

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES
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The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met in the Council Chambers at City Hall on July 6, 2009, 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, Hunt, Keen, Roales, and Thomas.

Absent: Dietrich.

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

MINUTES: Councilor Keen moved for acceptance of the minutes of the May 28, 2009, Pre-Council Meeting, and the June 1, 2009, Common Council Meeting. Councilor Burch seconded the motion, and the motion passed *viva voce*.

COMMITTEE STANDING REPORTS:

STREET, SANITATION, AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT UTILITY:

Councilor Bunder said all manner of evil things continue to be removed promptly and efficiently and that concludes my report.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND ORDINANCE:

Councilor Keen said thank you, Mr. Mayor. During the month of June, the Police Department answered over 1,300 calls, which was actually a decrease from the month previous. The Chief and Captain Leroux, and the Police Chief from Purdue University attended the Big Ten Cities Conference held in Bloomington. There was also a joint training held at the West Lafayette Jr.-Sr. High School related to dual agency responses, to active shooter situations. This is the first joint training session between the two agencies, and plans are in the works for more to follow. Also, the West Lafayette Police Department assisted with a number of events during the month of June, which included the Taste of Tippecanoe and the Soap Box Derby on Grant Street Hill. Also, Chief Drew asked that I would comment a little bit about fire spread. Last month's report included a section on the Robinson Street house fire and how that fire threatened a neighboring house. Fire spreading from house-to-house is a concern deserving renewed attention. Years ago, response times and equipment setup times were longer and, as a consequence, caused significant concern about fire spread. The initial stage of a modern fire is hotter than one in years past, and this, along with other factors, is driving the need for renewed attention. About two weeks after the Robinson Street fire, four houses were burned in a Lafayette neighborhood. These are houses in the pictures below. The fire actually started in the middle house and spread to each adjacent house plus a fourth house. In both the Lafayette and West Lafayette fires, the crews arrived very quickly after being notified. In both fires, there was a delay in

calling 911. LFD arrived and found three houses already on fire, and this illustrates the point of the hotter initial stages as the fire moved from section to section and then house to house. Each section initially burned hotter, and this led to an exponential increase in the rate of the fire spread. The whole point of this is to recognize that the initial heat difference in a modern fire accelerates spread. Maximize the effectiveness of the 911 system by calling immediately. That completes my report.

PURDUE RELATIONS:

Councilor Roales said thank you, Mr. Mayor. Purdue is in the middle of its summer session, and so it's relatively quiet, but a few things are still going on. The Purdue tuition increase of approximately 5% was announced recently, and there will be a public hearing of that upcoming. Recent apartment balcony safety concerns in Lafayette highlight the work and the importance of the work that we even undertake today to continue our strong code enforcement program. I'd like to highlight that as well. There are only 42 days until the start of the fall semester and students start coming back into our economy and our campus. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Councilor Hunt said thank you, Mr. Mayor. A total of 228 children participated in the Summer Sports Camps, and 99 children registered for swim lessons, so we're having fit and able children, and adults follow through also. The Tapawingo band shell was installed. It's quite charming. It was used for the Taste of Tippecanoe, and also it will be used for River Fest, which is this weekend, Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Dancing in the Streets will probably also use the band shell, and it is July 18 from 4:00 p.m. to midnight. There is a benefit for the Community and Family Resource Center called Cruise for Kids Motorcycle Ride and Concert on the 25th. I don't have any other details; it wasn't on their website, but that's something to look for. An outdoor drinking fountain was installed at Lilly Nature Center, probably to help the runners and the walkers there.

Mayor Dennis said can we pause on that for one second, please.

Councilor Hunt said I can take a break.

Mayor Dennis said thank you very much, Joe [Parks Superintendent Payne]. I run out that way. Nicely done. Thank you.

Councilor Hunt said back to water. The municipal pool provides daily public swimming for the next six weeks. It does close relatively early, as it closes when school starts. The Sagamore West Farmers Market continues every Wednesday from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. The next Park Board meeting is July 20 at 4:30 p.m. in City Hall. May I report on the garden tour?

Mayor Dennis said yes.

Councilor Hunt said we had an Art in the Garden Tour a week ago last Saturday, and the City sponsored it, *Helen Magazine* sponsored it, the Master Gardeners were certainly very, very active. We had six gardens that had won the Beautification Award, and there were artists in those gardens for the day. They were all very nice, but one of the gardens reported 500 visitors. The bonus garden where the tour started had 300 that we counted with a clicker that we bought last year for Art on the Wabash. It was very successful, and the plans are to continue it next year. It's an outgrowth of some recommendations from the America in Bloom judges who thought we should recognize the winners of the Beautification Awards at another time during the year. So thank you to everybody who participated in that.

Mayor Dennis said Lynn Layden was instrumental in getting that done.

Councilor Hunt said yes, Lynn Layden was very, very active and has always done a good job organizing things.

Mayor Dennis said once again, that just goes to showcase what an amazing community we have. We've got a lot of green thumbs in West Lafayette, and it's always nice when we get to show off the fruits of their efforts. I applaud that. It's very nice.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Councilor Thomas said thank you, Mr. Mayor. The Community Development Block Grant application for the 2009-2010 program year was submitted earlier this month. Work on Robinson Street Sidewalk and Curb Replacement Project is currently underway. The department is also involved in working with the Area Plan Commission on three Planned Developments that have anticipated construction start dates in the summer and fall of 2009. I believe if we want further details, [Director of Development] Chandler Poole can certainly provide that information, if any Councilors would like to have that. The department has also met with two different site selectors concerning their clients' interest in locating in West Lafayette. Those negotiations continue. The consultant for the 2009 Strategic Plan update has been selected and will meet with the steering committee on July 30 to prepare a plan for action for the update. The department continues to support the over-occupancy initiative and also the West Lafayette Go Greener Commission initiatives. They are beginning to discuss and meet with representatives from the U.S. Census Office concerning the 2010 Census. Marketing efforts will be underway in January 2010. The department continues to work with the Tippecanoe Arts Federation and the Convention and Visitors Bureau to implement the cultural district plan. The cultural arts plan transition team has submitted their recommendations to TAF on the best way to move forward. That concludes my report.

Mayor Dennis said questions?

