana, with the lowest tax rate and the lowest expenditure of tax dollars per person at \$256. I also want to thank all of you, the City Council, for your dedication to the community and the hours you spend representing your constituents and providing oversight for the budgeting process. I would also thank the Clerk-Treasurer, Judy Rhodes, for her financial management skills. Our City is growing and our economy is strengthening, because we've worked cooperatively to market our

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community as a great place to live, and because we are continuing to focus on collaboration and efficiency in providing great services to our residents. In 2006, we were recognized by several organizations and publications as one of the best communities in which to live and locate a business. *Expansion Management Magazine* gave us a five-star rating, just one of just 72 in the country, while *Forbes* and *Kiplinger's* listed us as one of the "150 Cheapest and Greatest Places to Live," and the 30th for "Smart Places to Live," respectively. Two other publications recognized our excellent business climate. Our community has seen the successful integration this year of the Chamber, the Economic Development Corporation, downtown and visioning activities into a single resource. The members include local governments, industries, businesses, and educators, all working collaboratively for economic growth. That collaborative single resource is one of the reasons for the recognition the community has received. That type of cooperation is rare around the State and across the nation. Our partnerships with local governments and Purdue University continue to be strong and important. 2006 saw the establishment of the first municipal insurance consortium in the State, between West Lafayette and Lafayette, making more affordable healthcare and a national network of physicians available to our employees and their families. This year also saw the selection of an engineering consulting firm and the first engineering designs for the Perimeter Parkway Project. Partnering with Purdue and the County, it will take nearly four years to complete the design and begin just the first phase of construction. Collaboration and partnership with Purdue University continued, not only on infrastructure projects, but also to strengthen neighborhoods through the Community Partnerships Committee, and with a memorandum of agreement for police and fire service in the area of campus bordered by University, Stadium, Waldron, and State Streets. And that's the agreement that Councilor Keen mentioned earlier. The great working partnership with the Purdue Research Foundation is responsible for the continued business growth in the Research Park. This year's growth was evident in the expansion of the workforce of Cook Biotech; the expansion of the business growth acceleration services of the Research Foundation; the acquisition of an entire building by SSCI, who started in the sewing room in their house here in West Lafayette, and then the acquisition of SSCI by Aptuit; the innovation and research awards for all—QuadraSpec, Griffin Analytical Technologies and Imaginestics; the merger of Griffin Analytical Technologies with ICx; the opening of the 65,000 square foot International Technology Center and an office of the Schneider Corporation; and the recruitment of mPlexus, a new software developer, to the Purdue Technology Center. The partnership between the city, PRF, and Purdue University, has become the model recognized across the state for technology center success. I want to thank President Jischke, and Vice Presidents Joe Hornett and Greg Deason and their excellent staffs for that continued relationship. The public works departments – Engineering, Street and Sanitation, and Wastewater – continue to play vital roles in the growth of West Lafayette. Those departments were particularly busy in 2006, and I want to thank Public Works Director David Downey and City Engineer Dave Buck and their staffs for their teamwork on major and minor projects, and for continuing to provide the excellent services our residents have come to expect. Streets and sidewalks were again a major focus in 2006, with projects like Phase I of the Salisbury Safety Improvement Project, construction on Indian Trail of sidewalk and universal access ramps, the Tapawingo South construction, spot sidewalk repairs Citywide, Sycamore Lane traffic calming, and the resurfacing of two and a half miles of City streets. A new street inventory will help prioritize future resurfacing projects based on pavement condition. The Engineering and Wastewater Utility Departments also collaborated on major wastewater and stormwater

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projects this year. The first pipe for the Western Interceptor Sewer was laid in November and construction will continue through 2007. Work continued on implementation of new stormwater regulations, drainage concerns with the Sagamore Pond and with the Boes Ditch. The Wastewater Utility has had a very busy year with the engineering and right-of-way acquisition for the Western Interceptor, and the long-sought approval, finally received, from INDOT for construction of a piece of the interceptor in the right-of-way of the new US 231; the engineering design for the renovation of the two digesters at the Wastewater Plant; the engineering design for renovation of both the Green Meadows and Barberry Lift Stations; an agreement with American Suburban establishing future service areas; an evaluation of the North River Road interceptor; and 153 new sewer taps and 4,375 sewer locates. The utility secured an \$8.3 million State Revolving Fund loan for the plant upgrades that will save the city \$2 million in interest, and a \$950,000 STAG grant for the renovation of the lift stations. The utility was also recognized with an IDEM, Department of Environmental Management, Plant Safety Award this year, and a national Environmental Protection Agency PISCES award, the only award given in Indiana, for performance and innovation for the fats/oils/grease component of the digester design. The Western Interceptor and digester renovation are the final pieces of the City's long-term control plan for clean water. Supporting the wastewater and stormwater activities, the Street and Sanitation Department collected 344 tons of sand, dirt, and debris from our 82 miles of roads, helping to keep the Wabash River clean. Six employees collected 1,177 tons of leaves, and all of you West Lafayette residents recycled 2,144 tons of recyclable materials this year, saving the city \$70,209 in tipping fees and generating \$111,984 in revenue. Together, recyclables, composted leaves, and yard waste saved the city \$149,000 in tipping fees. So congratulations to all of you, and we want to encourage residents to continue recycling more. Other highlights of the year include the purchase of a new street sweeper and Mr. [Public Works Director] Downey being awarded an LTAP Road Scholar certification, which qualifies the City for increased Motor Vehicle Highway funds from the State. A new trash truck will be added to the department's inventory early in 2007. In addition to the previously-mentioned collaborative projects, the Engineering Department completed the Village Parking Study, continued meeting with INDOT to resolve remaining issues on Lindberg Road, began the design process for Cumberland Avenue reconstruction, was intimately involved in planning for the annexation, coordinated remodeling work on the basement of City Hall, and coordinated facility maintenance and management of City Hall and the Police Building with INTAC. Engineering staff were involved in the construction of five planned developments, and are following eight others into 2007. Five major building projects in 2006 required the department's attention, with seven continuing in 2007. There were 382 building permits, 223 plan reviews, 1481 building inspections, and 298 excavation permits issued in 2006. Sycamore Pointe, Chipotle, Fairway Knolls, Speedway, Global Holdings, Lauren Lakes, Nine Irish Brothers, River Rock Grille, and the Basham Apartments on Pierce Street are just a few of the newly-constructed properties. I want to thank the entire staff for their excellent work this year. Community Development and redevelopment continue to keep our City vibrant. [Director of Development] Josh Andrew and [Redevelopment and Neighborhood Planner] Bev Shaw have done an excellent job of focusing resources on neighborhood preservation, business development, and quality of life amenities. The third year of the Sagamore West Implementation Project brought new light poles and banners on the parkway; 86 trees planted in the midway, with 20 additional oak trees that will be planted in the spring, along with 1,500 bushes; the filing of permits with INDOT for gateway construction and landscaping

