

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE
GARY COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF
GARY, INDIANA**

**MINUTES OF
October 5, 2021**

VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM GODWIN
Councilman 1st District, Common Council President

THE HONORABLE COZEY WEATHERSPOON
Councilman 2nd District

THE HONORABLE MARY BROWN
Councilwoman 3rd District

THE HONORABLE TAI ADKINS
Councilwoman 4th District, Common Council Vice-President

THE HONORABLE LINDA BARNES-CALDWELL
Councilwoman 5th District

THE HONORABLE DWIGHT WILLIAMS
Councilman 6th District

THE HONORABLE RONALD BREWER
Councilman-At-Large, Parliamentarian

THE HONORABLE MICHAEL BROWN
Councilman-At-Large,

THE HONORABLE CLORIUS LAY
Councilman-At-Large

**THE HONORABLE JEROME PRINCE, MAYOR, CITY OF GARY
THE HONORABLE SUZETTE RAGGS, GARY CITY CLERK**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Common Council of the City of Gary, Lake County, Indiana met in Regular Session pursuant to the Laws and Rules of the Common Council of the City of Gary, Indiana, via zoom video conference on the **5th Day of October, 2021 at 6:00 pm** with the Honorable William Godwin presiding and the following members present/absent:

PRESENT

THE HONORABLE TAI ADKINS
THE HONORABLE RONALD BREWER
THE HONORABLE MARY BROWN
THE HONORABLE MICHAEL BROWN
THE HONORABLE LINDA BARNES-CALDWELL
THE HONORABLE WILLIAM GODWIN
THE HONORABLE COZEY WEATHERSPOON
THE HONORABLE DWIGHT WILLIAMS

ABSENT

THE HONORABLE CLORIUS LAY (*see page 6)

The meeting was opened at 6:05 pm with a moment of prayer by Councilman Brewer, followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair asked for Roll Call.

Roll call showed 8 present 1 absent (Councilman Lay). The Chair declared this duly a quorum in order to conduct business in the City of Gary.

The Chair asked for reading of the minutes.

Councilman Brewer moved to approve and accept the minutes from the meeting of September 21, 2021. It was seconded by Councilwoman Adkins, Councilman Weatherspoon and Councilwoman Caldwell.

Roll call showed 8 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

ASSIGNMENT OF COUNCIL PENDING ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

C.P.O. 2021-78

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 15 ENTITLED "LAND USAGE" CHAPTER 123 ENTITLED "ZONING CODE" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARY, INDIANA. Petitioner: Latosha Hill, 4014 Rhode Island Street, Gary, Indiana 46409 **Property: 4014 Rhode Island Street, Gary, Indiana 46409**

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

C.P.O. 2021-79

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING PAYMENT FOR MORE THAN ONE POSITION OF EMPLOYMENT.
Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak L. Harper, City Controller

FINANCE COMMITTEE

C.P.O. 2021-80

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING PAYMENT FOR MORE THAN ONE POSITION OF EMPLOYMENT.
Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak L. Harper, City Controller

FINANCE COMMITTEE

C.P.O. 2021-81

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FUND 885, THE BUDGETS FOR THE SAFE AND THRIVING COMMUNITIES GRANT. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary

WAYS/MEANS COMMITTEE

C.P.O. 2021-82

AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET FUND 254 TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2021. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak L. Harper, City Controller

FINANCE COMMITTEE

C.P.O. 2021-83

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GARY, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (FUND 176) FOR THE PAYMENT OF 2020 PREMIUM PAY, ELIGIBLE PUBLIC SAFETY PAYROLL EXPENSES AND PROVISION OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak L. Harper, City Controller

WAYS/MEANS COMMITTEE

C.P.R. 2021-10

A RESOLUTION BY THE GARY COMMON COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF BREAST CANCER AWARENESS AND ESTABLISHING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN GARY, INDIANA. Sponsored by: Linda Barnes-Caldwell, Councilwoman 5th District, Gary Common Council

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS COMMITTEE

C.P.R. 2021-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GARY OPPOSING NIPSCO'S 17% GAS RATE ADJUSTMENT. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

C.P.R. 2021-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GARY COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A PURCHASE BY THE CITY OF GARY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. Sponsored by: AJ Bytnar, Executive Director of Redevelopment Commission