Councilor Bunder said question. And this one's pretty easy. The name of the firm helping with the Strategic Plan update is—?

Director of Development Poole said Arnett Muldrow & Associates.

Councilor Bunder said and they are from—?

Director of Development Poole said Greenville, South Carolina.

Councilor Bunder said thank you.

Mayor Dennis said other questions?

PERSONNEL:

Councilor Burch said thank you, Mr. Mayor. The Personnel Committee met on Wednesday, June 24 to review a proposed amendment to the 2009 Salary Ordinance. We'll discuss that later on under Ordinance No. 13-09 and Ordinance No. 14-09. A summary of that meeting was emailed to all Council members and other appropriate personnel. Thank you.

BUDGET AND FINANCE:

Councilor Hunt said thank you, Mr. Mayor. The Budget and Finance Committee was busy in June. We had three meetings, as most of you know, and we heard the budget presentations by almost all of the West Lafayette City department heads. We have another meeting on the 14th of July, next week. We will finish up with some small budget presentations, and I think probably Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes will give us some estimated dates of things later tonight, or maybe soon. The State keeps changing dates. That ends my report.

REPORT OF APC REPRESENTATIVE:

Councilor Keen said thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'm going to defer my comments until later in the meeting under New Business.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

West Lafayette Community Beautification Award

Councilor Roales said thank you, Mr. Mayor. Tonight we have three families all on Terry Lane that are going to be honored for banding together and independently working to create a beautiful neighborhood in West Lafayette. So the first one we have here is Stuart and Patricia Bolton, 628 Terry Lane. They've worked hard to recover from a tree falling in the middle of their lawn and destroying most of the landscaping that they had when they first acquired the property. Obviously, they've done a good job in restoring and creating a beautiful setting there. The second is Rob and Pauletta Smith at 520 Terry Lane. Rob and Pauletta have really taken on the Paint the Town Red theme of the West Lafayette in Bloom, and have done a good job incorporating the colors of their house and the colors of the foliage. The third family we have being awarded the Beautification Award tonight is Christine and Douglas Comer. They've done a good job matching the symmetrical landscape with the traditional architecture at 606 Terry Lane. If any of those families are here tonight, come up and get your certificate.

Ms. Bolton said I'd just like to say thank you very much for this award. Of the three families you've mentioned, ours is probably the scrappiest of the three gardens, so it's ironic that we are the people that are here, saying thank you very much. My gardening style is sort of managed wildness. We manage reasonably well. All the people on Terry Lane, also those not mentioned, take a great pride in our street, and we're very pleased that you've honored us in this way. Thank you.

3rd District Appointment to Traffic Commission

Councilor Hunt said there's a vacancy from District 3 on the Traffic Commission, and I would like to nominate a resident that lives in District 3. I've sent out a description of her résumé and her résumé in the past. I'd like to nominate Deborah Siciliano. She lives at 710 Northridge. She has an M.B.A. from Rutgers and a B.S. from Purdue. She's an inactive Certified Public Accountant. She has three school-age children. She lives, again, on Northridge. She's very aware of the problem of parking around the high school, parking during football games, and she's close enough to Northwestern that I think she can keep a close eye on what all is going on on Northwestern, both with the sewer repair and also the Mackey renovation. I would like to nominate Deborah Siciliano for that membership, please.

Mayor Dennis said I need a second.

Councilor Burch said second.

Mayor Dennis said it's been motioned and seconded. Any further discussion?

The voice vote to appoint Deborah Siciliano to the West Lafayette Traffic Commission was unanimous.

Police Department Volunteer Award

Police Captain Leroux said thank you, sir. This award is for volunteer service to the West Lafayette Police Department. Wayne [Mr. Wayne Merriman, recipient] has been volunteering for a little over two years. His energy and dedication to the Department and the things we have asked him to do are certainly appreciated. On behalf of the West Lafayette Police Department, I'd like to present a Certificate of Appreciation. It reads:

In appreciation of your volunteerism at the West Lafayette Police Department.
Your time and energy in both the Records Department & Property Room
deserve recognition as you have served us and your community so willingly.

Thank you very much, Mr. Merriman.

Mr. Merriman said it's been my very great pleasure and privilege to work with the Police officers. They're doing a great job.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said the 2009 Budget Order has been issued by the State. When the tax bills go out later this summer, West Lafayette City government will be collecting approximately \$301,000 less than it did in 2008 from the City taxpayers to provide City services. That's a 3.8% reduction in total taxes. The individual tax bill, however, is going to be harder to predict. The City's assessed valuation declined significantly this year, which means there's less value of property to share the tax burden. The impact on the individual taxpayer will depend on whether they have a homestead property or a commercial property. With the State assuming a number of property tax levies, some very unusual things have happened in Tippecanoe County. For the first time, in fact, a homeowner will pay more in school taxes to TSC than to West Lafayette School Corporation. For the first time, the City and the school corporations will have very comparable tax rates, instead of the schools having 55% of the local gross tax rate in the taxing districts. Things are really changing with the property tax reform. As Councilor Hunt noted, once more the State is in the process of changing budget deadlines for cities. It will allow consideration to have a little bit more time to file the budget, more time for Council deliberation, perhaps a better schedule for our residents and our students to be here to participate and be better informed, and, finally, better numbers to use than reliance on estimates. If we move a month or two later, that would be allowed by a new schedule, which would permit us to have budget adoption before November 1, rather than September 30. That decision is under review by the Mayor and the chair of the Budget and Finance Committee. I'm sure there will be discussions with Council members as you reach a decision on how you wish to proceed with the budget. You have received your June month-end close State Board of Accounts-mandated reports. That's my report for this evening.

LEGAL REPORT:

City Attorney Burns said thank you, Mayor. The legal report is on file. If there are any questions, I would be happy to address those.

Councilor Bunder said I have one, and it's an operational question. When I have a concern about some of my favorite cases—

City Attorney Burns said yes.

Councilor Bunder said like on Oak or Maple, do you want me to go to you, to Chandler, to the Mayor? Who wants to hear me whine?

City Attorney Burns said I would be happy to hear you whine.

Councilor Bunder said okay.

City Attorney Burns said I think probably the changes in the department and how it's structured will impact also whom you might go to as the first spot of inquiry. I guess that would be Chandler [Director of Development Poole].