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in the spring. Private investment along the corridor increased with the opening of Camille's, Spacibo, Jos. A. Bank Clothier, and the expansion of KitchenArt. City involvement and collaboration in the community remain a focus for the Development Department, with active participation in dozens of organizations, from the Friends of Downtown, the Development Corporation, and the Sagamore West Area Business Alliance, to the Campus Community Retail Bar Coalition and the Community Partnerships Committee. In addition, the department organized the first Art on the Wabash with the assistance of the Tippecanoe Arts Federation and many, many wonderful community volunteers. Operation ReLeaf, administered by Bev Shaw, the Greenspace Administrator for the City, planted 166 street trees in the City's older neighborhoods with the West Lafayette Tree Fund. Additional trees were planted along Kalberer Road, and volunteers spent many, many Fridays pruning 1,003 street trees this year during nine different pruning sessions. We would be unable, actually, to do all the pruning of street trees that's required, without the many volunteers who help us through every pruning session. The landscaping design for the new islands on Salisbury, updating of the street tree inventory, and the monthly Beautification Awards that we make public here at the Council meetings are several of the additional departmental accomplishments in 2006. The City remains strongly committed to ensuring that our neighborhoods are vital and safe. [Assistant Director of Development and Inspections] Allen Grady administers the housing code and nuisance enforcement programs, a thankless but critically important program for our City. 952 units were inspected in 2006. The department made 515 nuisance inspections. 31 properties were referred for legal action, and suits were filed in 15 cases, for over occupancy and housing code violations, the majority of which were safety violations. This spring, the City will launch a new program, "Valuing Every Resident," to sustain a welcoming, viable community for everyone. A record 13 neighborhood associations are thriving in West Lafayette as part of the Neighborhood Coalition, due to the hard work of citizen volunteer, Patsy Hoyer, and the dedicated City staff support of Allen Grady and [CDBG and Development Manager] Charlotte Martin. On the recommendation of the Coalition, a neighborhood marketing brochure was developed this year that highlights neighborhoods throughout the City, and is being used by the City, both school corporations, West Lafayette and Tippecanoe, and area realtors, to help market our City. Neighborhood residents also enjoyed the renovation of several parks this year. The Parks and Recreation Department, under the excellent direction of the superintendent Joe Payne, had a very successful year. Drainage improvements were completed in Lommel Park, and new playground equipment installed, two beautiful sets of playground equipment, for the smallest children and larger children. Landscaping was added in both Dubois and Lommel Parks. A kiosk and additional landscaping were part of improvements in the Northwest Greenway Trailhead Park, and the Wabash Pond Park was completed and landscaped. Safety berms were also added along the edges of the soccer fields on Salisbury Street. Construction began on the Lincoln Street Neighborhood Park, and the Tapawingo Park Plaza received necessary repairs on the pedestrian bridge access, and the wonderful addition of the Sonya Margerum Fountain. Community festivals like Dancing in the Streets and Riverfest continue to utilize the great space in Tapawingo Park, and bring those fine events to our side of the river. There was a great deal of activity in the Celery Bog Nature Area this year, with the completion of wetland plantings as part of the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project; the planting of 20 trees along the nature area boundary by Wal-Mart; prairie and savannah restoration plantings that were done in the fall; the reseeding of the berms along the Nature Center drive with native grasses; and the completion of the 1.4 mile footpath and two wonderful wildlife viewing platforms on the edge of the bog. Residents enjoyed the new deck

