# OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE GARY COMMON COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF GARY, INDIANA

# MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2022

HYBRID VIDEO CONFERENCE GARY COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS 401 BROADWAY, GARY, INDIANA 46402

### THE HONORABLE WILLIAM GODWIN

Councilman 1st District, Common Council President

# THE HONORABLE COZEY WEATHERSPOON

Councilman 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 CLORIUS LAY

Councilman-At-Large, Parliamentarian

# THE HONORABLE DARREN WASHINGTON

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 (Hybrid Zoom) pursuant to the Laws and Rules of the Common Council of the City of Gary, Indiana, on the 1<sup>ST</sup> **Day of November, 2022** at **6:00 pm** with the Honorable William Godwin presiding and the following members present/absent:

#### **PRESENT**

#### **ABSENT**

THE HONORABLE TAI ADKINS

THE HONORABLE RONALD BREWER

THE HONORABLE MARY BROWN

THE HONORABLE LINDA BARNES-CALDWELL

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM GODWIN

THE HONORABLE CLORIUS LAY

THE HONORABLE COZEY WEATHERSPOON

THE HONORABLE DARREN WASHINGTON

THE HONORABLE DWIGHT WILLIAMS

The meeting was opened at 6:05 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 of the previous meeting.

Councilman Brewer moved to approve and accept the minutes from the previous meeting of October 18, 2022. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Roll call showed a vote of 8 ayes 0 nays (Councilwoman Adkins did not vote due to technical difficulties). The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

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

#### C.P.O. 2022-122

AN ORDINANCE BY THE GARY COMMON COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF GARY IN CALENDAR YEAR 2023. Sponsored by: Members of the Gary Common Council

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES & PERSEONNEL COMMITTEE**

#### C.P.O. 2022-123

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 9470 TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE 2022 SPECIAL REVENUE BUDGET TO ADD APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GARY POLOICE DEPARTMENT FUND 2455. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 9470 TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE 2022 SPECIAL REVENUE BUDGET FOR THE GARY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR A DONATION FROM THE HARD ROCK CASINO. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

#### C.P.R. 2022-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARY, INDIANA, RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ELECTION OF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA. Sponsored by: Councilman William Godwin, First District

#### **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS COMMITTEE**

#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

#### Councilman Washington, Chairman of the Human Resources & Personnel Committee has:

#### C.P.O. 2022-122

AN ORDINANCE BY THE GARY COMMON COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF GARY IN CALENDAR YEAR 2023. Sponsored by: Members of the Gary Common Council before it. For the record Councilman Washington, Councilwoman Brown and Councilwoman Adkins approved C.P.O. 2022-122 to be reported out of committee.

#### Councilwoman Brown, Chairwoman of the Finance Committee has:

#### C.P.O. 2022-123

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 9470 TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE 2022 SPECIAL REVENUE BUDGET TO ADD APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GARY POLOICE DEPARTMENT FUND 2455. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

#### C.P.O. 2022-124

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 9470 TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE 2022 SPECIAL REVENUE BUDGET FOR THE GARY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR A DONATION FROM THE HARD ROCK CASINO. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller before it. For the record Councilwoman Brown, Councilwoman Caldwell and Councilwoman Adkins approved C.P.O. 2022-123 and 2022-124 to be reported out of committee.

#### Councilwoman Caldwell, Chairwoman of the Boards & Commissions Committee has:

#### C.P.R. 2022-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARY, INDIANA, RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ELECTION OF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA. Sponsored by: Councilman William Godwin, First District before it. For the record Councilwoman Caldwell, Councilwoman Brown and Councilman Williams approved C.P.R. 2022-14 to be reported out of committee.

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

#### **HUMAN RESOURCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

Councilman Washington reported the following legislation out of committee: C.P.O. 2022-122.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Councilwoman Brown reported the following legislation out of committee: C.P.O. 2022-123 & 2022-124.

#### **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS COMMITTEE:**

Councilwoman Caldwell reported the following legislation out of committee: C.P.R. 2022-14.

#### PRESENTATION (S):

Councilwoman Caldwell requested that Commander Brian Colbert (Gary Police Department) give a presentation in regards to **C.P.O. 2021-51/9424** for Animal Control Center repairs.

The Common Council Meeting went into a recess due to technical difficulties.

Commander Brian Colbert (Gary Police Department) gave an update of the Animal Control Center repairs.

Councilman Lay, Councilman Brewer, Councilwoman Caldwell and President Godwin spoke in regards to the Animal Control Department.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

#### C.P.O. 2022-95

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 2023. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

Councilwoman Adkins moved to amend **C.P.O. 2022-95** by substitution. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Mileak Harper (City Controller) gave a brief overview of C.P.O. 2022-95.

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

Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2022-95** as amended. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Lay, President Godwin, Councilwoman Adkins and Atty. Rinzer Williams (Council's Legal Advisor) spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2022-95**.

Councilwoman Adkins moved to amend **C.P.O. 2022-95** by adjusting the Gary Fire Commission Administrator's salary as \$47,751.00 which is the same as the Gary Police Commission Administrator. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

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

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

#### C.P.O. 2022-96

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, 2023 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, INCLUDING ALL OUTSTANDING CLAIMS AND OBLIGATIONS AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL TAKE EFFECT. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

Councilwoman Adkins moved to amend **C.P.O. 2022-96** by substitution. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Mileak Harper (City Controller) gave a brief overview of C.P.O. 2022-96.

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

Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2022-96** as amended. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

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

President Godwin requested that all Councilmembers sign the budget Tax Form #4 before they leave.

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE PURPOSES 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, 2023 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023 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 for passage of C.P.O. 2022-97. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Mileak Harper (City Controller) gave a brief overview of C.P.O. 2022-97.

