

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

**MINUTES OF
March 16, 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 **16th Day of March, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** 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

NONE

The meeting was opened at 6:12 p.m. 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 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.

Councilman Brewer moved to approve and accept the minutes from the meeting of March 2, 2021. It was seconded by Councilwoman Brown.

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

ASSIGNMENT OF COUNCIL PENDING ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

C.P.O. 2021-14

AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE HEALTHY FAMILIES BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR OF 2021.
Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Arlene Colvin, City Controller

FINANCE COMMITTEE

C.P.O. 2021-15

AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE PHEP GRANT BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNIG JULY 1, 2020 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Arlene Colvin, City Controller

FINANCE COMMITTEE

C.P.O. 2021-16

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GARY, LAKE COUNTY INDIANA AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PARK & RECREATION FUND. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Arlene Colvin, Acting City Controller

WAYS/MEANS COMMITTEE

C.P.O. 2021-17

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A RESIDENCY WAIVER FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE CITY OF GARY, INDIANA. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

C.P.O. 2021-18

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A RESIDENCY WAIVER FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE CITY OF GARY, INDIANA. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

C.P.O. 2021-19

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NEW FUND FOR THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO USE FOR WELLNESS CREDITS RECEIVED FROM AIM MEDICAL TRUST FOR THE YEAR OF 2021. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Arlene Colvin, City Controller

WAYS/MEANS COMMITTEE

C.P.O. 2021-20

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN FUND 101-DEPARTMENT 604. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary Arlene Colvin, City Controller

FINANCE COMMITTEE

C.P.O. 2021-21

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING INCREASES AND DECREASES IN APPROPRIATIONS IN FUND 213 – EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG). Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Arlene Colvin, Acting City Controller

WAYS/MEANS COMMITTEE

C.P.O. 2021-22

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND ADJUSTING APPROPRIATIONS IN FUND 212 – HOME PROGRAM. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Arlene Colvin, Acting City Controller

WAYS/MEANS COMMITTEE

C.P.R. 2021-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARY, INDIANA ACKNOWLEDGING KAREN FREEMAN-WILSON AS THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN FEMALE MAYOR IN THE CITY OF GARY AND THE STATE OF INDIANA FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH. Sponsored by: Members of the Gary Common Council; William G. Godwin, 1st District, Cozey Weatherspoon, 2nd District, Mary Brown, 3rd District, Tai Adkins, 4th District, Linda Barnes-Caldwell, 5th District, Dwight A. Williams, 6th District, Ronald G. Brewer, Councilman-At-Large, Michael Brown, Council-At-Large, Clorius L. Lay, Council-At-Large

PARKS RECREATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Adkins moved to add **C.P.O. 2019-65 (9305)** to the agenda. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Williams, Councilman Lay, President Godwin and Atty. Rinzer Williams (Legal Advisor), spoke regarding the motion.

Roll call showed a vote of 8 ayes 1 nay (Lay). The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

C.P.O. 2019-65/9305

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT. Sponsored by: Councilmember Rebecca Wyatt, 1st District

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Councilwoman Brown, Chairwoman of the Finance Committee has:

C.P.O. 2021-14

AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE HEALTHY FAMILIES BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR OF 2021. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Arlene Colvin, City Controller **before it. For the record Councilwoman Brown, Councilwoman Caldwell and Councilwoman Adkins approved C.P.O. 2021-14 to be reported out of committee.**

C.P.O. 2021-15

AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE PHEP GRANT BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNIG JULY 1, 2020 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Arlene Colvin, City Controller **before it. For the record Councilwoman Brown, Councilwoman Caldwell and Councilwoman Adkins approved C.P.O. 2021-15 to be reported out of committee.**

C.P.O. 2021-20

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN FUND 101-DEPARTMENT 604. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary Arlene Colvin, City Controller **before it. For the record Councilwoman Brown, Councilwoman Caldwell and Councilwoman Adkins approved C.P.O. 2021-20 to be reported out of committee.**

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

C.P.O. 2021-16

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C.P.O. 2021-21

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING INCREASES AND DECREASES IN APPROPRIATIONS IN FUND 213 – EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG). Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Arlene Colvin, Acting City Controller **before it. For the record Councilwoman Adkins, Councilman Brown and Councilwoman Caldwell approved C.P.O. 2021-21 to be reported out of committee.**