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

C.P.R. 2021-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GARY COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING THE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH FULCRUM CENTERPOINT, LLC. Sponsored by: AJ Bytnar, Executive Director Redevelopment Commission

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Councilman Brewer, Chairman of the Planning & Development Committee has:

C.P.O. 2021-78

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 15 ENTITLED "LAND USAGE" CHAPTER 123 ENTITLED "ZONING CODE" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARY, INDIANA. Petitioner: Latosha Hill, 4014 Rhode Island Street, Gary, Indiana 46409 **Property: 4014 Rhode Island Street, Gary, Indiana 46409**

C.P.R. 2021-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GARY COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A PURCHASE BY THE CITY OF GARY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. Sponsored by: AJ Bytnar, Executive Director of Redevelopment Commission

C.P.R. 2021-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GARY COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING THE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH FULCRUM CENTERPOINT, LLC. Sponsored by: AJ Bytnar, Executive Director Redevelopment Commission **before it. For the record Councilman Brewer, Councilwoman Adkins and President Godwin approved C.P.O. 2021-78 and C.P.R. 2021-12 and 2021-13 to be reported out of committee.**

Councilwoman Brown, Chairwoman of the Finance Committee has:

C.P.O. 2021-79

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING PAYMENT FOR MORE THAN ONE POSITION OF EMPLOYMENT. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak L. Harper, City Controller

C.P.O. 2021-80

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING PAYMENT FOR MORE THAN ONE POSITION OF EMPLOYMENT. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak L. Harper, City Controller

C.P.O. 2021-82

AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET FUND 254 TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2021. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak L. Harper, City Controller **before it. For the record Councilwoman Brown, Councilwoman Adkins and Councilwoman Caldwell approved C.P.O. 2021-79, 2021-80 and 2021-82 to be reported out of committee.**

Councilwoman Adkins, Chairwoman of the Ways/Means Committee has:

C.P.O. 2021-81

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FUND 885, THE BUDGETS FOR THE SAFE AND THRIVING COMMUNITIES GRANT. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary

C.P.O. 2021-83

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GARY, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (FUND 176) FOR THE PAYMENT OF 2020 PREMIUM PAY, ELIGIBLE PUBLIC SAFETY PAYROLL EXPENSES AND PROVISION OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak L. Harper, City Controller **before it. For the record Councilwoman Adkins, Councilwoman Caldwell and Councilman Brown approved C.P.O. 2021-81 and 2021-83 to be reported out of committee.**

Councilwoman Caldwell, Chairwoman of the Boards & Commissions Committee has:

C.P.R. 2021-10

A RESOLUTION BY THE GARY COMMON COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF BREAST CANCER AWARENESS AND ESTABLISHING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN GARY, INDIANA. Sponsored by: Linda Barnes-Caldwell, Councilwoman 5th District, Gary Common Council **before it. For the record Councilwoman Caldwell, Councilman Williams and Councilwoman Brown approved C.P.R. 2021-10 to be reported out of committee.**

Councilman Brewer, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee has:

C.P.R. 2021-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GARY OPPOSING NIPSCO'S 17% GAS RATE ADJUSTMENT. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary **before it. For the record Councilman Brewer, Councilwoman Adkins and President Godwin approved C.P.R. 2021-11 to be reported out of committee.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Councilman Brewer reported the following legislation out of committee: **C.P.O. 2021-78, C.P.R. 2021-12 and 2021-13.**

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Councilman Brewer reported the following legislation out of committee: **C.P.O. 2021-11.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilwoman Brown reported the following legislation out of committee: **C.P.O. 2021-79, 2021-80, and 2021-82.**

WAYS/MEANS COMMITTEE:

Councilwoman Adkins reported the following legislation out of committee: **C.P.O. 2021-81 and 2021-83.**

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS COMMITTEE:

Councilwoman Caldwell reported the following legislation out of committee: **C.P.R. 2021-10.**

*The Chair acknowledged the presence of Councilman Lay.

COUNCIL PENDING ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS ON THIRD AND/OR FINAL READINGS:

C.P.O. 2021-68

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE GARY/CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TAX-BASED FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF GARY, INDIANA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 INCLUDING ALL OUTSTANDING CLAIMS AND OBLIGATIONS AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL TAKE EFFECT. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

Councilwoman Brown moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-68**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell and Councilwoman Adkins.