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at the municipal pool this summer, and, as Councilor Hunt mentioned earlier, we are having a record-setting skating season this winter. I want to thank [Skating Center and Pool Manager] Sue Mattern and her staff for the great job they do to provide us with both summer and winter fun. West Lafayette residents also enjoyed the second year of the Sagamore West Farmer's Market, thanks to the dedication of market director Kathleen Mills and her tireless volunteers. I would like to thank Kathleen and all of the volunteers, and the many vendors who participated this year, many of them for the second year. The variety and abundance of the produce and offerings are what have made the market so successful. Our much-enjoyed trail system increased this year, with the completion of the one-mile extension of the Northwest Greenway Trail to the Payless Shopping Center. That linkage allows residents of several neighborhoods and the senior living centers to have safe and convenient access to the Sagamore Parkway. I'd like to thank [Westminster Village Executive Director] Joe Boorman and Westminster Village for their support of and their participation in the project. Our park and recreation programs and facilities would not be possible without the countless hours given by our excellent staff and our fine volunteers. Their contributions of time and effort at the Nature Center, pulling garlic mustard or picking up trash, allow us all to enjoy our many facilities. Public safety continues, as always, to be a priority in West Lafayette. 2006 saw the hiring of two new officers for the Police Department, replacement for vacancies, and the first Citizens Police Academy. Officers participated in training programs with firearms, K-9, the Special Response Team, and an Introduction to Spanish. We initiated a program targeting internet sexual predators and continued enforcement efforts in seatbelt use, driving under the influence and the red light program. I want to thank Officer Cindy Marion for her extra efforts to find grant funding for the internet predator program. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with Purdue University that changes the provision of police and fire service in the area we know as the "island" on campus to Purdue's jurisdiction. That change will allow consistency of service on campus and allow West Lafayette to focus more efforts in our neighborhoods. I appreciate the cooperation and assistance of both groups of officers and firefighters, those at the University and in the City. A new canine joined the department this year, K, who replaces our previous dog Fonske. I want to thank Officer Jeff Dunscomb for his continued commitment to that valuable program for the City. 2007 promises to be another busy year for the department, with plans for the second Citizens Police Academy, a new rape aggression defense course, the expansion of the impaired and dangerous driving enforcement, and the redefinition of service districts to incorporate the newly-annexed area. I want to thank Chief Marvin, Deputy Chief Walker, and all of our officers for their hard work this year, and their responsiveness to neighborhood issues. The Fire Department has had an especially busy year of study and planning for the purchase of two new fire engines, and for the construction of a new station to better serve the annexed area. I want to thank Chief Drew and all of the firefighters for the time and effort that they have contributed to the decision making on the trucks and the station. I want to also thank them for the hundreds of hours of remodeling work in the renovation of Station No. 1. Their expertise and hard work has saved the City a great deal of money, and have given us a station to be proud of. The department has again made training and education a high priority, including training on vehicle extrication—eight of our firefighters are well schooled now in vehicle extrication. Also training on terrorism and bird flu preparation, evaluating performance-based design and the NIMS compliance. Thirty firefighters attended the instructors conference in Indianapolis, and many participated in a table-top exercise for District 4 with 30 other emergency service providers. Grants paid for \$43,000 of new fire equipment through Homeland Security, a dispatch radio for the new station, some new

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portable radios for new firefighters, plus additional radio equipment and a backup generator. Each City department has been successful with grant applications in 2006, for combined financial support of more than \$5 million. It's this commitment to providing the highest quality City services at the lowest possible cost to our taxpayers that makes our department heads and City employees so very valuable. Again, I want to congratulate and thank them all for a job very well done in 2006. 2006 was a very productive year for the City of West Lafayette. We accomplished much and planned for the future, while keeping our tax rate low. We begin 2007 with enthusiasm and optimism, while acknowledging that another year of careful management will be necessary to complete the tasks set before us. With the help and support of excellent department heads, the Council, and you the citizens, we will continue to move our City forward. Together we can continue to make West Lafayette a great place to live. Thank you.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said the Council has received its State Board of Accounts reports for year-end. I wanted to draw your attention that there's an additional report included in your packet this time, the purchase order listing, which we'll be carrying over as part of the net appropriation for 2007. We want to note this in our minutes, as that is part of the accounting standard that we are under. You also received the summary cash transaction report for December. You'll notice we closed out the year. Once more, I draw your attention to personnel expenses running 6.3% higher than the prior year. Tonight you've received an update for the budget 2006 year, 2007 estimate that should look familiar to you from your budget book; it's Section VII-2. Because we've added several more rows to show you the actual and the effect of the encumbrances, it's become a two-page report and perhaps is a bit easier to read. We'll be talking more about this, I'm sure, with the Budget and Finance Committee over the next several months, and I invite you to begin to look this over in preparation for further discussions. We have received some preliminary information from the Department of Local Government Finance which indicates there may be some adjustments on our revenues for 2007, and certain changes may require us to examine again the allocation of the levy for the 2007 budget. I just want to let you know that we are preparing to receive that information from the State, we hope within the next month, and make some decisions that will perhaps assist us as we enter the budgeting process for 2008. Steps we take now may provide us some advantage and enable us to manage the demands for services in the annexation area a bit easier on the City. Finally, I just wanted to tell you that we've completed the first part of our project in the ordinance violation bureau and traffic violation bureau associated with my office and the City Court, and that is the beginning of providing summary procedure instructions in a variety of languages, based on the customers that we're seeing. And I wanted to acknowledge the assistance of Magistrate Norris Wang and the Tippecanoe Court Translator Bernice Spencer for starting us off with our Spanish translations. We'll be tackling several other languages to just make it easier for our people to get the information they need and be able to take care of their business most efficiently. That will be all for this evening.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 1-07 An Ordinance To Name Depositories For The City Of West Lafayette (Submitted by the Clerk-Treasurer) Councilor Griffin read Ordinance No. 01-07 by title and

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moved that it be passed on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Satterly.

Mayor Mills said all right. Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said this ordinance names the depositories which are eligible, according to the City's investment policy. We've been advised by the State Board of Accounts to do this at least every two years. In addition, we have an additional financial institution we wanted to add to the list, Charter One, and we wanted to include the name of Lafayette Bank and Trust's trust company which the City uses extensively.

Mayor Mills said thank you. Are there any questions? Any comments? Councilor Plomin.

Councilor Plomin said is this a comprehensive list of banks that operate in West Lafayette?

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said yes.

Councilor Plomin said okay, thank you.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said that are eligible as depositories for the City. The primary qualification is that these are depositories that are eligible, according to State statute.

