

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

**MINUTES OF
September 7, 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 **7th Day of September, 2021 at 6:00 pm** with the Honorable William Godwin presiding and the following members present/absent:

PRESENT

THE HONORABLE RONALD BREWER
THE HONORABLE MICHAEL BROWN
THE HONORABLE LINDA BARNES-CALDWELL
THE HONORABLE WILLIAM GODWIN
THE HONORABLE CLORIUS LAY
THE HONORABLE DWIGHT WILLIAMS

ABSENT

THE HONORABLE TAI ADKINS (* See Pg. 2)
THE HONORABLE MARY BROWN (** See Pg. 4)
THE HONORABLE COZEY WEATHERSPOON

The meeting was opened at 6:07 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 6 present 3 absent (Councilwoman Adkins, Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Weatherspoon). 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 August 17, 2021. It was seconded by Councilman Lay and Councilwoman Caldwell.

Roll call showed 6 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

*The Chair announced the presence of Councilwoman Adkins to the meeting.

ASSIGNMENT OF COUNCIL PENDING ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

C.P.O. 2021-64

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: Monica Reeves, 1401-11 W. 45th Avenue, Gary, Indiana **Property: 1401-11 W. 45th Avenue, Gary, Indiana**

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

C.P.O. 2021-65

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: Brandy Muldrow, 600 E. 17th Avenue, Gary, Indiana **Property: 600 E. 17th Avenue, Gary, Indiana**

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

C.P.O. 2021-66

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: Tanya Hunter, 425 E. 47th Place, Gary, Indiana **Property: 425 E. 47th Place, Gary, Indiana**

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

C.P.O. 2021-67

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: Ieesha Lawrence, 980 Hobart Street, Gary, Indiana **Property: 980 Hobart Street, Gary, Indiana**

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

WAYS/MEAN COMMITTEE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

WAYS/MEAN COMMITTEE

**The Chair announced the presence of Councilwoman Brown to the meeting.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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

C.P.O. 2021-64

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C.P.O. 2021-66

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C.P.O. 2021-67

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: Ieesha Lawrence, 980 Hobart Street, Gary, Indiana **Property: 980 Hobart Street, Gary, Indiana before it. For the record Councilman Brewer, Councilwoman Adkins and President Godwin approved C.P.O. 2021-64, 2021-65, 2021-66 and 2021-67 to be reported out of committee.**

Councilwoman Adkins, Acting Chairwoman of the Finance Committee has:

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

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

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

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

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 **before it. For the record Councilwoman Adkins, Councilwoman Caldwell and Councilwoman Brown approved C.P.O. 2021-68, 2021-69, 2021-70, 2021-71 and 2021-73 to be reported out of committee.**

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

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

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 **before it. For the record Councilwoman Adkins, Councilwoman Caldwell and Councilman Brown approved C.P.O. 2021-72 and 2021-74 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. 2021-64, 2021-65, 2021-66 and 2021-67.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilwoman Brown reported the following legislation out of committee: **C.P.O. 2021-68, 2021-69, 2021-70, 2021-71 and 2021-73.**

WAYS/MEANS COMMITTEE:

Councilwoman Adkins reported the following legislation out of committee: **C.P.O. 2021-72 and 2021-74.**

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

C.P.O. 2020-80

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARY PROVIDING FOR A HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE TRANSFER/SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES FORMERLY OWNED BY THE GUEA. Sponsored by: AJ Bytnar, Redevelopment Department

Councilman Brewer moved to defer **C.P.O. 2020-80** with a 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 8 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

C.P.O. 2021-57

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BUDGET IN FUND 877-LDA. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2020-80**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Brown and Councilwoman Caldwell.

Mileak Harper (City Controller) gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2021-57**.

Councilman Lay spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2021-57**.

Roll call showed a vote of 8 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this Council Pending Ordinance duly **PASSED**.

C.P.O. 2021-58

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY INTER-FUND LOAN BETWEEN CITY OF GARY FUNDS. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

Councilwoman Brown moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-58**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Mileak Harper (City Controller) gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2021-58**.

Councilman Lay and President Godwin spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2021-58**.

Roll call showed a vote of 8 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this Council Pending Ordinance duly **PASSED**.

C.P.O. 2021-59

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING SUBSIDIES FOR THE GENERAL FUND DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2021. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

Councilwoman Brown moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-59**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Mileak Harper (City Controller) gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2021-59**.

Councilwoman Adkins, President Godwin, Councilman Brewer and Councilman Lay spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2021-59**.

Councilwoman Brown moved to withdraw the original motion for **C.P.O. 2021-59**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Brown.

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

Councilwoman moved to refer **C.P.O. 2021-59** to a Finance Committee Hearing set for September 14, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. It was seconded by Councilman Lay.

