

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

**MINUTES OF
MARCH 15, 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 **15th 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 MARY BROWN
THE HONORABLE LINDA BARNES-CALDWELL
THE HONORABLE WILLIAM GODWIN
THE HONORABLE COZEY WEATHERSPOON
THE HONORABLE DWIGHT WILLIAMS

ABSENT

THE HONORABLE MICHAEL BROWN
THE HONORABLE CLORIUS LAY

The meeting was opened at 6:05 pm with a moment of prayer by Reverend Edward Turner, followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair asked for Roll Call.

Roll call showed 7 present 2 absent (Councilman Brown, Councilman Lay). 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 1, 2022. It was seconded by Councilwoman Brown.

Roll call showed a vote of 7 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

ASSIGNMENT OF COUNCIL PENDING ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

C.P.O. 22-09

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. 2022-10

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 9948 AND ORDINANCE NUMBER 9949 TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE 2022 OPERATING AND SALARY BUDGETS FOR COMMISSION FOR WOMEN AND THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT DEPARTMENTS. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

FINANCE COMMITTEE

C.P.O. 2022-11

AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERING FUNDS FROM FUND 1101-290 (FIRE DEPARTMENT) TO FUND 1101-300 (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES) AND ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATIONS THEREIN. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

FINANCE COMMITTEE

C.P.O. 2022-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 9470 TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE 2022 SPECIAL REVENUE BUDGET FOR AMBULANCE NON REVERTING FUND #224. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

FINANCE COMMITTEE

C.P.O. 2022-13

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INCREASE IN APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN FUND 2226 DEPARTMENT 5560 FOR THE LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM (2226-5560). Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller, Community Development Department

WAYS/MEANS COMMITTEE

C.P.R. 2022-04

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE INDIANAPOLIS HOUSING AGENCY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HOOSIER HOMES PROGRAM. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Community Development Department

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Councilwoman Adkins, Chairwoman Ways/Means Committee has:

C.P.O. 22-09

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 and Councilwoman Caldwell approved C.P.O. 2022-09 to be reported out of committee.**

C.P.O. 2022-13

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INCREASE IN APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN FUND 2226 DEPARTMENT 5560 FOR THE LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM (2226-5560). Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller, Community Development Department **before it. For the record Councilwoman Adkins and Councilwoman Caldwell approved C.P.O. 2022-13 to be reported out of committee.**

Councilwoman Brown, Chairwoman Finance Committee has:

C.P.O. 2022-10

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 9948 AND ORDINANCE NUMBER 9949 TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE 2022 OPERATING AND SALARY BUDGETS FOR COMMISSION FOR WOMEN AND THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT DEPARTMENTS. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller **before it. For the record Councilwoman Brown, Councilwoman Caldwell and Councilwoman Adkins approved C.P.O. 2022-10 to be reported out of committee.**

C.P.O. 2022-11

AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM FUND 1101-290 (FIRE DEPARTMENT) TO FUND 1101-300 (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES) AND ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATIONS THEREIN. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller **before it. For the record Councilwoman Brown, Councilwoman Caldwell and Councilwoman Adkins approved C.P.O. 2022-11 to be reported out of committee.**

C.P.O. 2022-12

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Councilwoman Adkins, Chairwoman Planning & Development Committee has:

C.P.R. 2022-04

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE INDIANAPOLIS HOUSING AGENCY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HOOSIER HOMES PROGRAM. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Community Development Department **before it. For the record Councilwoman Adkins and Councilwoman Caldwell approved C.P.R. 2022-04 to be reported out of committee.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilwoman Brown reported the following legislation out of committee: **C.P.O. 2022-10, 2022-11, 2022-12.**

WAYS/MEANS COMMITTEE:

Councilwoman Adkins reported the following legislation out of committee: **C.P.O. 2022-09, 2022-13.**

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Councilwoman Adkins reported the following legislation out of committee: **C.P.R. 2022-04.**

(PRESENTATIONS):

President Godwin invited Dr. Paige McNulty (Emergency Manager for the Gary School Corporation) and Kimberly Bradley (Chief Academic Officer for the Gary School Corporation) to give presentations to the Common Council.