Councilor Plomin said and this is an exhaustive list?

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said yes.

Councilor Plomin said okay, thanks.

Mayor Mills said any other questions?

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 1-07 passed on first reading, 6-0.

Ordinance No. 2-07 To Amend Certain Portions Of The Unified Zoning Ordinance Of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, Designating The Time When The Same Shall Take Effect (UZO Amendment #53) (Submitted by Area Plan Commission) Councilor Griffin read Ordinance No. 2-07 by title and moved that it be passed on first and only reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Satterly.

Mayor Mills said all right, Mr. [Councilor] Griffin, do you want to give us some background, please?

Councilor Griffin said sure. There are two issues here. One is ready-mix concrete. If you read the detail, which I hope you have, in the discussion in the APC, basically both this, the ready-mix concrete and the bed and breakfast changes are ones that came about in mid- and late 2006, as a result of our governing entities wanting to do the right thing, but the wording of the zoning ordinance preventing that from happening. So one of those issues

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was delayed until these changes could be made, and so these changes do allow, in the case of ready-mix concrete, it says that they would be allowed in agricultural area. That may seem to be kind of irrelevant, but gravel pits, several of them in Tippecanoe County, are in agricultural areas, and they're legal there, they have a right to be there, and they have a zoning right to be in gravel pits. Whereas a concrete plant, which oftentimes has a need to be close to the gravel pit, did not have a right in agricultural area; it only had a right in an industrial area. So this resulted in an agricultural area being rezoned industrial in a very small area. There were a lot of people who were concerned about that, and so it was decided that the wording could be changed to allow that under special exception. And what the special exception does, is that it requires that a public hearing take place. The Planning Commission felt that that was important, so that the community, the people around an area where there was a gravel pit and they wanted to have a concrete batch plant, that could be done, but the community needed to know about that and there would be a public hearing to discuss that. In the case of the bed and breakfast, this was brought to light by a newspaper article about the Perrin Bed and Breakfast and the teas that they were having there. Some of you undoubtedly read that article. Well, it so happens that in order to have a tea one afternoon a week, they were breaking the law. They were becoming a restaurant, and a restaurant is not allowable in a residential area, so they could have solved the problem by becoming a neighborhood business, but it was not felt by the APC that being a neighborhood business was a good idea in the middle of a residential area. So there were some minor changes in the wording of a bed and breakfast, and we come, then, with both of these sections, the changes that you see before you. Long winded, but it hopefully gives you an explanation of things.

Mayor Mills said thank you.

Councilor Satterly said we do not have any concrete mixing plants, nor do we have any bed and breakfasts?

Councilor Griffin said we do not, but interestingly enough, one of the provisions that was in the former wording of the ready-mix concrete plant was that it was allowed in office research. Now, if you read that carefully, you may have thought that it said, "and/or," but it's not "and/or," it's "and office research or..." So, for example, a concrete batch plant could be put out in Purdue Research Park and be allowed to operate out there. So the office research park wording was removed from the permitted areas for a ready-mix plant to be allowed.

Mayor Mills said and I'll just remind everyone that, since we are a unified planning area with a unified zoning ordinance, that every entity passes the changes to the ordinance, whether it affects us or not.

Councilor Griffin said and we do have many areas, of course, surrounding West Lafayette that are agricultural, and if it were to be looked upon as being a great place to have a ready-mix plant right at the edge of West Lafayette, that could happen, but only after a public hearing.

Mrs. Mary Cook [329 West State Street] said isn't Vera Kent's house at the corner of South Chauncey and Williams Street still a bed and breakfast?

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Councilor Griffin said that was actually discussed on Thursday night, and—

City Engineer Buck said I think it's just a boarding house now for female students.

Ms. Cook said oh, so West Lafayette doesn't have them.

City Engineer Buck said that was the only one we could think of, and I think it's a boarding house now.

Mayor Mills said other questions for Mr. [Councilor] Griffin?

Councilor O'Callaghan said Councilor Hunt, do you want to discuss—

Councilor Hunt said yes, it's not a question, Councilor Griffin, but at the Pre-Council, we spoke about something that maybe had come up at APC staff meeting, I believe it was, on Thursday, of whether there were some concerns about whether the bed and breakfast moved to have these teas, if they would have to have sprinklers and a variety of fire safety. I spoke with Chief Drew this afternoon, and he had spoken with some people at the Lafayette Fire Department also, and Chief Drew said he did not have any problems with us passing this, as far as safety.

Mayor Mills said I will just add that I spoke with the director of the APC Sally Fahey today, and the Lafayette City took this up at staff this morning. Their attorney Ed Chosnek said he did not think the way the ordinance read there was any problem with bed and breakfasts being separate from restaurants, and so the concerns of the fire department, I think, were alleviated. Now they will vote on theirs tonight at their council meeting. She also said that there is no time rush for us, and if you wish to postpone this, you can, to see what the City of Lafayette does. But the County has already passed the ordinance. So I think the concerns in Lafayette have been alleviated.

Councilor Hunt said I have confidence in Chief Drew.

Mayor Mills said any discussion on that? Would you like to go ahead and move forward with this tonight?

Councilor Hunt said yes.

Mayor Mills said all right, any other discussion?

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 2-07 passed on first and only reading, 6-0.

Ordinance No. 3-07 An Ordinance To Establish the Perimeter Parkway Fund (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer) Councilor Griffin read Ordinance No. 3-07 by title and moved that it be passed on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Satterly.

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Mayor Mills said Mr. [City Engineer] Buck, would you like to just come up and give us a little background on why we think this is important.