Councilor Bunder said it depended on work later in the evening, I guess.

City Attorney Burns said yes, he will get to it, but I'm always happy to talk, a quick email. I'd be happy to look in my file and see if I've had any activity on it. Sometimes I will not know about something, even if it's in process in the department, if it hasn't gotten to the place where they've brought me in. But I'm happy to talk to you any time.

Councilor Bunder said and that's fair enough.

City Attorney Burns said okay.

Mayor Dennis said but if all else fails, Peter [Councilor Bunder], you can go ahead and give me a call, and I'll be able to find something for you.

Councilor Bunder said you're a busy guy, though.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 7-09 An Ordinance To Name Depositories For The City Of West Lafayette
(Submitted by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Councilor Keen read Ordinance No. 7-09 by title and moved that it be passed on second and final reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

Mayor Dennis said any discussion? Judy [Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes], any points of clarification?

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said I look forward to second reading approval this evening, so that we can begin to deploy investments to the advantage of the City at State-approved depositories.

Mayor Dennis said further discussion?

Councilor Hunt said Mr. Mayor, may I make a comment, please?

Mayor Dennis said sure.

Councilor Hunt said we discussed this several weeks ago, before the first reading, in the Budget and Finance Committee meeting, and the Clerk-Treasurer informed us of some advantages of this new ordinance. I just want to say she certainly kept us apprised.

Mayor Dennis said thank you. Further discussion?

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 7-09 passed on final reading, 6-0, by roll call vote.

Ordinance No. 8-09 An Ordinance Establishing The Go Greener Commission Fund (Submitted by Diane Damico)

Councilor Keen read Ordinance No. 8-09 by title and moved that it be passed on second and final reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

Mayor Dennis said discussion? We have Ms. Damico [chair, Go Greener Commission] here, if there's any question. Again, it's the second reading and establishes a fund where we can deposit the grant money.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 8-09 passed on final reading, 6-0, by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 11-09 To Amend Certain Portions Of The Unified Zoning Ordinance Of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, Designating The Time When The Same Shall Take Effect (UZO #60) (Submitted by Area Plan Commission)

Councilor Keen read Ordinance No. 11-09 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 Burch.

Mayor Dennis said discussion?

Councilor Keen said this was discussed in APC, and it is just an omnibus-type amendment to basically do a lot of housekeeping. There's nothing real significant in here, as far as West Lafayette is concerned. All the comments are in the footnotes. I'm not going to take time to read through all of those.

Mayor Dennis said but the reality of it is it just requires Council approval.

Councilor Keen said exactly.

Mayor Dennis said there's no impact for us.

Councilor Keen said it just requires Council approval. It's just really just a lot of housekeeping.

Mayor Dennis said any further discussion?

Councilor Bunder said do we have any mining operations? It's somewhat facetious, but I made a mistake on cornfields earlier.

Councilor Keen said the majority of that discussion was about landfills as opposed to mining operations, and the buffer yards associated with them.

Councilor Bunder said do we have a gravel pit or anything like that?

Mayor Dennis said not in the City limits.

Councilor Keen said not that I know of.

Mayor Dennis said just not yet.

Councilor Bunder said thank you, Councilor Keen.

Councilor Keen said there might be one down in District 1.

Councilor Roales said we have nice restaurants in District 1.

Mayor Dennis said any further discussion?

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 11-09 passed on first and only reading, 6-0, by roll call vote.

Ordinance No. 12-09 An Ordinance Providing For Temporary Loans From A Fund Having Sufficient Balance To A Depleted Fund (WWTU to Police Pension) (Submitted by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Councilor Keen read Ordinance No. 12-09 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 Burch.

Mayor Dennis said discussion?

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said as you will note, this is necessary for us to pay pension benefits for the Police Pension Fund, and we have a cash flow problem, because the State has been late in releasing the pension relief. As you remember, we're totally dependent on the State pension relief, now that there is no levy to fund the pensions. They have just done so, after the point where we needed to have a temporary loan, in order to meet our obligations. I'll note that the pension relief we have received from the State is less than guaranteed. Not a surprise, because we have cash balances in the pension fund, we'll be able to carry that this year, and, hopefully, be squared up under the new system next year. This loan, as you notice, is effective from May 29, 2009, at which time we needed to make the temporary loan to meet pension obligations.

Mayor Dennis said any further discussion or questions for Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes?

Councilor Keen said Judy [Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes], will you need two readings on this tonight?

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said please.

Councilor Roales said Judy [Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes], is this a month earlier than historically? I remember this more in August, maybe. Is this in norm with historical, that we usually request this at this sort of time of the year?

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said going back the past five years, no, it would not be, but perhaps more recently it is. It has to do with the cash balance that we have to cover the pensions until

we receive the pension relief payment. As you know, I'm not asking for one for the Fire Pension Fund. That is in better shape.

Councilor Roales said okay.

Mayor Dennis said further discussion?

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 12-09 passed on first reading, 6-0, by roll call vote.

Councilor Keen said Mr. Mayor, I move that we suspend the rules and consider Ordinance No. 12-09 for second reading tonight. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

Mayor Dennis said it's been motioned and seconded to suspend the rules and have a second reading on Ordinance No. 12-09. Any discussion?

There was no discussion.

The motion to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance No. 12-09 on second reading passed by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Keen read Ordinance No. 12-09 by title and moved that it be passed on final reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

Mayor Dennis said any further discussion?

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 12-09 passed on second and final reading, 6-0, by roll call vote.

Ordinance No. 13-09 An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 29-08 To Fix The Salaries Of Appointed Officers, Employees, And Members Of The Police And Fire Departments Of The City Of West Lafayette, Indiana, For The Year 2009 (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Councilor Keen read Ordinance No. 13-09 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 Burch.

Mayor Dennis said discussion? I guess the best place to start would be with you, Judy [Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes].

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said I will defer to Human Resources Director Diane Foster, who did the presentation to the Board of Works.

Human Resources Director Foster said there were a couple resignations recently in the Department of Development, which all of you are aware of. Mr. [Director of Development] Poole took the opportunity to continue to do some restructuring in that department. Basically, all he did was change the position titles on two of the positions that were vacated, changed the job descriptions slightly, which is why we need an amendment to the ordinance. The next ordinance—I don't know if I can go on to that—

Mayor Dennis said sure.

