

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

**MINUTES OF  
JANUARY 3, 2021**

**VIA HYBRID ZOOM CONFERENCE**

**THE HONORABLE WILLIAM GODWIN**  
Councilman 1<sup>st</sup> District, Common Council President

**THE HONORABLE COZEY WEATHERSPOON**  
Councilman 2<sup>nd</sup> District

**THE HONORABLE MARY BROWN**  
Councilwoman 3<sup>rd</sup> District

**THE HONORABLE TAI ADKINS**  
Councilwoman 4<sup>th</sup> District, Common Council Vice-President

**THE HONORABLE LINDA BARNES-CALDWELL**  
Councilwoman 5<sup>th</sup> District

**THE HONORABLE DWIGHT WILLIAMS**  
Councilman 6<sup>th</sup> District

**THE HONORABLE RONALD BREWER**  
Councilman-At-Large

**THE HONORABLE MICHAEL BROWN**  
Councilman-At-Large,

**THE HONORABLE CLORIUS LAY**  
Councilman-At-Large, Parliamentarian

**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 hybrid/zoom conference on the 3<sup>rd</sup> **Day of January, 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 CLORIUS LAY  
THE HONORABLE COZEY WEATHERSPOON  
THE HONORABLE DWIGHT WILLIAMS

ABSENT

The meeting was opened at 6:00 pm with a moment of prayer by President Godwin, followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair asked for Roll Call.

Roll call showed 9 present 0 absent. 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.

Councilwoman Adkins moved to approve and accept the minutes from the meeting of December 7, 2021. It was seconded by Councilman Lay.

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

The Chair requested that the Gary Common Council 2022 Committee assignments be approved.

Councilman Brewer requested that his name be stricken from Chairman of the Towing Committee.

The Chair stated that he will strike Councilman Brewer's name and replace it with Councilman Michael Brown as Chairman of the Towing Committee.

Councilwoman Adkins moved to accept the Gary Common Council 2022 Committee assignments. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

The Chair announced that Councilman Clorius Lay has been appointed Parliamentarian of the Gary Common Council for the year 2022.

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

**ASSIGNMENT OF COUNCIL PENDING ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

**C.P.O. 2022-01**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 15 ENTITLED "LAND USAGE" CHAPTER 123 ENTITLED "ZONING CODE" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARY, INDIANA TO ESTABLISH THE GARY COMMERCE CENTER PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT IN THE AREA

GENERALLY KNOWN AS LAKE SANDY JO ON AND ABOUT 3615 W. 25<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE.

Petitioner: Region Growth Capital LLC, 360 North State Street, Chicago, Il **Property: 3615 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gary, In**

#### **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

##### **C.P.O. 2022-02**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 15 ENTITLED “LAND USAGE” CHAPTER 123 ENTITLED “ZONING CODE” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARY, INDIANA FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3121-39 W. 11<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE. Petitioner: Matthew Jackson **Property: 3121-39 W. 11<sup>TH</sup> Avenue, Gary, In**

#### **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

#### **Councilwoman Adkins, Chairwoman Committee has:**

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approved C.P.O. 2022-02 to be reported out of committee.

### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

#### **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

Councilwoman Adkins reported the following legislation out of committee: **C.P.O. 2022-01 and 2022-02.**

### **COUNCIL PENDING ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS ON THIRD AND/OR FINAL READING:**

None

## **COUNCIL PENDING ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING:**

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Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2022-01 and 2022-02** (second reading) with a Committee Hearing set for January 11, 2022 at 5:00 pm (via zoom) and Public Hearing set for January 18, 2022 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**

Atty. Trent McCain (Deputy Mayor) expressed congratulations to President Godwin and Councilwoman Adkins on their elections to the positions of President and Vice-President of the Council for the year 2022, respectively, and wished the citizens of the City of Gary a Happy New Year.

Councilman Brown requested an update on the City of Gary's snow removal during the recent snow storm.

Atty. McCain responded.

Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Weatherspoon and Councilman Brown spoke in regard to the snow removal plan.

Atty. McCain stated that he would get the finalized list of warming centers to the Council and media.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMON COUNCIL, THE CHAIR DECLARED THIS MEETING OF **January 3, 2021** ADJOURNED AT 6:50 PM SO ORDERED.

WILLIAM GODWIN  
PRESIDING OFFICER

SUZETTE RAGGS, GARY CITY CLERK  
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# Memo

To: The Gary Common Council  
From: Gary City Clerk Suzette Raggs  
Date: December 28, 2021  
Re: Hybrid Rescheduled Meeting

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In accordance with policy and procedure, this memorandum serves as official notification that the members of the Gary Common Council have hereby called for the next regularly scheduled Gary Common Council meeting of Tuesday, January 4, 2022 to be changed to Monday, January 3, 2022 at 6:00 pm (via zoom meeting).

The nature, object and purpose of Monday's meeting will be to discuss the regular business of the Gary Common Council. You are requested to govern yourselves accordingly.