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

C.P.O. 2021-60

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM FUND 872 (WHEEL EXCISE SURTAX) TO FUND 484 (COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT) AND ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATIONS. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-60**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Mileak Harper (City Controller) gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2021-60**.

Councilwoman Adkins, Councilman Brewer, Councilman Lay, President Godwin, Atty. Arlene Colvin (Community Development Director), Deputy Mayor Trent McCain and Councilman Brown spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2021-60**.

Roll call showed a vote of 7 ayes 1 nay (Goldwin). The Chair declared this Council Pending Ordinance duly **PASSED**.

C.P.O. 2021-61

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM FUND 872 (WHEEL EXCISE SURTAX) TO FUND 448 (WHEELTAX ROAD). Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-61**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Brown and Councilwoman Caldwell.

Mileak Harper (City Controller) gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2021-61**.

Councilman Lay spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2021-61**.

Roll call showed a vote of 8 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this Council Pending Ordinance duly **PASSED**.

C.P.O. 2021-62

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM HORIZON BANK TO BE USED TO PURCHASE SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE 1ST RESPONDERS EVENT. Sponsored by: Dwight Williams, Councilman 6th District, Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

Councilwoman Brown moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-62**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Mileak Harper (City Controller) and Councilman Williams gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2021-62**.

Councilman Lay, Telethia Barrett (Horizon Bank) and Councilman Godwin spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2021-61**.

Roll call showed a vote of 8 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this Council Pending Ordinance duly **PASSED**.

COUNCIL PENDING ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING:

C.P.O. 2021-64

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C.P.O. 2021-66

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C.P.O. 2021-67

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Councilman Brewer moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-64, 2021-65, 2021-66 and 2021-67** (second reading) with a Committee Hearing set for September 13, 2021 at 5:30 pm (via zoom) and Public Hearing set for September 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm (via zoom). It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

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

C.P.O. 2021-68

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Councilwoman Brown moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-68, 2021-69, 2021-70, 2021-71 and 2021-73** (second reading) with a Committee Hearing set for September 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm (via zoom) and Public Hearing set for September 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm (via zoom). It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

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C.P.O. 2021-72

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C.P.O. 2021-74

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Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-72 and 2021-74** (second reading) with a Committee Hearing set for September 14, 2021 at 5:00 pm (via zoom) and Public Hearing set for September 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm (via zoom). It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

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

REPORTS/QUESTIONS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Deputy Mayor Trent McCain presented the following announcement/update on behalf of the administration:

- 1) The State of the City Address will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 12:30 p.m. at the Gary SouthShore RailCats Stadium. The tickets for the luncheon are \$25.00 per person.
- 2) There will be a Citywide Clean-up effort scheduled for Friday, September 17, 2021 and Saturday, September 18, 2021. All city employees are encouraged to participate.
- 3) Condolences were expressed to the families of Eric Reaves and Dr. FranCina Conard.

Councilman Lay and President Godwin expressed concerns regarding the State of the City Address.

Deputy Mayor McCain responded.

Councilman Brown and Councilman Lay expressed concerns regarding the Citywide Clean-up effort.

Deputy Mayor McCain responded.

Councilman Lay and President Godwin expressed concerns regarding hazardous pay for essential employees.

Deputy Mayor McCain responded.

Councilman Williams spoke in regards to flyers for the Citywide Clean-up.

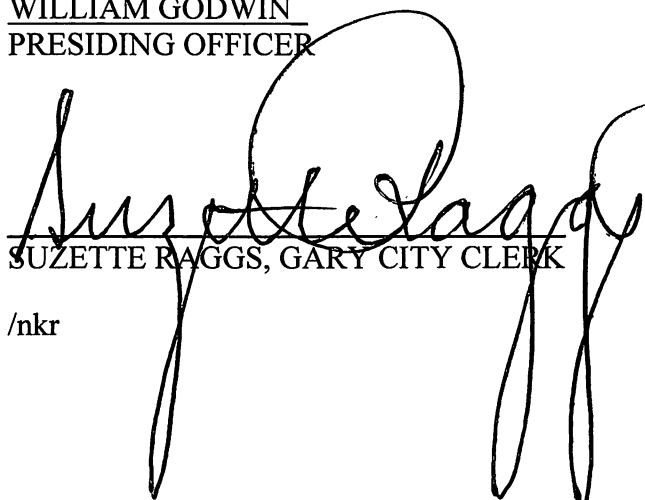
Deputy Mayor McCain responded.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMON COUNCIL, THE CHAIR DECLARED THIS MEETING OF **September 7, 2021** ADJOURNED AT 8:50 PM SO ORDERED.

WILLIAM GODWIN
PRESIDING OFFICER


SUZETTE RAGGS, GARY CITY CLERK

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