City Engineer Buck said sure. This fund would be established in order for us to receive reimbursements as well as donations for payments and efforts to design and acquire land and do the actual construction for the perimeter parkway, the Purdue ring road, the master transportation plan, whatever you've heard it. Over the course of the project, through the various phases, from Phase IA all the way through Phase IVB over the next 15 to 20-plus years, there'll be a process where the City is going to incur costs, either for engineering or for right-of-way or for actual construction, and some of those different phases are going to be funded on an 80-20 split with federal gas tax dollars and other earmarks that this project has been awarded with the transportation bill that was passed by Congress. So this fund would allow those funds to come back in. They're solely for this project, and it would eliminate the step of having to reappropriate through the Council and possibly do several transfers. As far as 2007, we're estimating that no more than \$1.2 million would be expended, basically for, at this point in time, consulting. We've started design work. Much of the survey has been completed actually for the first phase, Phase IA, and we're starting to see invoices come in. So we need to start paying those invoices and turning in claims, or vice versa, one way or the other, needing to move some of this grant money that we're going to use to pay for the project. So this would facilitate that. At the end of each year, it's my understanding that we would likely come back and make another appropriation or a budget for this project, based on what we anticipate getting into in 2008—additional engineering work, possibly by that time some right-of-way, and then, as the years go on, into construction. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

Mayor Mills said any questions for Mr. [City Engineer] Buck?

Councilor Plomin said I have one.

Mayor Mills said Mr. Plomin.

Councilor Plomin said 80% federally and State funded of \$30 million leaves 20% or \$6 million for the City. That's over the whole span of 20 years or is that a shorter time period?

City Engineer Buck said right, that's in today's dollars, and that is over the span of however long it takes us. That is partially going to be funded, hopefully, by Purdue is what we're anticipating at this point. They're helping pay for some of the engineering, they're doing half the local or 10% and the City's doing the other 10%.

Councilor Plomin said okay, thank you.

Mayor Mills said we hope that, at points where the road is in the County and outside of the City limits, we'll have the same type of participation from the County. We've had those discussions and we've had them for several years. It will be a partnership.

City Engineer Buck said yes, those phases are a long way off, and the costs, obviously, will inflate with inflation and as we get a better picture of what construction's going to do.

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Councilor Satterly said Mr. [City Engineer] Buck, our share of the costs from Motor Vehicle Funds and Local Street and Highway Funds?

City Engineer Buck said I believe that it's going to come from a combination of different funds, I believe EDIT is where our match dollars are going to be used for this part of consulting that we're getting into now. As we go on it'll be, I'm sure, be a combination of funds.

Councilor Satterly said none of it comes from the General Fund, it's supported by property taxes.

City Engineer Buck said I believe—

Mayor Mills said well—

Councilor Satterly said okay.

City Engineer Buck said as far as construction or engineering?

Councilor Satterly said whatever.

City Engineer Buck said the majority of construction is going to come, I'm going to assume, from the MVH and LRS dollars.

Councilor Satterly said okay.

Mayor Mills said thank you. Any other questions or discussion? All right, will you call the roll, please. I'm sorry, Councilor O'Callaghan.

Councilor O'Callaghan said that's okay. I was just going to let Mr. [Councilor] Plomin know that, at Pre-Council, we talked about that they're certainly open to naming rights for parts of the ring road, if you're interested.

Councilor Plomin said I am interested.

Councilor Griffin said would you clarify that for Mr. [Councilor] Plomin? Mr. Plomin's not sure what that means.

Councilor O'Callaghan said since he wasn't there, I thought I'd let him know.

Councilor Plomin said I think Purdue University has been quite successful in gaining funds for their construction projects through naming rights, so maybe that would be a good creative financing avenue for the City.

Councilor Griffin said we're thinking of collaborating with the University.

Mayor Mills said all right, will you call the roll, please.

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There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 3-07 passed on first reading, 6-0.

Ordinance No. 4-07 An Ordinance To Establish The Police Grant Projects Fund (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer) Councilor Griffin read Ordinance No. 4-07 by title and moved that it be passed on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Satterly.

Mayor Mills said all right, this is a fund, a very similar type of fund as the previous discussion. This is a fund to put grant monies for particular police enforcement projects into a separate pot, where the money can be moved in and out. Often, we get grant funds for seat belt enforcement or red light running enforcement, and our officers work overtime to work those programs, and then we end up paying them out of the General Fund. The grant's received and it goes into the General Fund, but we end up doing a lot of transfers or reappropriations. So this is a similar setup. We're going to put the grant monies into this fund, just for working these police enforcement programs, and it will save us, I think, a lot of paperwork and time and effort. Any questions on this? We're trying to be efficient. All right, will you call the roll, please.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 4-07 passed on first reading, 6-0.

Ordinance No. 5-07 An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 34-06 Fixing The Biweekly Salaries Of Appointed Officers, Employees, And Members Of The Police And Fire Departments Of The City Of West Lafayette, Indiana, For The Year 2007 (Submitted by the Clerk-Treasurer) Councilor Griffin read Ordinance No. 5-07 by title and moved that it be passed on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Satterly.

Mayor Mills said this is a change to the salary ordinance to increase the range of part-time salaries, and, again, as Councilor Griffin said, that is found in Section 3 on page 6. Are there any questions or any discussion? Councilor Plomin.

Councilor Plomin said sorry for all these questions.

Mayor Mills said that's all right.

Councilor Plomin said which of our part-time staff gets paid \$16.48 an hour?

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said an individual who held a full-time position in the Parks Department has moved into a part-time position. This individual is extremely valuable to the department, and they feel fortunate they've been able to retain him—

Councilor Plomin said okay.