Mileak Harper (City Controller) and Duane Hayden (Gary/Chicago International Airport Executive Director) gave an overview of **C.P.O. 2021-68**.

President Godwin spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2021-68**.

Roll call on the motion showed a vote of 9 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this Council Pending Ordinance duly **PASSED**.

C.P.O. 2021-69

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE GARY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GARY, INDIANA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 INCLUDING ALL OUTSTANDING CLAIMS AND OBLIGATIONS AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL TAKE EFFECT. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

Councilwoman Brown moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-69**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Mileak Harper (City Controller) and Fred McMillon (Gary Public Transportation Finance Director) gave an overview of **C.P.O. 2021-69**.

Councilman Brown, Councilman Lay and President Godwin spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2021-69**.

Roll call on the motion showed a vote of 9 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this Council Pending Ordinance duly **PASSED**.

C.P.O. 2021-70

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF GARY, INDIANA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 INCLUDING ALL OUTSTANDING CLAIMS AND OBLIGATIONS AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL TAKE EFFECT. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

Councilwoman Brown moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-70**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Mileak Harper (City Controller), Diana Morrow (Gary Public Library Director) and Angela Lewis (Gary Public Library Acting Controller) gave an overview of **C.P.O. 2021-70**.

Roll call on the motion showed a vote of 9 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this Council Pending Ordinance duly **PASSED**.

C.P.O. 2021-71

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE SPECIAL REDEVELOPMENT GENERAL TAX-BASED FUND OF THE CITY OF GARY, INDIANA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 INCLUDING ALL OUTSTANDING CLAIMS AND OBLIGATIONS AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL TAKE EFFECT. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

Councilwoman Brown moved for adoption of **C.P.O. 2021-71**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Mileak Harper (City Controller) and AJ Bytnar (Executive Director of Redevelopment Department) gave an overview of **C.P.O. 2021-71**.

Councilwoman Adkins spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2021-71**.

Councilwoman Brown moved to withdraw the original motion. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilwoman Brown moved to refer **C.P.O. 2021-71** back to Finance Committee with a Public Hearing set for October 19, 2021. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Lay, Karl Cender (Cender and Company), President Godwin, Councilman Williams, AJ Bytnar (Executive Director of Redevelopment Department) spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2021-71**

Roll call on the motion showed a vote of 9 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

C.P.O. 2021-72

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GARY, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA APPROVING AN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) SPENDING PLAN. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

Councilwoman Adkins moved to refer **C.P.O. 2021-72** back to committee with a Ways/Means Committee Hearing set for October 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Lay, President Godwin, Mileak Harper (City Controller), Karl Cender (Cender and Company) and Councilwoman Adkins spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2021-72**.

Roll call showed a vote of 9 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

C.P.O. 2021-73

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING SALARIES FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF GARY'S GENERAL, PARKS, COIT, MVH, PENSION, AND FIRE TAX-BASED FUNDS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022.

Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

Councilwoman Brown moved for adoption of **C.P.O. 2021-73**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilwoman Adkins spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2021-73**.

Councilwoman Brown moved to withdraw the original motion. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilwoman Brown moved to refer **C.P.O. 2021-73** back to Finance Committee with a Committee Hearing set for October 14, 2021 at 5:30 am. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Mileak Harper (City Controller), Karl Cender (Cender and Company), Councilwoman Adkins, Atty. Rinzer Williams (Council Legal Advisor), President Godwin, Councilman Brewer and Councilman Lay spoke on **C.P.O. 2021-73**.

The Chair opened the floor for a Public Hearing on **C.P.O. 2021-73** and requested that the Clerk note it in the record.

President Godwin asked the administration if the public hearing was properly advertised.

Karl Cender (Cender and Company) spoke in regards to the advertisement on the public hearing for **C.P.O. 2021-73**.

Mileak Harper (City Controller) gave an overview of **C.P.O. 2021-73**.

THIS BEING THE NIGHT SET ASIDE FOR PUBLIC HEARING, THE CHAIR ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE WHO WISHED TO SPEAK FOR/AGAINST THIS COUNCIL PENDING ORDINANCE.

SPEAKERS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

None

President Godwin stated that the public portion was closed.