C.P.O. 2021-22

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND ADJUSTING APPROPRIATIONS IN FUND 212 – HOME PROGRAM. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Arlene Colvin, Acting City Controller **before it. For the record Councilwoman Adkins, Councilman Brown and Councilwoman Caldwell approved C.P.O. 2021-22 to be reported out of committee.**

Councilwoman Brown, Chairwoman Personnel Committee has:

C.P.O. 2021-17

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A RESIDENCY WAIVER FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE CITY OF GARY, INDIANA. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary **before it. For the record Councilwoman Brown, Councilwoman Adkins and Councilman Brewer approved C.P.O. 2021-17 to be reported out of committee.**

C.P.O. 2021-18

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A RESIDENCY WAIVER FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE CITY OF GARY, INDIANA. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary **before it. For the record Councilwoman Brown, Councilwoman Adkins and Councilman Brewer approved C.P.O. 2021-18 to be reported out of committee.**

Councilman Brewer, Chairman of Planning & Development Committee has:

C.P.O. 2019-65 (9305)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT. Sponsored by: Councilmember Rebecca Wyatt, 1st District **before it. For the record Councilman Brewer, Councilman Godwin and Councilwoman Adkins approved C.P.O. 2019-65 (9305) to be reported out of committee.**

Councilwoman Adkins, Chairwoman of the Parks and Recreation Committee has:

C.P.R. 2021-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARY, INDIANA ACKNOWLEDGING KAREN FREEMAN-WILSON AS THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN FEMALE MAYOR IN THE CITY OF GARY AND THE STATE OF INDIANA FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH. Sponsored by: Members of the Gary Common Council; William G. Godwin, 1st District, Cozey Weatherspoon, 2nd District, Mary Brown, 3rd District, Tai Adkins, 4th District, Linda Barnes-Caldwell, 5th District, Dwight A. Williams, 6th District, Ronald G. Brewer, Councilman-At-Large, Michael Brown, Council-At-Large, Clorius L. Lay, Council-At-Large **before it. For the record Councilwoman Adkins, Councilman Brown and Councilman Williams approved C.P.R. 2021-03 to be reported out of committee.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilwoman Brown reported the following legislation out of committee: **C.P.O. 2021-14, 2021-15 and 2021-20.**

WAYS/MEANS COMMITTEE:

Councilwoman Adkins reported the following legislation out of committee: **C.P.O. 2021-16, 2021-19, 2021-21, and 2021-22.**

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Councilman Brewer reported the following legislation out of committee: **C.P.O. 2019-65 (9305).**

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Councilwoman Brown reported the following legislation out of committee: **C.P.O. 2021-17 and 2021-18.**

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE:

Councilwoman Adkins reported the following legislation out of committee: **C.P.R. 2021-03.**

The Chair invited Dr. Paige McNulty (Emergency Manager) and Kim Bradley (Chief Academic Officer) of the Gary Community School Corporation to come before the Council.

Dr. McNulty and Kim Bradley gave updates regarding the 2021 school year and gave congratulatory remarks to the Westside Leadership Academy Boys Basketball Champions.

Councilman Lay, President Godwin, Councilman Brewer expressed concerns regarding the titles, overviews and sponsorships of proposed legislation.

Councilman Brewer moved to execute the Investigative Committee. It was seconded by Councilman Lay, Councilwoman Brown and Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Lay, Atty. Williams (Legal Advisor), Councilman Brewer and President Godwin spoke regarding the motion.

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

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

C.P.O. 2021-03

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING 2021 APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT REVENUE BUDGETS – FUND 227 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Arlene Colvin, Chief of Staff/Controller

Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-03**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Arlene Colvin (City Controller) gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2021-03**.

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

C.P.O. 2021-04

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN FROM EFSP FEMA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Arlene Colvin, Chief of Staff/Controller

Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-04**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Brown.

Arlene Colvin (City Controller) gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2021-04**.

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

C.P.O. 2021-05

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A RESIDENCY WAIVER FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE CITY OF GARY, INDIANA. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary

Councilwoman Brown moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-05**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Rodney Pol (Corporation Counsel) gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2021-05**.

President Godwin, Eric Boria (Zoning Director), Arlene Colvin (City Controller), Councilman Lay, Councilman Brewer, Councilman Brown, Councilman Williams, Councilwoman Brown and Atty. Williams (Legal Advisor) spoke regarding **C.P.O. 2021-05**.