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Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said in a part-time position, without benefits. So when the salary ordinance was drafted, we didn't allow for that part-time position and the salary increase associated with it in 2007.

Mayor Mills said he is our urban forester for the City, among other talents, and he moved to part time because of family responsibilities. He's now doing a lot of the child care for his family. His wife travels, and so we don't want to lose him. He provides valuable service to us.

Councilor Hunt said may I say, he's worked for the City for a long time, hasn't he?

Mayor Mills said Joe [Parks Superintendent Payne] could probably tell us how long.

Parks Superintendent Payne said nine years.

Councilor Plomin said yes. It's certainly a well-compensated professional position. Are there any others? I don't mean to cause any embarrassment to anybody, but how can I get a job that pays \$16 an hour part time?

Mayor Mills said become an urban forester and work for the City for nine years.

Councilor O'Callaghan said okay.

Councilor Hunt said and give up benefits.

Mayor Mills said I'm sorry?

Councilor Hunt said is he giving up benefits?

Mayor Mills said yes.

Councilor Hunt said and give up benefits. There are none.

Councilor Plomin said okay, this ordinance, though, it doesn't raise the top limit of the part-time salaries by a great deal, and so I would assume there would be other people near the top end of that range.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said if you'd like me to provide you with a listing of part-time salaries, I can do that. I wouldn't be able to summarize them very accurately off the top of my head tonight, but I would say there are very few, if any, positions paid at this range. This is quite a unique situation.

Councilor Plomin said okay, thanks.

Mayor Mills said thank you. Any other questions? All right, will you call the roll, please?

There was no further discussion.

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Ordinance No. 5-07 passed on first reading, 6-0.

Resolution No. 1-07 A Resolution To Authorize Investments (Submitted by the Clerk-Treasurer) Councilor Griffin read Resolution No. 1-07 by title and moved that it be passed on first and only reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Satterly.

Mayor Mills said all right, this is a resolution to give the Clerk-Treasurer the authority to invest our monies, various funds of the City, and to terminate these investments as she deems appropriate. She is authorized to use electronic fund transfers. Are there any questions for the Clerk-Treasurer? Councilor O'Callaghan.

Councilor O'Callaghan said thank you. I'll just note that at the Pre-Council meeting, Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes offered to get us a report on how our investments are doing, either in February or March, when she's finished with the audit responsibilities.

Mayor Mills said okay.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said right. We prepare the beginning year financial reports; it's on the list. But the auditors arrived today, so we'll be happy to finish some compilation of financial statements before we move on.

Councilor O'Callaghan said thank you.

Mayor Mills said any other questions or comments? All right, will you call the roll, please.

There was no further discussion.

Resolution No. 1-07 passed on first and only reading, 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mr. Gerald Scheufler [144 Knox Drive] said we do have apartments, Southfork Apartments, on 314 South Chauncey. I've read through the years about the perimeter planning and this sort of thing. I've missed a few things along there. One of the things I read is the Chauncey deal wouldn't be done until 2010, now you're doing it right away. I don't know why this all changed about. There is a big concern over the development. I don't think you've taken adequate consideration for the apartment owners in this particular area. The way I've read, and I've asked quite a few people, are we losing parking spots along Chauncey and Grant and Harrison? Nobody seems to be able to tell me the truth, but you must be, because you're putting this stupid deal down the middle of the road that could be used for parking along the side. It doesn't make much sense to me. These people invested a lot of money in these apartments, and we've complied through the years with everything the City and the Area Planning said. All right, now, since it's a created situation that the City's been involved in it, too, we have an overage, we have problems with parking. When we started in with our apartment, we had to have two parking spots per apartment. Now, we have over three cars

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per four bedroom apartment. And we have to have the City parking. It must be. It's got to be. And I know the other apartments are the same. I don't know why they haven't said a whole lot about this. But what you've done is, by taking away the parking, you've reduced the value of these properties. So their income's going to be down, you're taxes are going to be down. You're catching it from that side. But I don't think you've treated the apartment owners fairly. I think you ought to take a good, hard look at taking out that stupid—that deal down the center of the road. At least put some parking on one side of the road to consider these people. You know, and, if you're going to do this, do it over a long period of time. Don't slap them right overnight in the value— If you can't get parking, you can't rent the apartments, and you're income's going to be down. I made an adjustment last year, because I've got a lot of foreign students in; they don't have cars. But you can't do that, you can't keep doing that. So I think you ought to back up and look at this thing, even though it's been approved, I think it ought to be adjusted, and one of the reasons for bringing it up now is you're approving the money. I understand on the money, you said we're getting \$6 million—

Mayor Mills said \$5.6 million.

Mr. Scheufler said \$5.6, and you've already spent \$1 million of it already?

Mayor Mills said no.

Mr. Scheufler said oh, I read that someplace, I thought.

Mayor Mills said no.

Mr. Scheufler said okay. Well anyway, I think you ought to really look at this thing and take consideration of the people who have built in recent years, have increased their parking, that's true. And you've got to get those parking—why don't you build parking garages ahead of time, if you're going to push? I saw you're talking about a couple of City parking garages. Now, that will help some. But if you're going to do that, why don't you build those first, so they're available. So that when you build it, don't build them last, because that's made it hard for the apartment owners. I think you ought to reconsider it, take a look at it. And I was concerned, because the money's coming out real quick tonight.

Mayor Mills said well, and as Mr. [City Engineer] Buck said earlier, we have the appropriated dollars, but we're still in design. We will not start construction for several years, and we have had many discussions about the parking on City streets in the area you're talking about, because we know that parking is valuable. We're concerned, as a City, on leaving that street parking or providing other parking. Last year, we took some of the two-hour timed parking off of the street—

Mr. Scheufler said sure.