Roll call showed a vote of 9 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

C.P.O. 2021-74

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE PURPOSES OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE GENERAL, PARKS, COIT, CEDIT, CCI, CCD, MVH, LRS, FIRE PENSION, AND POLICE PENSION, TAX-BASED FUNDS OF THE CITY OF GARY, INDIANA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 INCLUDING ALL OUTSTANDING CLAIMS AND OBLIGATIONS AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL TAKE EFFECT. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

Councilwoman Adkins moved for a Public Hearing for **C.P.O. 2021-74**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

THIS BEING THE NIGHT SET ASIDE FOR PUBLIC HEARING, THE CHAIR ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE WHO WISHED TO SPEAK FOR/AGAINST THIS COUNCIL PENDING ORDINANCE.

SPEAKERS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

None

President Godwin announced that the budgets are on the Department of Local Government Finance website in Gateway. He also asked if the latest version of the City of Gary budgets could be uploaded to the City Clerk's and the City Council's websites.

President Godwin stated that the public portion was closed.

Councilwoman Adkins moved to refer **C.P.O. 2021-74** back to the Ways/Means Committee with a Committee Hearing set for October 14, 2021 at 5:30 pm. It was seconded by Councilman Brewer.

Roll call showed a vote of 9 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

COUNCIL PENDING ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING:

C.P.O. 2021-78

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 15 ENTITLED "LAND USAGE" CHAPTER 123 ENTITLED "ZONING CODE" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARY, INDIANA. Petitioner: Latosha Hill, 4014 Rhode Island Street, Gary, Indiana 46409 **Property: 4014 Rhode Island Street, Gary, Indiana 46409**

C.P.R. 2021-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GARY COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A PURCHASE BY THE CITY OF GARY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. Sponsored by: AJ Bytnar, Executive Director of Redevelopment Commission

C.P.R. 2021-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GARY COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING THE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH FULCRUM CENTERPOINT, LLC. Sponsored by: AJ Bytnar, Executive Director Redevelopment Commission

Councilman Brewer moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-78**, **C.P.R. 2021-12** and **2021-13** (second reading) with a Committee Hearing set for October 12, 2021 at 5:00 pm (via zoom) and Public Hearing set for October 19, 2021 at 6:00 pm (via zoom). It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Roll call showed a vote of 9 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

C.P.O. 2021-79

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING PAYMENT FOR MORE THAN ONE POSITION OF EMPLOYMENT.

Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak L. Harper, City Controller

C.P.O. 2021-80

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING PAYMENT FOR MORE THAN ONE POSITION OF EMPLOYMENT.

Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak L. Harper, City Controller

C.P.O. 2021-82

AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET FUND 254 TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2021. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak L. Harper, City Controller

Councilwoman Brown moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-79, 2021-80 and 2021-82** (second reading) with a Committee Hearing set for October 12, 2021 at 6:00 pm (via zoom) and Public Hearing set for October 19, 2021 at 6:00 pm (via zoom). It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Roll call showed a vote of 9 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

C.P.O. 2021-81

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FUND 885, THE BUDGETS FOR THE SAFE AND THRIVING COMMUNITIES GRANT. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary

C.P.O. 2021-83

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GARY, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (FUND 176) FOR THE PAYMENT OF 2020 PREMIUM PAY, ELIGIBLE PUBLIC SAFETY PAYROLL EXPENSES AND PROVISION OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak L. Harper, City Controller

Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-81 and 2021-83** (second reading) with a Committee Hearing set for October 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm (via zoom) and Public Hearing set for October 19, 2021 at 6:00 pm (via zoom). It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Roll call showed a vote of 9 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

C.P.R. 2021-10

A RESOLUTION BY THE GARY COMMON COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF BREAST CANCER AWARENESS AND ESTABLISHING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN GARY, INDIANA. Sponsored by: Linda Barnes-Caldwell, Councilwoman 5th District, Gary Common Council

Councilwoman Caldwell moved to Suspend the Rules for passage of **C.P.R. 2021-10** on all 3 readings. It was seconded by Councilwoman Brown.

Roll call showed a vote of 9 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

Councilwoman Caldwell moved for passage of **C.P.R. 2021-10**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Brown.

Councilwoman Caldwell gave a brief overview of **C.P.R. 2021-10**.

Roll call showed a vote of 9 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this Council Pending Resolution duly **PASSED**.