Councilwoman Caldwell moved to send **C.P.O. 2021-05, 2021-06, 2021-07, 2021-17 and 2021-18** to an Executive Session in person. It was seconded by Councilman Brown, Councilman Williams and Councilwoman Brown.

Councilman Lay, President Godwin, Atty. Williams (Legal Advisor) and Councilwoman Caldwell spoke on the motion.

Roll call showed a vote of 6 ayes 3 nays (Brewer, Lay, Weatherspoon). The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

C.P.O. 2021-06

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A RESIDENCY WAIVER FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE CITY OF GARY, INDIANA. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary

C.P.O. 2021-07

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A RESIDENCY WAIVER FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE CITY OF GARY, INDIANA. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary

C.P.O. 2021-08

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: Laurel Fefferman, 300 W. Ridge Road, Gary, Indiana 46408 **Property: 401 W. Ridge Road, Gary, Indiana 46408**

Councilman Brewer moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-08**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Eric Boria (Zoning Director) gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2021-08**.

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

C.P.O. 2021-09

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: Jose Hernandez Martinez, 4957-59 Broadway, Gary, Indiana 46409 **Property: 4957-59 Broadway, Gary, Indiana 46409**

Councilman Brewer moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-09**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Eric Boria (Zoning Director) gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2021-09**.

Councilman Williams, Councilman Brewer, Councilwoman Brown and Councilwoman Adkins spoke regarding **C.P.O. 2021-09**.

Roll call showed a vote of 8 ayes 1 nay (Brown). The Chair declared this Council Pending Ordinance duly **PASSED**.

C.P.O. 2021-10

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: Kinishia Clark, 6938 Ironwood Avenue, Gary, Indiana 46403 **Property: 6938 Ironwood Avenue, Gary, Indiana 46403**

Councilman Brewer moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-10**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Brown and Councilman Lay.

Eric Boria (Zoning Director) gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2021-10**.

Councilman Brown, President Godwin, Councilman Lay, Councilman Brewer and Atty. Pol (Corporation Counsel) spoke regarding **C.P.O. 2021-10**.

Councilman Brown moved to refer **C.P.O. 2021-10** back to the BZA. It was seconded by Councilman Godwin.

Councilwoman Adkins, President Godwin, Atty. Williams (Legal Advisor), Atty. Pol (Corporation Counsel) and Councilman Lay spoke regarding **C.P.O. 2021-10**.

Roll call showed a vote of 3 ayes 4 nays (Brewer, Caldwell, Lay, Weatherspoon) 2 abstention (Brown Williams). The Chair declared this motion duly defeated.

Councilwoman Brown and Councilman Williams, respectively, stated that they were changing their vote to the affirmative.

Roll call showed a vote of 5 ayes 4 nays (Brewer, Caldwell, Lay, Weatherspoon). The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

C.P.O. 2021-11

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2021 BUDGET (FUND 101-010 – MAYOR'S OFFICE) TO CHANGE A POSITION TITLE. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary

Councilwoman Brown moved to lay **C.P.O. 2021-11** on the table. It was seconded by Councilman Brewer.

Atty. Williams (Legal Advisor) and Councilman Lay spoke regarding to the motion.

Roll call showed a vote of 5 ayes 4 nay (Mi. Brown, Lay, Weatherspoon, Williams). The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

C.P.O. 2021-12

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING LOVE YOUR BLOCK GRANT FUND 409 BUDGETFOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMNER 31, 2021. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Arlene Colvin, City Controller

Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-12**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Arlene Colvin (City Controller) and Shanita Starks (Deputy Chief of Staff) gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2021-12**.

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

C.P.R. 2021-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE GARY COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE TRANSFER OF A FIRE ENGINE FROM THE CITY OF VALPARAISO FIRE DEPARTMENT. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary

Councilwoman Brown moved for passage of **C.P.R. 2021-04**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Arlene Colvin (City Controller) gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2021-04**.

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

COUNCIL PENDING ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING:

Councilwoman Adkins moved to Suspend the Rules to consider **C.P.R. 2021-03** on all 3 readings. It was seconded by Councilwoman Brown.

C.P.R. 2021-03

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President Godwin gave an overview of **C.P.R. 2021-03**.