Mayor Mills said and had a big mess the next day. So we do know the value of that street parking. That is being discussed, and we will make some plans for parking in that area.

Mr. Scheufler said the other thing is, it's going to be a real mess—if you finally—to get to our property. You spend an hour explaining to people how you've got to come down this street,

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to get down this street, to deal. And you've got to let Salisbury alone, that will help some, but Chauncey's going to change things an awful lot down there. Well, I appreciate it if you'll take a look at it and give us a chance, to help the property owners. Some of them are hurt a lot worse than we are, because as long as you stay away from Salisbury, we're all right. Okay. Thank you.

Mayor Mills said thank you.

Councilor Griffin said thank you.

Mayor Mills said will you come to the podium, please.

Councilor Hunt said I missed the address.

Councilor Plomin said I missed—

Ms. Norma Scheufler [144 Knox Drive] said he wants to go before the football game, so I want to say something. I want to congratulate you as a Councilman in West Lafayette for destroying the oldest street in West Lafayette. It's South Chauncey. And you are going to destroy it. You have sidewalks down either side, very high density. Purdue has put it this year in number one circle around the campus, and you're going in there and making a big one-way mistake. Why do you think you can tear up the oldest street in town? Since we bought the property in '72, we built the building. You have tried to take off the fourth floor. You have tried to run a highway down through our apartment building. You have done various things that have been very unkind to taxpaying people who pay into your funds, who supported the students. True, we had to pay 23 years of tuition to Purdue, and now with five freshmen grandchildren, we're still paying. But what I'm saying, what gives you the right to tear up the oldest street in town? Those one-way— A lot of surveys are made, and they're not valid, they don't hold up. This committee that did this—look at what you're doing to that part. You go over to old Chauncey Hill and treat your houses that way and see what— But this is not a house. I'm not just putting in a new kitchen. I took on a loan that won't be paid off until 2014, and you're telling me that I haven't paid my taxes to you? You're not very kind. You didn't call in one apartment owner on that street to be on the committee. Answer me. Who was it?

Mayor Mills said well, we—

Ms. Scheufler said who was it that lived, that had an apartment on that street investment? Who was it?

Mayor Mills said it's only been a committee of transportation people at this point. We will have—

Ms. Scheufler said students? Dentists? Social workers?

Mayor Mills said we will have public meetings when we get to the point of design in that area.

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Ms. Scheufler said wait just a—stop it right now and get to the apartment owners in to have a say-so over the property that they own. Now, I'm not talking about a new kitchen. I'm talking about a loan that isn't paid off to 2014.

Mayor Mills said I understand.

Ms. Scheufler said now, I'm talking about a commercial loan.

Mayor Mills said I understand.

Ms. Scheufler said you're not doing it to other streets in town. You're doing it to our streets over there. You're making a big one-way speed there, and I don't really want to go any faster over there. But the students over there are students, they walk to campus, they like that location. And we haven't gotten any plan for how the traffic is going to work into Lafayette, when all those trucks go with their grain down there on that road that you've constructed. We haven't gotten any study of how the ambulance is going to get to that area or the fire trucks. This is premature that we're going to run these streets throughout, but I just want to congratulate you mostly on destroying the oldest street in West Lafayette. That's right. It's perfectly good like it is. It's been there since five years before Purdue. And you have the ability as a big organization to say, "I'm smarter than that." The sidewalks are there, the students walk down there, they can drive and park. But you're saying this isn't for the student; it's for some master plan. Now whoever's on that little planning board has to be jarred loose, and their authority—I don't know if they're dentists or social workers or what. But the people who own the property on that street should be on a board to say, "We will not take it." I think we have surveyed and we do not want a one-way street. What is left of South Chauncey? And that's— How can we voice this? Where can we do it except here?

Mayor Mills said you are, ma'am. We're—

Ms. Scheufler said I do think you're an intelligent board, and you don't have the right to take the oldest street in town and tear it up. I really think you're smarter than that. Okay, thank you.

Mayor Mills said thank you.

Ms. Scheufler said I said it. Are you going to say anything, Mr. Basham?

Mr. John Basham [Basham Rentals] said I didn't know I was going to speak. I'll try to be a little softer, because I want to work with the City, and I want to work with you. I am heavily affected by this, and you all know that. I would like to be included when we do this brainstorming on this. I know 35 years ago, Purdue was in trouble. They needed help on housing—it was a little over 35 years ago, because I've been in business about 30 years, and they needed help from the private sector. So I got involved, and I got involved in older homes in the Chauncey neighborhood area, which I became a good neighbor with those Chauncey neighborhood people, and those people will testify to that, that I do work hard to try to be a good neighbor. I came over here in West Lafayette trying to learn the ropes back in the early '70s, and they told me, "Why don't you go to the south end? That's the Town of Chauncey." That's where it was originated from. So that's what I did. And I've maintained

