

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

**MINUTES OF
MARCH 1, 2022**

VIA HYBRID ZOOM 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

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 **1st Day of March, 2022 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 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 HONORABLE MARY BROWN

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

The Chair asked for Roll Call.

Roll call showed 8 present 1 absent (Councilwoman Brown). 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 February 15, 2022. It was seconded by Councilwoman Adkins and Councilman Williams.

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

ASSIGNMENT OF COUNCIL PENDING ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

C.P.O. 2022-06

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GARY, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (FUND 2487) FOR CYBERSECURITY SERVICES. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

WAYS/MEANS COMMITTEE

C.P.O. 2022-07

AN ORDINANCE BY THE GARY COMMON COUNCIL AMENDING THE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF GARY, IN CALENDAR YEAR 2022. Sponsored by: Members of the Gary Common Council

FINANCE COMMITTEE

C.P.O. 2022-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 15 ENTITLED "LAND USAGE" CHAPTER 123 ENTITLED "ZONING CODE" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARY, INDIANA FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 3800 BL OF WHITCOMB, 4200 W. RIDGE ROAD, AND 3660 WHIT ADJ RR APPR. Petitioner: Brian Doughman **Property: 3800 BL of Whitcomb, Gary Indiana, 4200 W. Ridge Road, Gary, Indiana and 3660 Whitcomb ADJ NYC RR APPR, Gary, Indiana**

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Councilwoman Adkins, Chairwoman Ways/Means Committee has:

C.P.O. 2022-06

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GARY, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (FUND 2487) FOR CYBERSECURITY SERVICES. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller **before it. For the record Councilwoman Adkins, Councilman Brown and Councilwoman Caldwell approved C.P.O. 2022-06 to be reported out of committee.**

Councilwoman Caldwell, Acting Chairwoman Finance Committee has:

C.P.O. 2022-07

AN ORDINANCE BY THE GARY COMMON COUNCIL AMENDING THE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF GARY, IN CALENDAR YEAR 2022. Sponsored by: Members of the Gary Common Council **before it. For the record Councilwoman Caldwell and Councilwoman Adkins approved C.P.O. 2022-07 to be reported out of committee.**

Councilwoman Adkins, Chairwoman Planning & Development Committee has:

C.P.O. 2022-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 15 ENTITLED "LAND USAGE" CHAPTER 123 ENTITLED "ZONING CODE" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARY, INDIANA FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 3800 BL OF WHITCOMB, 4200 W. RIDGE ROAD, AND 3660 WHIT ADJ RR APPR. Petitioner: Brian Doughman **Property: 3800 BL of Whitcomb, Gary Indiana, 4200 W. Ridge Road, Gary, Indiana and 3660 Whitcomb ADJ NYC RR APPR, Gary, Indiana before it. For the record Councilwoman Adkins, Councilman Godwin and Councilman Brown approved C.P.O. 2022-08 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. 2022-06.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilwoman Caldwell reported the following legislation out of committee: **C.P.O. 2022-07.**

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Councilwoman Adkins reported the following legislation out of committee: **C.P.O. 2022-08.**

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

C.P.O. 2021-110

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GARY, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FOR BROADBAND UPDATES TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller, William Godwin, Councilman 1st District

Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage as amended of **C.P.O. 2021-110**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

President Godwin gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2021-110**.

Roll call on the amendment by substitution showed a vote of 8 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-110** as amended. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Lay, Councilman Brewer and President Godwin spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2021-110**.

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. 2022-06

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GARY, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (FUND 2487) FOR CYBERSECURITY SERVICES. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2022-06** (Second Reading) with a Committee Hearing set on March 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. and a Public Hearing set on March 15, 2022. 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. 2022-07

AN ORDINANCE BY THE GARY COMMON COUNCIL AMENDING THE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF GARY, IN CALENDAR YEAR 2022. Sponsored by: Members of the Gary Common Council

Councilwoman Caldwell moved to Suspend the Rules for passage of **C.P.O. 2022-07**. It was seconded by Councilman Brown.

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

Councilwoman Caldwell moved to amend **C.P.O. 2021-110** by substitution and to add Tuesday, May 3, 2022 (Primary Election Day). It was seconded by Councilman Brown.

Councilman Brown and President Godwin spoke on **C.P.O. 2021-110**.

Roll call on the amendment by substitution showed a vote of 8 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2021-110** as amended. It was seconded by Councilman Brown.

President Godwin gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2021-110**.

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

C.P.O. 2022-08

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Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2022-08** (Second Reading) with a Committee Hearing set on March 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm and a Public Hearing set on March 15, 2022. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lin Kaatz Chary
Brenda Scott Henry (Director of Green Urbanism)

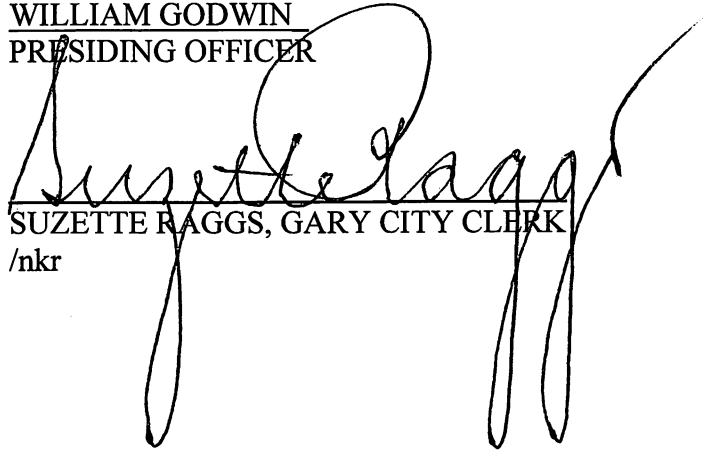
REPORTS/QUESTIONS OF CITY OFFICIALS

There were no reports from the administration.

Councilman Lay, President Godwin, Councilman Weatherspoon, Councilman Williams and Councilman Brewer spoke in regards to increasing the tax base in the City of Gary with the consideration of various projects.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMON COUNCIL, THE CHAIR DECLARED THIS MEETING OF **March 1, 2022** ADJOURNED AT 7:20 PM SO ORDERED.

WILLIAM GODWIN
PRESIDING OFFICER


SUZETTE RAGGS, GARY CITY CLERK

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