

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

**MINUTES OF
September 21, 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 **21st Day of September, 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 6:12 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 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 September 7, 2021. It was seconded by Councilwoman Adkins.

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

ASSIGNMENT OF COUNCIL PENDING ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

C.P.O. 2021-75

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING SALARY AND OPERATING BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF GARY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (PROGRAM YEAR 2021), EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM (PROGRAM YEAR 2021), HOME PROGRAM (PROGRAM YEAR 2021) NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM (PROGRAM YEAR 2021) AND FORECLOSURE PREVENTION PROGRAM (PROGRAM YEAR 2021). Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller, Community Development Department

WAYS/MEANS COMMITTEE

C.P.O. 2021-76

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: Arte Emmanoilidis, **Property: 3870 Chase Street, Gary, Indiana, 3870 Waite Street, Gary, Indiana, 3830 Waite Street, Gary, Indiana**

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

C.P.O. 2021-77

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VIII SECTION 105-432, REGARDING CONTRACTOR'S LICENSES. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Deputy Mayor Trent A. McCain, City of Gary

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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

C.P.O. 2021-75

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING SALARY AND OPERATING BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF GARY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (PROGRAM YEAR 2021), EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM (PROGRAM YEAR 2021), HOME PROGRAM (PROGRAM YEAR 2021) NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM (PROGRAM YEAR 2021) AND FORECLOSURE PREVENTION PROGRAM (PROGRAM YEAR 2021). Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller, Community Development Department **before it. For the record Councilwoman Adkins, Councilwoman Caldwell and Councilman Brown approved C.P.O. 2021-75 to be reported out of committee.**

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

C.P.O. 2021-76

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: Arte Emmanoilidis, **Property: 3870 Chase Street, Gary, Indiana, 3870 Waite Street, Gary, Indiana, 3830 Waite Street, Gary, Indiana**

C.P.O. 2021-77

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VIII SECTION 105-432, REGARDING CONTRACTOR'S LICENSES. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Deputy Mayor Trent A. McCain, City of Gary **before it. For the record Councilman Brewer, Councilwoman Adkins and President Godwin approved C.P.O. 2021-76 and 2021-77 to be reported out of committee.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

WAYS/MEANS COMMITTEE:

Councilwoman Adkins reported the following legislation out of committee: **C.P.O. 2021-75.**

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Councilman Brewer reported the following legislation out of committee: **C.P.O. 2021-76 and 2021-77.**

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

C.P.O. 2021-49

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 8831 TO INCLUDE REQUIREMENTS FOR ARMED SECURITY GUARDS AT CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS BETWEEN DUSK AND DAWN AND REQUIRING 24-HOUR ARMED SECURITY AT OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS WITH A HISTORY OF VIOLENT CRIME.

Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Councilman Cozey Weatherspoon, 2nd District

Councilman Brewer moved to refer **C.P.O. 2021-49** back to committee with a Public Safety Committee Hearing set for November 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. It was seconded by Councilman Brown.

Roll call showed a vote of 9 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this motion 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 and Councilwoman Adkins.

Atty. Arlene Colvin (Community Development Director) gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2021-59**.

Councilwoman Brown moved to amend **C.P.O. 2021-59** by substitution. It was seconded by Councilman Brewer.

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

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

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

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**

Councilman Brewer moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-64**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Eric Boria (Zoning Director) and Monica Reeves (petitioner) gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2021-64**.

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

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**

Councilman Brewer moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-65**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Eric Boria (Zoning Director) gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2021-65**.

Councilman Lay and Councilman Brewer spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2021-65**.

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

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**

Councilman Brewer moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-66**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Eric Boria (Zoning Director) and Tanya Hunter (petitioner) gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2021-66**.

Councilwoman Adkins, Councilwoman Caldwell and Councilman Lay spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2021-66**.

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. 2021-67

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**

Councilman Brewer moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-67**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Eric Boria (Zoning Director) and Ieesha Lawrence (petitioner) gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2021-67**.

Councilman Brewer, Councilman Lay, Atty. Rodney Pol (Corporation Counsel), President Godwin and Councilman Williams spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2021-67**.

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. 2021-68

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 a Public Hearing of **C.P.O. 2021-68**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

The Chair stated that the Public Hearing for **C.P.O. 2021-68** was concluded.

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 a Public Hearing 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 Lay, President Godwin and Councilman Brewer spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2021-69**.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

The Chair stated that the Public Hearing for **C.P.O. 2021-69** was concluded.

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 a Public Hearing 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**.

Councilman Lay, Councilman Williams, Councilman Brewer, Councilman Weatherspoon and President Godwin and Councilman Brewer spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2021-70**.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

The Chair stated that the Public Hearing for **C.P.O. 2021-70** was concluded.

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 a Public Hearing of **C.P.O. 2021-71**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Mileak Harper (City Controller) and Carl Cender (Cender & Company) gave an overview of **C.P.O. 2021-71**.

President Godwin, Councilman Brewer, Councilman Lay and Atty. Colvin (Community Development Director) spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2021-71**.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

The Chair stated that the Public Hearing for **C.P.O. 2021-71** was concluded.

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 September 28, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. and September 29, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Lay, President Godwin, Mileak Harper (City Controller), Councilman Brown, Councilwoman Adkins and Marianetta Barber (Department of Public Works Executive Director) 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 to refer **C.P.O. 2021-73** back to committee with a Finance Committee Hearing set for September 28, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. and September 29, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. 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. 2021-74

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 to refer **C.P.O. 2021-74** back to committee with a Finance Committee Hearing set for September 28, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. and September 29, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell and Councilman Brown.

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. 2021-75

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING SALARY AND OPERATING BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF GARY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (PROGRAM YEAR 2021), EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM (PROGRAM YEAR 2021), HOME PROGRAM (PROGRAM YEAR 2021) NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM (PROGRAM YEAR 2021) AND FORECLOSURE PREVENTION PROGRAM (PROGRAM YEAR 2021). Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller, Community Development Department

Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-75** (second reading) with a Committee Hearing set for October 12, 2021 at 5:30 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. 2021-76

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: Arte Emmanoilidis, Property: 3870 Chase Street, Gary, Indiana, 3870 Waite Street, Gary, Indiana, 3830 Waite Street, Gary, Indiana

C.P.O. 2021-77

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VIII SECTION 105-432, REGARDING CONTRACTOR'S LICENSES. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Deputy Mayor Trent A. McCain, City of Gary

Councilman Brewer moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-76** and **C.P.O. 2021-77** (second reading) with a Committee Hearing set for October 12, 2021 at 5:30 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) Appreciation was expressed to everyone who attended the State of the City Address that was held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 12:30 pm at the Gary SouthShore RailCats Stadium.
- 2) Appreciation also was expressed to the City of Gary employees who participated in the "Gary Clean-up Days" that was held on Friday, September 17, 2021 and Saturday, September 18, 2021.
- 3) Condolences were expressed to the family of Dr. Bruce Hillman.

President Godwin stated that he and a delegation will meet with Clerk Raggs and her legal team on Monday, September 27, 2021 regarding the recodification of the Gary City Code for the past ten (10) years.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMON COUNCIL, THE CHAIR DECLARED THIS MEETING OF **September 21, 2021** ADJOURNED AT 8:50 PM SO ORDERED.

WILLIAM GODWIN
PRESIDING OFFICER


SUZETTE RAGGS, GARY CITY CLERK

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