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my properties, I've tried to raise the bar, by getting students out of basements, out of garages, and trying to give them affordable housing. I do have a couple challenged properties, but I still work hard. And then the law changed on the equation on how to put these buildings together, and I follow that rule now. A four-bedroom is an A, which equals a four bedroom which is three parking spots per unit. We need that on-street parking. I know you could come back to me and say, "Why should the City allow your customers to park in the street?" Well, I will say what the lady did say, it's the old Town of Chauncey. We don't bother anybody, and we do give you big tax dollars. You know, half a million bucks a year, right here out of this pocket, and I've got to manage it. But we don't bother anybody. We're a town of our own. There's not very many of us left down there, and we do work hard. It's kind of like telling the student, "Go to class, go back to your room, because your friends can't come over and park." I can see in the Chauncey neighborhood area where a lot of ma and pa apartments are, if they're taking a lot of the street parking up. And I'm not trying to run those people down, but it is a big problem in the ma and pa area. But in my area, I'm the mayor on the south end. And I say leave us alone. Now, if you've got to turn things around and I'll be willing to work with you, but I want it to my advantage, you know. I have a business, and I have several millions of dollars worth of loans that are not paid off by the year '14. So, again, I didn't know I was going to speak. But I'll be willing to work with you, I really will. There may be more parking. We may get some more parking out of this, if we can turn this, you know, the cars perpendicular instead of the parallel parking. But I need that on-street parking and so does everybody need that on-street parking. It helps sell our product. I don't promote that when I sell, you know they ask, "Yes, everybody has a parking tag. You have the right to park there, first-come, first served." It is difficult, if you have a 15-unit, 4-bedroom, that's a possibility of 60 cars, and we only have 45 parking spots, but not everybody has a car, and some years we get lucky. But I am willing to work with you, and I'd like to be included in that. You know, I can brainstorm pretty well, I can give pretty good feedback. Thanks for your time.

Mayor Mills said thank you, Mr. Basham. You have been an excellent partner for the City always, and we certainly will not finish all those designs without including the property owners. We've talked about how the apartments in that area of the campus will be impacted with the road changes, and your name has come up, because we know you're an important land owner in that area. We certainly will involve you in the planning process. We do realize that street parking is critical in that area. We do.

Councilor Griffin said Mayor.

Mayor Mills said yes.

Councilor Griffin said Mr. Basham, are you still on Community Issues with Purdue?

Mr. Basham said Town and Gown?

Councilor Griffin said yes.

Mr. Basham said yes.

Councilor Griffin said good.

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Mayor Mills said any other citizen comments?

Councilor Plomin said can I add one?

Mayor Mills said absolutely.

Councilor Plomin said last year, I lived at 225 South Chauncey. And 25 years ago, my mother rented that apartment at 217. And so for an entire year, I parked on the street, on South Chauncey, because it was more convenient for me than parking in the parking space in the back. There just weren't enough spaces. Too many people in the area rented and parked in the parking lots. And because I worked, I could be out of the parking space before classes started, and back after the parking enforcement was over. So the on-street parking is critical to maintaining a good neighborhood down in South Chauncey. I understand that most people who have lived in West Lafayette for many, many years don't spend much time on the south side. But it is a community, and it is a pretty tight-knit when you live stacked like cordwood on top of each other four stories high. You really need all that parking, as much as you can get on the streets is just additional capacity and overflow to help ease tensions and things in that neighborhood, so it is critical.

Mayor Mills said thank you. We do realize that, and again I'll reiterate, when we took two-hour parking off last year, we found out very quickly that that was not a good move, because we do know it's critical to have it there.

Mr. Basham said you removed two-hour parking last year?

Mayor Mills said yes, for a space of a day, maybe, or so.

Mr. Basham said whereabouts—Harrison or—?

Mayor Mills said on Harrison, yes. And we had students coming out of the woodwork who were getting ticketed, so we immediately put it back. We do realize how critical it is in that area.

City Engineer Buck said half of the Village Parking Study dealt with residential areas in the study area, of which South Chauncey was a big part of it. Part of that effort helped show us just exactly how important parking is to those existing multi-family properties.

Mr. Basham said I can see the big push for a parking garage. Those cars down there are—they're not people who are taking up businesses in the Village. It's not taking business away from people. It's their friends, their buddies. It's like saying, "No friends. Go to class and go back to your room."

Mayor Mills said one of the reasons we did the Village Parking Study last year when we did it was we wanted to have that data before we got really into the Purdue Transportation Plan.

Mr. Basham said I'm sure we—

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Mayor Mills said so that was critical, you know, in how we managed that consulting and engineering design.

Mr. Basham said I'm sure there will be a consensus or something, that we can—

Mayor Mills said absolutely.

Ms. Scheufler said so are you saying you're going to remove the one-way street on South Chauncey?

Mayor Mills said no, I'm saying that—

Ms. Scheufler said okay, that's what we're here for.

Mayor Mills said well, I realize— In the planning of the whole perimeter plan, all of these things will be important discussions.

Ms. Scheufler said well, I checked with Lafayette, and they don't have any traffic stop light study made of how that traffic is going to happen and what's going to happen across the bridge. They haven't even met the issue. And so it's not complete yet, and you're going to put up stop lights. How are you going to time all this traffic if you don't have a study made?

Mayor Mills said well, we actually have a study made, a study completed for Tapawingo South. We do know projected vehicle movements coming from Lafayette.

Ms. Scheufler said if you get six big grain trucks, you're going to fill that road. And where are they going to fit? I mean I think there is a lot of work that has to be done yet.

Mayor Mills said there is still a great deal of work that will be done. And, again, we are just in the engineering design phase of the project, we are not—

Ms. Scheufler said but who put us one way? Who put us one way?

Mayor Mills said well, that was before my time, I can't answer that.

Ms. Mary Cook [owner of Harry's Chocolate Shop] said they did that about 15 years ago.

Mayor Mills said all right.

Mr. Scheufler said one ironic deal to add here. When we built our apartments, we submitted a two-story parking lot to the City. We paid \$500 for the plan, and they couldn't handle it. So we didn't get the two-story parking.

Mayor Mills said you were ahead of your time, sir. Any other comments from the public tonight?

There was no further discussion.

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business at this time, Councilor Griffin moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Councilor Keen and passed by voice vote, the time being 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith C. Rhodes, Clerk-Treasurer
Secretary of the Common Council