C.P.R. 2021-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GARY OPPOSING NIPSCO'S 17% GAS RATE ADJUSTMENT. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary

Councilman Brewer moved for passage of **C.P.R. 2021-11** (second reading) with a Committee Hearing set for October 12, 2021 at 5:45 pm (via zoom) and Public Hearing set for October 19, 2021 at 6:00 pm (via zoom). It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Brewer moved to amend **C.P.R. 2021-11** by adding all Councilmembers as sponsors. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Brewer moved to withdraw his original motion. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Lay, President Godwin and Deputy Mayor McCain spoke in regards to **C.P.R. 2021-11**.

Roll call and the amendment showed a vote of 9 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

Councilman Brewer moved for passage of **C.P.R. 2021-11** (second reading) with a Committee Hearing set for October 12, 2021 at 5:45 pm (via zoom) and Public Hearing set for October 19, 2021 at 6:00 pm (via zoom). It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Roll call showed a vote of 9 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

REPORTS/QUESTIONS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Deputy Mayor Trent McCain presented the following announcements/updates on behalf of the administration:

- 1) The Mayor will hold a series of community forums which will be held on; Thursday, October 7, 2021, at 6:00 pm in the Gary Council Chambers; Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at the Arthouse-A Social Kitchen; Thursday, October 21, 2021, (location to be announced) and Thursday, October 28, 2021 at Marquette Park Pavilion.
- 2) The City of Gary will celebrate the first "Mayor Richard Gordon Hatcher Day" on Monday, October 11, 2021, on the south side of City Hall at 11:00 am. Speakers will be Mayor Jerome Prince, family members of Mayor Richard Gordon Hatcher and members of the Gary Common Council.

Councilman Weatherspoon raised concerns to the administration regarding a high speed chase that took place with a County Police vehicle from Clark Road to Burr Street through a residential area and what policies are in place.

Deputy Mayor McCain and Chief Brian Evans (Police Department) responded.

Councilman Lay expressed concerns in regards to President Godwin being placed specifically on the program for the “Mayor Richard Hatcher Day Celebration”.

Deputy Mayor McCain responded.

Councilwoman Adkins announced that there will be a Ways/Means Committee Hearing (via zoom) on October 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm, for **C.P.O. 2021-75** and **C.P.O. 2021-72** and at 6:00 pm for **C.P.O. 2021-71**. There will also be a joint Finance and Ways/Means Committee Hearing (via zoom) on October 14, 2021 at 5:30 pm for **C.P.O. 2021-73** and **C.P.O. 2021-74**.

Councilman Lay, Councilwoman Adkins, President Godwin, Atty. Rinzer Williams (Legal Counsel Advisor) and Bill Outlar (Council Financial Advisor) spoke regarding the procedure of amending **C.P.O. 2021-73** and **C.P.O. 2021-74**.

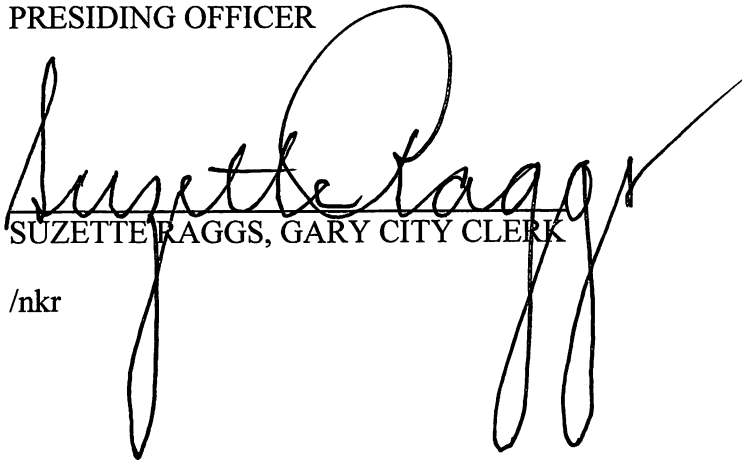
President Godwin, Dan Vicari (Executive Director, of Gary Sanitary District), Councilman Lay and Councilman Brewer spoke in regards to the sanitary districts bills that landlords are being left with from former tenants.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Robert Buggs

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMON COUNCIL, THE CHAIR DECLARED THIS MEETING OF **October 5, 2021** ADJOURNED AT 8:28 PM SO ORDERED.

WILLIAM GODWIN
PRESIDING OFFICER

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzette Raggs', is written over the printed name of the Gary City Clerk. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

SUZETTE RAGGS, GARY CITY CLERK

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