Dr. Paige McNulty and Kimberly Bradley provided program and financial updates for the Gary School Corporation.

Councilman Weatherspoon and Councilwoman Adkins spoke in regards to the Gary School Corporation.

President Godwin invited Carolyn McCrady on behalf of the “Gary Advocates for Responsible Development” to give a presentation to the Common Council.

Carolyn McCrady gave a presentation regarding development in the City of Gary.

President Godwin spoke in regards to the development in the City of Gary.

COUNCIL PENDING ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS ON THIRD AND/OR FINAL 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**. It was seconded by Councilman Brewer and Councilwoman Brown.

Mileak Harper gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2022-06**.

Councilwoman Adkins moved to amend **C.P.O. 2022-06** by substitution. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Roll call on the amendment by substitution showed a vote of 7 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

THIS BEING THE NIGHT SET ASIDE FOR PUBLIC HEARING, THE CHAIR ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE WHO WISHED TO SPEAK FOR/AGAINST THIS COUNCIL PENDING ORDINANCE.

SPEAKERS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

None

Roll call showed a vote of 7 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this Council Pending Ordinance duly **PASSED**.

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**

Councilwoman Adkins moved to refer **C.P.O. 2022-08** back to committee.

President Godwin spoke in regards to the motion.

Councilwoman Adkins moved to withdraw the previous motion and postpone **C.P.O. 2022-08** until the April 5, 2022 meeting. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Roll call showed a vote of 7 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

COUNCIL PENDING ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING:

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Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2022-09** and **C.P.O. 2022-13** (Second Reading) with a Committee Hearing set on March 22, 2022 at 6:00 pm and a Public Hearing set on April 5, 2022. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Roll call showed a vote of 7 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

C.P.O. 2022-10

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Councilwoman Brown moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2022-10, 2022-11 and C.P.O. 2022-12** (Second Reading) with a Committee Hearing set on March 22, 2022 at 5:30 pm and a Public Hearing set on April 5, 2022. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Roll call showed a vote of 7 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

C.P.R. 2022-04

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Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of **C.P.R. 2022-04** (Second Reading) with a Committee Hearing set on March 22, 2022 at 6:30 pm and a Public Hearing set on April 5, 2022. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Roll call showed a vote of 7 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

REPORTS/QUESTIONS OF CITY OFFICIALS

There were no reports from the administration.

Councilman Brewer requested a report from the administration on the status of the street paving plans for the year 2022.

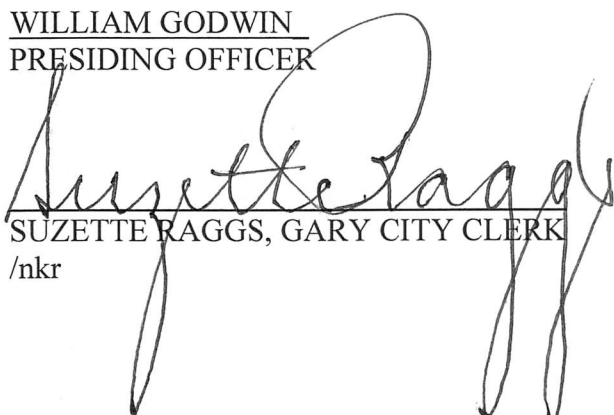
Atty. McCain (Deputy Mayor) responded.

Councilwoman Adkins also spoke in regards to the paving in the City of Gary and the need for rodent control in some areas in the 4th District.

Atty. McCain (Deputy Mayor) responded

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMON COUNCIL, THE CHAIR DECLARED THIS MEETING OF **February 15, 2022** ADJOURNED AT 7:00 PM SO ORDERED.

WILLIAM GODWIN
PRESIDING OFFICER


SUZETTE RAGGS, GARY CITY CLERK

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