Human Resources Director Foster said there are actually two salary ordinances that we're asking to be amended. The positions are funded partially out of EDIT and the Wastewater Utility, so both salary ordinances need to be amended. Captain Leroux probably could speak a little bit better about the changes that are occurring in the Police Department. There is a position moving from the Department of Development into the Police Department, and there are a couple position title changes to that as well that we need to have these salary ordinances approved, again for the title changes and some minor position changes.

Mayor Dennis said all this information has been discussed in the Personnel Committee, and notes from that conversation have been disseminated to the rest of the Council, correct?

Human Resources Director Foster said and Board of Works also has previously approved the amendments to the Wastewater Treatment Utility salary ordinance.

Mayor Dennis said Captain Leroux, would you like to come on up and discuss the changes that are going on within the department?

Captain Leroux said again, as Diane [Human Resources Director Foster] indicated, some opportunities have come up. Reports by Chandler [Director of Development Poole] and some discussions held about the Police Department taking under our umbrella the nuisance and code enforcement duties. That is something that we are anxious to get started, and we're looking forward to being able to provide that service. We will be bringing over one of his current employees and, if this is approved, we'll be looking to hire a supervisor of our code enforcement program. Bringing that over to the Police Department would put it under one umbrella of code enforcement, parking enforcement, and animal control. That will be run as one division, and we will be looking to hire someone who can supervise those employees. I'll be happy to answer any questions.

Mayor Dennis said just to provide a little additional background, quite clearly in West Lafayette, code enforcement is an issue. The vibrancy and the quality of life within our neighborhoods is a very important issue. It's our intention, with this new program, to continue with the enforcement that we've had in the past, and yet try to be more proactive, try to have more eyes and ears out in the individual neighborhoods, so that we can not only just react to complaints, but also try to prevent further complaints. We also want to make sure that this division is readily identifiable. Obviously, they're not going to be dressed like Captain Leroux or like Chief Drew, but they're going to be able to be identified. They'll be in vehicles that will have something to the effect of Community Services Division on the side. And that's sort of a focal point of what we're trying to accomplish here. We're just trying to do a better job of providing services to this community and the neighborhoods housed within this community. We feel like this is a very substantial step in that particular direction. Obviously, the rental properties—over-occupancy, those issues—are going to be a focal point, as well as nuisance crimes and quality of life crimes, such as noise complaints, trash, some of the issues that we are made aware of daily. This will give us a little bit more fuel, a little bit more horsepower in order to deal with that. I commend Captain Leroux and Chief Dombkowski and [Director of Development] Chandler Poole on their initiative in trying to get this objective met. Now we need to continue down the road with that, so that we can and get this program kicked off and started. That's basically what the changes to these two ordinances are all about, it's getting things lined up appropriately, so that we can staff it correctly, and then, of course, pay accordingly. Any questions or Captain Leroux?

Councilor Hunt said I'm excited about the possibility of your eyes and ears and demeanor in helping this also. Lt. Sparger has been very interesting to talk to, and I think he's enthusiastic about it. I'm really hopeful that this will help.

Captain Leroux said I think it will. And we're very excited about it, too. We have an opportunity to bridge a gap between that development piece and the law enforcement piece. I think it's going to be good. I'm excited to get it going. I hope we get a yes vote on this ordinance.

Mayor Dennis said I'm really excited about it, too. But that's not necessarily a good thing for you guys.

Captain Leroux said that probably won't translate to excited for us. Thank you.

Mayor Dennis said further discussion?

Councilor Bunder said just for the sake of the public record and so when people ask me, I can say it right, could Chandler [Director of Development Poole]—pretending there was a PowerPoint in play somewhere in this room—diagram who will sit where and what the obligations of those different people will be.

Director of Development Poole said the nuisance inspection, Curt Cunningham is the current employee who will move over to the Police Department to work in the Community Services Division, for lack of a better term. I also have a funded yet unfilled housing inspector position which will also go over to the Police Department as well, to help beef up that newly-created division. The rental certification and the rental inspections will remain in my department. It's actually a very good fit, I think, with the new Community Services Division, to put the nuisance inspection and the overoccupancy investigations with the Police Department.

Councilor Bunder said I appreciate that, and I second Ann's [Councilor Hunt's] enthusiasm for this. I think it is good to take a fresh look at how we do this, and I think a community service approach is a good one. I'm excited. And one practical question: Who gets that first phone call? In the old days, it used to be Buz [former Assistant Director of Development Grady] or Curt [Nuisance and Housing Inspector Cunningham]. 775-5200? You? Who gets the first phone call about the first couch?

Director of Development Poole said the first couch?

Councilor Bunder said pick an issue.

Director of Development Poole said I know what you mean. It will be the Community Services Division. There will be an appropriate amount of marketing and word-of-mouth exposure, whatever you want to call it, to make sure that everyone understands the new process and the new division that's been created.

Councilor Bunder said 775-5200? Are we going to be calling the Police?

Captain Leroux said yes. You're going to be contacting our department, and I hope, if this passes, within the next couple weeks, we will have an individual that you can call at an individual extension, and that person will start getting out and networking with tenants and landlords and all the rest.

Councilor Bunder said so outside of business hours—I'm sorry, I want to be really clear about this, because I'm going to get very specific questions. 5 o'clock, the office is closed, and you call 775-5200. You get the nice dispatcher person.

Captain Leroux said that is correct.

Councilor Bunder said and they will be trained to deal with those kinds of community services issues.

Captain Leroux said they will be. Again, if it's a situation that they deem needs immediate attention, such as noise or whatever the problem is, they will start a CAD sheet and they will dispatch a police officer. If this is a situation that is a potential code offense or whatever, they will still start a CAD sheet, and then they will forward that to our Community Service supervisor.

Councilor Bunder said and I think the catch sheet is a real nice addition, because the record keeping will be consistent.

Captain Leroux said and that's just it. Every complaint that we go on, be it self-initiated or a complaint from the public, we'll go through our CAD system, it will be documented, and we will have some follow-up on the back end with what has transpired with that complaint. That is our goal.