Former Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson of the City of Gary expressed appreciation for the honor.

President Godwin read the proposed resolution.

Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Lay, Councilman Brown, Councilwoman Caldwell, Councilman Weatherspoon, Councilman Brewer, Councilwoman Adkins, President Godwin and Councilman Williams spoke regarding **C.P.R. 2021-03**.

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

Councilman Brewer moved for passage of **C.P.R. 2021-03** on all 3 readings. It was seconded by Councilwoman Brown, Councilwoman Caldwell and Councilwoman Adkins.

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

C.P.O. 2021-14

AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE HEALTHY FAMILIES BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR OF 2021. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Arlene Colvin, City Controller

Councilwoman Brown moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-14, 2021-15 and 2021-20** (second reading) with a

Committee Hearing set for March 23, 2021 at 6:00 pm. 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. 2021-15

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Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-16, 2021-19, 2021-21, 2021-22** (second reading) with a Committee Hearing set for March 23, 2021 at 7:00 pm. 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. 2021-17

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A RESIDENCY WAIVER FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE CITY OF GARY, INDIANA. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary

C.P.O. 2021-18

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C.P.O. 2021-22

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C.P.O. 2019-65/9305

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT. Sponsored by: Councilmember Rebecca Wyatt, 1st District

Councilman Brewer moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2019-65 (9305)** (second reading) with a Committee Hearing set for March 23, 2021 at 5:00 pm. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Brewer stated that **C.P.O. 2020-80** will also be heard at that time.

Roll call showed a vote of 7 ayes 2 nays (Lay, Weatherspoon). 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. Congratulations were expressed to the Westside Leadership Academy Boys Basketball Champions.
2. Appreciation was expressed to President Joe Biden and Congressman Frank Mrvan for finding ways to help cities like Gary, Indiana in receiving an estimated 83 million dollars as a part of the American Rescue Plan Act.
3. An update was given regarding the Covid-19 testing and the vaccinations offered in the City of Gary for which the age eligibility was changed to individuals 45 and over.
4. Mayor Prince was awarded an Indiana University Bicentennial Award for his service to the community.
5. The administration informed the Public Safety Chairman and the Committee that they will prepare a written report prior to the March 23, 2021 Public Safety Committee meeting detailing all of the events that occurred during the purchase of the new vehicles as well as exhibits and supporting documentation.
6. The administration informed the Council that they had arranged for a professional contractor to install the portrait of former Mayor Karen Freeman Wilson to be hung in city hall on Wednesday, March 17, 2021.

Councilman Brewer and President Godwin spoke regarding the information provided at the previous Public Safety Committee meeting.

Councilwoman Caldwell and Councilman Lay raised concerns to the administration regarding the Covid-19 vaccines for the homebound residents.

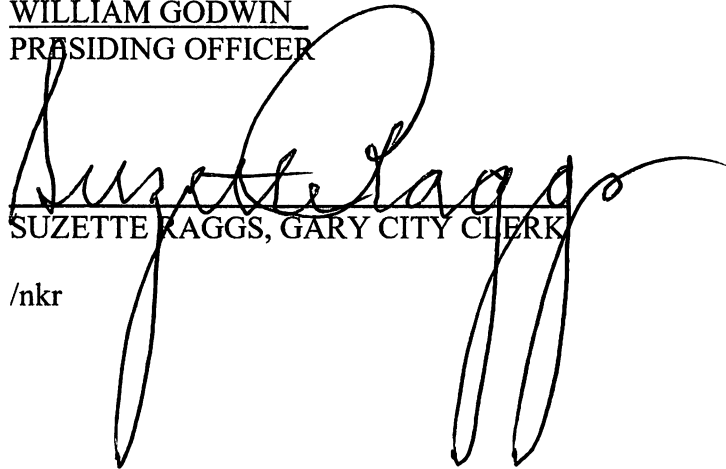
Atty. McCain (Deputy Mayor) stated that he will provide the updated information to them at a later date.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kasey Nalls (Unite Here)

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMON COUNCIL, THE CHAIR DECLARED THIS MEETING OF **March 16, 2021** ADJOURNED AT 10:25 PM SO ORDERED.

WILLIAM GODWIN
PRESIDING OFFICER


SUZETTE RAGGS, GARY CITY CLERK

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