Councilor Bunder said I have praised Chief Dombkowski and I will praise you in place of the Police Department for the improvement in the dispatchers' demeanor. We're probably still going to need some work on that, and I offer, as an example—I'll make up a name—my good friend Tammy who is a dispatcher on July 4, I called at about 6:30, because, after three hours, my good student neighbors had had enough beer and fireworks to begin to be a little bit unruly. I looked out my office window to see one of the kids in a confrontation with a driver of a mini-van. There was screaming, yelling—I'm not sure about what. Something was in the street. I don't know if it was a kid, a firework, I don't know. So I called 775-5200. I know you can't do anything about this, but this is just my story and this is what's going to happen because other people will be like me, calling 775-5200. Tammy, not her real name, said, "Well, is there a fight?" And I said, "Well, there's almost going to be a fight, because they're yelling and screaming and swearing and they're gesticulating, waving their hands." "Anybody get pushed?" "No, nobody got pushed." "Anybody get hit yet?" "No, nobody got hit yet," but I'm thinking maybe pretty soon somebody's going to get hit, and I'm real nervous, because there's been lots of drinking and all this. And I said, "Well, I think the guy's going to get in his van. I think they're done swearing at each other." The nice young lady said, "Well, if the van comes back, call me. Goodbye." Well, okay—

Captain Leroux said again—

Councilor Bunder said you know, we're all big boys here, and it's not on you, right? But it's—they're going to have to sound like—I don't know, people who are interested in public service in some way. I mean, it's really going to have to be, "Thank you, Mrs. Jones, for your comment." I just share that.

Captain Leroux said I appreciate that. Again, you know, dispatching is a difficult field.

Councilor Bunder said no doubt.

Captain Leroux said I agree that there needs to be a degree of professionalism. There also has to be a level of information gathered that is pertinent to what we need on the street. Sometimes we don't always hit our mark, Councilor. But we will take that information and we'll do better with it. It's just like this program. I am sure that there's going to be a constituent somewhere that calls our dispatch center in week one, and does not get the response that they want or thought they were going to get. There's going to be a learning curve, and we're going to have to work through that. This is not something that's going to start out August 1 and be ideal. But we are committed to making this program work, and it's going to.

Councilor Bunder said and I appreciate all those things. And I think it's a good deal.

Councilor Roales said I think it's possible to submit issues through the City website now. Are we going to have that redirected to the same database, just for database completeness?

Mayor Dennis said I don't know if the systems can talk to each other.

Captain Leroux said our database cannot talk to the City website. We would have to do another data entry sheet.

Mayor Dennis said the website itself could be—we could do a physical comparison.

Councilor Roales said right. I think the website probably generates an email that goes to Betina now. Can we just make sure that all that data gets into the same system, so that when we search that database for trash issues or whatever, that we see all of the trash issues that the City's received.

Mayor Dennis said sure.

Captain Leroux said sure.

Councilor Roales said thank you.

Councilor Hunt said I have one more question. You had mentioned interacting with the community. How do you see that happening—foot patrols, going to neighborhood association meetings? I know you go to some of those now.

Captain Leroux said yes. I envision this, Councilor Hunt, that the individuals, especially the one that we're trying to hire for our supervisor/coordinator, the first few months needs to be that outreach. They need to go to neighborhood associations, they need to contact all of our rental companies, and start making those relationships and those contacts. Again, I think the success of the program is going to hinge on those relationships. We have to be able to help them, they have to be able to help us. So that will be very important for that individual to start doing some outreach to neighborhood associations.

Councilor Hunt said Paul [Councilor Roales] can give me the exact name, but the Boiler Gold Rush, is that the orientation before school starts?

Councilor Roales said yes.

Councilor Hunt said do you see—I know you all have appeared there before. Do you see that as something you'll continue to integrate in your activities of speaking or handouts or whatever? And maybe even Meet and Greet.

Captain Leroux said I believe it is, it's the "welcome back" things that different districts do at the start of the year. Boiler Gold Rush is certainly an opportunity for us. But, again, we speak to different sororities and fraternities and groups all the time. And I think if we get our coordinator with us and take him in tow to some of these meetings and start introducing him to some of the parties that are involved, I think we can start building relationships that will ultimately benefit us.

Mayor Dennis said not even that, but I think most importantly, this is not going to be a secret. We're going to make sure that we disseminate information about it to the people, make people well aware of the new division and what its main objectives are, and how we can get those things taken care of.

Captain Leroux said again, I look forward to getting it going.

Councilor Hunt said thank you.

Mayor Dennis said me, too. Further discussion?

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 13-09 passed on first reading, 6-0.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said may I request consideration for second reading this evening?

Mayor Dennis said I need a motion and a second then.

Councilor Keen said I would move that Ordinance No. 13-09 be considered for second reading this evening, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

Mayor Dennis said it's been motioned and seconded. Any discussion?

Councilor Hunt said we don't need any kind of public hearing?

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said no.

The motion to consider Ordinance No. 13-09 on second reading passed by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Keen read Ordinance No. 13-09 by title and moved that it be passed on second reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

Mayor Dennis said any further discussion?

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 13-09 passed on second and final reading, 6-0.

Ordinance No. 14-09 To Amend The 2009 Wastewater Treatment Utility Salary Schedule As Submitted By The Board Of Public Works And Safety For Approval By The Common Council Of The City of West Lafayette, Indiana (Presented by the Board of Public Works and Safety)

Councilor Keen read Ordinance No. 14-09 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 Burch.

Mayor Dennis said any discussion?

There was no discussion.

Ordinance No. 14-09 passed on first reading, 6-0.

Councilor Keen said do we need to suspend the rules on this one, Judy [Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes]?

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said yes.

Councilor Keen said I move that we suspend the rules and consider Ordinance No. 14-09 on second reading tonight. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

Mayor Dennis said any discussion?

The motion to consider Ordinance No. 14-09 on second reading passed by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Keen read Ordinance No. 14-09 by title and moved that it be passed on second reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

Mayor Dennis said any discussion?

There was no discussion.

Ordinance No. 14-09 passed on second and final reading, 6-0.

Resolution No. 10-09 A Resolution Adopting The Mission Statement Of The City Of West Lafayette's Comprehensive Local Environmental Action Network (CLEAN) Challenge (Submitted by Mayor John Dennis and Ms. Diane Damico)

Councilor Keen read Resolution No. 10-09 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 Burch.

Mayor Dennis said discussion? Diane [Ms. Damico], if you would, please, why don't you come on up. Or Mr. [Wastewater Utility Director] Henderson or both. Or tag team. This is a pretty significant community challenge, and I think we've more than stepped up to meet that challenge. How about you guys go ahead and let the Council know what's going on, what we've done, and what are our objectives are. At least what our hopes are.

Ms. Diane Damico [chair, Go Greener Commission] said well, I'm going to have [Wastewater Utility Director] Dave Henderson talk to you about it, as the lead on that committee. Although I'll tell you a little bit that there is a group of stakeholders that have been working on this, including

Dave [Mr. Henderson], Mr. Tim Peoples from PRF, Curt Ashendel, Allen Jacobsen, [Street Commissioner] Dave Downey, and Lee Booth from the Parks Department.

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson said good evening. First, I'd like to thank Mayor Dennis for giving us the opportunity to come together and reach out to members of the community and members of City departments and come together and focus our efforts on becoming a CLEAN community. It's something I've been aware of for a number of years that IDEM offers, and I'm very excited for us to be able to extend our environmental efforts in this direction. It's a very good development here. As Diane [Ms. Damico] mentioned, the three departments are involved, the Street Department, the Parks, and the Wastewater Utility. We've been working with all the stakeholders to look at voluntary projects that we might undertake as part of the CLEAN Community Challenge, and look at things we can do within our City operations to improve our environmental efforts. We've been looking in the Street Department, increasing recycling in some of the City departments. Mr. [Street Commissioner] Downey came up with a very good idea for using recapped tires on some of his vehicles in the Street Department. We're looking at focusing on a particular neighborhood as far as stormwater BMP [best management practices] demonstration projects. None of this is set in stone at this point. We're putting this work plan together, discussing it with all the department heads that might be affected. I'd like to pick Mr. Buck's brain a little bit in this. I've been in contact with Laura Seifert, our CLEAN Community Challenge coordinator. She was out last week, but we exchanged a little bit of email today, looking at our project list. I think she's to the point she's going to meet with us again now, and we'll look at this and see if this fits what the program is anticipating communities to do.

Mayor Dennis said should we be awarded this certification, what will it do for the City of West Lafayette?

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson said well, there is a nice acrylic plaque. Some of the things that impact my department that I know of. Because, honestly, a lot of the benefits do impact my department. Less frequent compliance inspections, less frequent reporting requirements—although the monthly reports would still be generated, they would only need to be submitted once a year on the discharge monitoring reports, for instance. We would move to the front of the line when it's time for us to remove our permits. The NPDES permit for the Plant is coming up for renewal for 2011, so it would be nice to move this along and get involved in that, because it can be a lengthy process. I've been through two renewals of permits in the past, and one was very quick, and the other was a very lengthy endeavor, so it would be nice to have that benefit. There are other benefits—consideration for grants, if the State grants actually return. We're hoping at some point things will pick up and they'll reestablish funding for some of those things. I think one of the things that I'd like to focus on is that we have a history of being a very environmentally aware community. Our citizens, I think, appreciate that. Part of this is putting together a quality of life plan around these projects that we are selecting right now. I think that's an important part of the puzzle here is that it's really kind of formal recognition for some of the things that we do anyway in this community.

Mayor Dennis said absolutely. And Mr. [Street Commissioner] Downey and Mr. [City Engineer Buck] and Mr. [Parks Superintendent] Payne all deserve a lot of credit for that.

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson said absolutely. It's a team effort.

Mayor Dennis said they've been doing these things for quite a while. Nicely done, guys.

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson said we'll entertain any questions that you may have. Vicki [Councilor Burch].

Councilor Burch said Mr. [Wastewater Utility Director] Henderson, mostly this is to assist you and your department, number one, in making your permitting process easier or more efficient?

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson said well, when you look at the benefits sheet that's attached, yes, under "Regulatory Assistance," most of those things do benefit my department. But benefiting my department also benefits the City as a whole, because a lot of this reporting is time-consuming. It's things that we gather throughout the normal course of doing our business. We have a very good record of compliance. This is where they can focus on the bad actors out there, to free up some time for IDEM to go after the people who aren't doing what they're supposed to be doing.

Councilor Burch said in the handout here, it also says, "Meeting the requirements of the challenge will involve municipal employee time." Can you give me a guesstimate of how much time will be involved? Is this taking away employees from their regular duties, or is this additional duty?

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson said I can only speak for myself. You might ask David [Street Commissioner Downey] and Lee [Booth, Parks Department]. To me, it's something I've made time for, to be involved in the group. I think it's worthwhile. I'm happy to be a part of it and to help us meet the voluntary requirements for the challenge.

Councilor Burch said okay, thank you.

Mayor Dennis said further discussion?

Councilor Keen said David [Mr. Henderson], I have a question for you. Under the Mission Statement, it does talk about complying with the requirements and the voluntary commitments of the Quality of Life Plan. Do we have this plan?

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson said this is what we're developing right now. The core of it is this action plan that we're working on, with the different aspects—the recycling, the tire recapping. We're looking at the possibility of electric vehicles for some functions in the City. David [Street Commissioner Downey] and I have been talking about the possibility of generating biodiesel, similar to what Kokomo is doing. Those projects, once we finally narrow it down and have something put together that we're all comfortable with and IDEM is comfortable with, then we can move forward with those.

Councilor Burch said one more question, please. This is all voluntary?

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson said yes. Was that enough, Gerry [Councilor Keen]?

Councilor Keen said yes.

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson said did you want to add something?

Ms. Diane Damico said I just wanted to add that the reason why the mission statement is actually before the quality of life plan is that's IDEM's requirement that we have our mission statement approved by a body. Even though we've been already meeting, they want to see that

we're already committed to it as a community and through the Mayor's office. That's why it reflects that this is our plan, and we've been working on the ideas, but it's not included in your packet, because it's not something we're finished with. It seemed a little backwards to me, actually, but the mission statement had to be clarified to say where we were going.

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson said and Laura [Seifert, IDEM] had encouraged us to put together a draft of the action plan, then get her back involved with being the first person to review it and say, "Well, here maybe you're overreaching," or "Here maybe you need to beef it up a little bit." And then she'll help us work through the actual quality of life plan.

Councilor Keen said once that plan gets put together, is that approved by this body or the Board of Works or you, or is there an approval process on that?

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson said we haven't actually made the actual application to CLEAN yet. We have to put this together as part of a package. I can't remember how many pages are in the actual application form, but it's something that certainly we can keep you apprised of where we are in the process.

Councilor Keen said my model in life is less government is more, and I look at things like this and I see they benefits of it, but yet I have a tendency to play devil's advocate. I'm just asking myself if this is just another feel-good type resolution that we're putting together, or is this something that's really going to do something for us. Is this resolution going to do something for us that we're not doing already? Is it going to mandate us doing something that we maybe don't want to do? Those kinds of questions. And that's where I'm coming from.

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson said it is a voluntary program, and some communities have started down the path and dropped out. I won't name any names, but I know one very well. But to keep a positive point to this, Gerry [Councilor Keen], we aren't on the hook for anything that we don't want to be on the hook for. What we suggest is: Here's our plan. IDEM will come back and recognize this as a CLEAN community, and we have a three-year process of going through a work plan. And some of it may not come to fruition. That's part of it. At the end, we come back to it, we review it—what did we do, what did we not do. We may excel beyond what we'd planned.

Councilor Keen said but if we are approved as a CLEAN community, then that helps our permitting process go a lot easier is what I'm hearing you say.

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson said yes, there are regulatory benefits to this.

Councilor Keen said okay.

Mayor Dennis said there are certain funding issues as well to be more likely to be awarded grants.

Ms. Diane Damico said I'd like to add that the best benefit so far is in having that connection to IDEM, because we're able to have one person to call on any questions, and she's been great, as far as helping us along with this plan, and also shooting us constant emails about grants that are coming and what other information we need to have. Not every community has their own private IDEM person. So that's been a real benefit.

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson said Laura [Seifert, IDEM] has been very good. We've already, I think, experienced some positive benefits from being involved in this. Some of the great opportunities haven't exactly matched things that we're involved in, but keep them coming. We want to see what's out there and what we might be able to get involved in. I'm sorry, Vicki [Councilor Burch], back to your next question.

Councilor Burch said no, I'm sorry I interrupted, and you already answered it. Thank you.

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson said okay.

Mayor Dennis said further discussion?

Councilor Thomas said question for Diane [Ms. Damico], if I could. Diane, could you give me a brief synopsis of the makeup of the committee that put together the mission statement—how it was formed, etc.?

Ms. Diane Damico said well, they were department heads from the City and our PRF rep, Mr. Tim Peoples is here. We had an engineer, Allen Jacobsen, who is on the Go Greener Commission; and Curt Ashendel who is the head of the West Lafayette pedestrian and cycling group who is also with the Go Greener. We tried to pull in business and citizens and people from the City that already work here. One of the things we didn't mention was we found, in doing this, that, in looking at the application process, is that there is a little bit of a problem with communication with all the employees, because the majority of them don't have computer access. So, in talking to [Human Resources Director] Diane Foster, I found that maybe one of the better ways to communicate is having a CLEAN Team that is a representative from each department. Not that we'd get them together or pull them off their job, but that at least we have someone we can designate to put this on the bulletin board. So some of the information that we get, as far as how the municipality could run better doesn't get all the way through to the whole personnel, including people whose job it might affect. So that was one of the things that will go into the quality of life plan.

Mayor Dennis said further discussion? Thanks, guys, and good work. Nicely done. It's been motioned, it's been seconded, and it has been discussed.

There was no further discussion.

Resolution No. 10-09 passed on first and only reading, 6-0, by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS:

► Mayor Dennis said we somewhat discussed code enforcement and code enforcement program, and the godfather of code enforcement in West Lafayette recently retired. Buz Grady retired after 32 years of service to the City of West Lafayette. We had a pretty nice send-off for him last week. He is truly going to be missed. He set a lot of things in motion, that's for sure. But 32 years doing one job is a long time. We all wish him well in his future endeavors.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

► Mr. Ted Wachs [505 Evergreen] said I live in New Chauncey Neighborhood, a member of CHAUNC-PAC. I'd first like to say that echo completely with what the Mayor said about Mr. Grady. He talked about all the difficulties of his job, as reported in the *Journal and Courier*, and in spite of that, we always felt that he had the interests of the neighborhood at heart. We are very, very sorry to see that he's going. He also said that code enforcement was still unfinished

business, and we certainly agree with that. This new thing came up today about reassigning and changing everything, basically, and maybe a little bit of clarification would help, in terms of, for example, it's not clear to me at least, whether all problems in code enforcement will be handled by the police, or whether some will be handled by the police and some not. For example, noise at 3:00 a.m. Over-occupancy. Drinking. Overgrown lawns. Are these all the responsibility of the police, or are they going to be split among different departments?

Mayor Dennis said probably the easiest way to sort through that is a lot of the stuff is going to be statutorily covered anyway, like some of the actual criminal complaints, noise complaints, some of those things, sure. Those will go through the Police Department. Over-occupancy and grass height, snow on the sidewalks—that will be part of the Police umbrella, but it will be specifically Community Services Division.

Mr. Wachs said okay.

Mayor Dennis said clear as mud?

Mr. Wachs said that's a little better—

Mayor Dennis said I guess as they say, one call gets it all.

Mr. Wachs said then I guess my other concern would be priority. I mean, clearly, the police do a fantastic job. We've been amazed when somebody parks in front of our driveway when our car is sitting there, and the police get there quickly. That's impressive and that's important. But I do wonder to what degree will code enforcement be a priority for the Police Department in the same way that it was for Mr. Grady. I mean, given all they have to do—

Mayor Dennis said I can defer that pretty readily to Captain Leroux, but I can tell you where I'm coming from. This is an important program. This is what West Lafayette's all about, quality of life issues are paramount in this community, and I'm going to make sure that they're dealt with appropriately and are given the right sense of priority. Captain Leroux, obviously, can probably more completely explain how his officers respond to those sorts of issues, but it's important for this community.

Mr. Wachs said I'm glad to hear you say that. I just hope that things like over-occupancy, for example, are not lost when you're dealing with drunks and noise and all these other kinds of things. They're all important—

Mayor Dennis said don't confuse—community services are not going to be sworn, uniformed personnel. That's a civil side of the house. That is going to be the focus of their operation. The criminal stuff is the same stuff that the guys with the badges and the squad cars have been doing for years and years and years. They've been doing a very good job of it. That's not going to change.

Mr. Wachs said I think maybe a "Dummies Guide to the Reorganization" would help all of us in the community, perhaps. Thank you very much.

► Mr. Tom Kesler [479 Maple Street] said I, too, am intrigued about what I heard with this strengthened interest in code enforcement. I have some very simple measures: If I don't step on shards of glass while walking to and from work, if I don't have to dodge toppled trash cans and garbage in the alleys when I drive through them, and if I no longer see junk that is not taken

by the City left in the alley in perpetuity, then I'll know that what was discussed tonight with the strengthened interest in code enforcement will have some effect. So those are the simple measures I have with the code enforcement.

Mayor Dennis said interestingly enough. Lt. Gary Sparger is going to have a very strong influence on this program. One of his comments initially, when we discussed it with him, was the fact that there are some areas in West Lafayette that can use a good cleaning and a bath. Those were his words. I think that is going to be a focus of his. Community hygiene is pretty important.

Mr. Kesler said thank you. That's good to hear.

► Councilor Bunder said we're going to have to search for a word, and I don't know what the word or phrase is—community policing, soft policing, community service—I don't know, but we're going to have to find something.

Mayor Dennis said what's the acronym they have—?

Councilor Bunder said is there one in East Lansing?

Captain Leroux said they use PACE.

Councilor Bunder said what does—

Captain Leroux said Parking, Animal, Code Enforcement. Again, falling under that umbrella of—

City Attorney Burns said we can beat that.

Councilor Bunder said we're the sixth smartest small city in America. But that's the concept, and I don't know how we do that.

► Mr. Danny Weiss [323 Lawn Avenue] said good evening. I'm a resident and taxpayer of West Lafayette in the New Chauncey Neighborhood. I applaud your code enforcement efforts or desires or visions, and I hope they work out as planned. I think I can speak for most of the New Chauncey Neighborhood that we are concerned for our neighborhood, maybe to the point of fear, where it sort of becomes unhealthy, fearing for the stability of our neighborhood. We see, I think, code enforcement as maybe a last-ditch effort to save our neighborhood. But it is an effort nonetheless, and we're hoping that there will be other avenues to explore concerning our neighborhood in the City that may involve Purdue University to a greater degree. We're hoping that the City will encourage Purdue to take a more active role, particularly in our neighborhood, since that's our focus because it's such a treasure. Or we see it as a treasure for our neighborhood, that you have this viable neighborhood close to Purdue University, where faculty and staff can live and actually walk to work or bike to work, that we don't have to be dependent on automobile transportation. And so, as a resident of the New Chauncey Neighborhood, I strongly encourage renewed efforts in the code enforcement area, but also in starting—I don't know the history of this, but—engaging more vigorously with Purdue University, because I don't really see them, it—whatever it is—as taking much of a role. And so I'm hoping the City is engaged in some dialogue with Purdue that we don't yet know about, that will surprise us all with its visionary approach and vigor. But that's not why I'm up here tonight. I read recently in the *Journal and Courier* that the fireworks ordinance allows people to ignite fireworks over an

11-day period surrounding July 4, from 5:00 p.m. to two hours after sunset, which could be 11:30 or 12:00. If that's true, that seems somewhat liberal. Do fireworks exploiters really need that much time to celebrate our nation's birthday? Would a day on either side of the Fourth, perhaps, be sufficient? So I don't know how this process occurs, but would it be possible to consider an ordinance or resolution changing our fireworks ordinance? I think our neighbors and the Police Department might find satisfaction in a new ordinance concerning personal fireworks displays. Thank you for letting me speak tonight, and goodnight.

Councilor Roales said Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Dennis said Paul [Councilor Roales].

Councilor Roales said if I could just respond just briefly.

Mayor Dennis said sure, go ahead, Paul [Councilor Roales].

Councilor Roales said Mr. Weiss, I'm excited because the institutional memory of my time on the Council and my time attending Council members is not super-long, but I do remember the discussion on the creation of the current fireworks ordinance. If memory serves me right—and Judy [Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes] would probably remember as well—we are as restrictive as State law allowed us to be. This is before my time sitting on the Council, but I was attending at the time. And so the State law only allows us to restrict that as much as really we have so far. Now there's other things we could possibly use, like noise violations or other tools, which I'm sure the Mayor would be happy to look into. But unfortunately, we'd have to redress our State representatives to restrict that too much more.

Mr. Weiss said thank you. Did you want to respond to my concerns about the City's relations with Purdue University?

Councilor Roales said I think they can always be stronger. There's always more we can do in that area.

Mr. Weiss said what does Purdue University do for the City of West Lafayette, besides provide a lot of jobs, which is not insignificant, but do we owe them everything because of that?

Councilor Roales said I think South Bend is happy to receive a check from Notre Dame, but I don't think we'll see that, but I think things like the Community Partnerships meetings, I think maybe CHAUNC-PAC or New Chauncey has not been an active role in the Community Partnerships meeting, which is a meeting between the executives on both sides, between the City and Purdue. Maybe bringing more of the community organizations into those meetings, giving them visibility in that, may be a good step forward as well.

Mr. Weiss said I'll consult my Councilor about that. Thank you.

Councilor Burch said Mr. Mayor.

Councilor Bunder said well, just—I am on it, but didn't Bev Shaw coordinate that?

Mayor Dennis said yes.

Councilor Bunder said so now who is the new coordinator?

Director of Development Poole said me.

Councilor Bunder said you're a lucky man. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. That's an important bit of information.

Mayor Dennis said all right. Vicki [Councilor Burch].

Councilor Burch said I just want to say that I agree with Mr. Weiss regarding his comments concerning Purdue participating a little more. Also, I would ask that all the citizens give our officers and our new officers an opportunity to implement this new program concerning code enforcement. People are not perfect, as much as we'd like to have it rocking and rolling on the first day and everything be perfect, I ask for patience from the community. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business at this time, Councilor Bunder moved for adjournment, and Mayor Dennis adjourned the meeting, the time being 7:53 p.m.