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

#### C.P.O. 2022-108

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 THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 437-39 CONNECTICUT STREET. Sponsored by: Eric Boria, Department of Zoning Petitioner: Jerett Glasper

Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of C.P.O. 2022-108. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Atty. Angela Lockett (Corporation Counsel) gave a brief overview of C.P.O. 2022-108.

Jerett Glasper (Petitioner), Councilman Lay, Councilwoman Adkins, Councilwoman Caldwell, Councilman Washington, Teshezi George (Executive Director of Commission for Women) and Councilman Weatherspoon. spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2022-108.** 

Councilwoman Adkins moved to amend **C.P.O. 2022-108** by substitution. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

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

Roll call showed a vote of 0 ayes 8 nays and 1 abstention (Brewer). The Chair declared this Council Pending Ordinance duly **DEFEATED.** 

#### C.P.O. 2022-109

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9159 ENTITLED TOWING SERVICES USED BY THE CITY AND ALL RELATED MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary

Councilwoman Adkins moved to refer **C.P.O. 2022-109** back to Ways/Means Committee with a committee hearing set for November 2, 2022 at 4:00 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. 2022-116

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PUBLIC WAY IN THE CITY OF GARY LOCATED EAST OF UNION STREET AND WEST OF VANDERBURG STREET RUNNING NORTH AND SOUTH BETWEEN OAK AVENUE AND MAPLE AVENUE. Sponsored by: Tai Adkins, Fourth District Council Member

Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of C.P.O. 2022-116. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Atty. Lockett (Corporation Counsel) and Atty. Tramel Raggs (Harris Law Firm), representing the petitioner, gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2022-116.** 

Councilwoman Adkins moved to amend **C.P.O. 2022-116** by substitution. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Lay spoke in regards to C.P.O. 2022-116.

Roll call on the amendment showed a vote of 8 ayes 0 nays and 1 abstention (Godwin). The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

Councilman Brewer, Atty. Raggs (Harris Law Firm), representing the petitioner, Councilman Lay and Atty. Williams (Council's Legal Advisor) spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2022-116**.

President Godwin stated "I think at the first council meeting (October 4, 2022) I stated that it was my property which is why I have not voted on it, on first, second or even for the amendments. So if you can put that in the record Madam Clerk to ensure it's in the minutes".

Roll call showed a vote of 8 aye 0 nays and 1 abstention (Godwin). The Chair declared this Council Pending Ordinance duly **PASSED**.

#### C.P.O. 2022-117

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PUBLIC WAY IN THE CITY OF GARY LOCATED NORTH OF US HWY 20 AND SOUTH OF US HWY 12 RUNNING EAST AND WEST BETWEEN BIGGER STREET AND INDUSTRIAL HIGHWAY. Sponsored by: Cozey Weatherspoon, Second District Councilman

Councilwoman Adkins moved to amend **C.P.O. 2022-117** by substitution. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Lay spoke in regards to C.P.O. 2022-117.

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

Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of C.P.O. 2022-117. 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. 2022-116

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PUBLIC WAY IN THE CITY OF GARY LOCATED EAST OF UNION STREET AND WEST OF VANDERBURG STREET RUNNING NORTH AND SOUTH BETWEEN OAK AVENUE AND MAPLE AVENUE. Sponsored by: Tai Adkins, Fourth District Council Member

Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of C.P.O. 2022-116. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Atty. Lockett (Corporation Counsel) and Atty. Tramel Raggs (Harris Law Firm), representing the petitioner, gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2022-116**.

Councilwoman Adkins moved to amend **C.P.O. 2022-116** by substitution. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Lay spoke in regards to C.P.O. 2022-116.

Roll call on the amendment showed a vote of 8 ayes 0 nays and 1 abstention (Godwin). The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

Councilman Brewer, Atty. Raggs (Harris Law Firm), representing the petitioner, Councilman Lay and Atty. Williams (Council's Legal Advisor) spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2022-116**.

President Godwin stated "I think at the first council meeting (October 4, 2022) I stated that it was my property which is why I have not voted on it, on first, second or even for the amendments. So if you can put that in the record Madam Clerk to ensure it's in the minutes".

Roll call showed a vote of 8 aye 0 nays and 1 abstention (Godwin). The Chair declared this Council Pending Ordinance duly **PASSED**.

#### C.P.O. 2022-117

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PUBLIC WAY IN THE CITY OF GARY LOCATED NORTH OF US HWY 20 AND SOUTH OF US HWY 12 RUNNING EAST AND WEST BETWEEN BIGGER STREET AND INDUSTRIAL HIGHWAY. Sponsored by: Cozey Weatherspoon, Second District Councilman

Councilwoman Adkins moved to amend **C.P.O. 2022-117** by substitution. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Lay spoke in regards to C.P.O. 2022-117.

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

Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of C.P.O. 2022-117. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Brewer, Atty. Raggs (Harris Law Firm), representing the petitioner, Councilman Lay, Councilman Washington, Atty. Williams (Council's Legal Advisor) and Atty. Lockett (Corporation Counsel) spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2022-117**.

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

#### C.P.O. 2022-120

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 9948 AND ORDINANCE NUMBER 9949 TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE 2022 OPERATING AND SALARY BUDGETS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller Councilwoman Brown moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2022-120**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Mileak Harper (City Controller) gave a brief overview of C.P.O. 2022-120.

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

#### C.P.O. 2022-55

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 9446 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GARY, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA APPROVING AN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) SPENDING PLAN FOR A COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller, William Godwin, Councilman 1st District

Councilwoman Adkins moved refer **C.P.O. 2022-55 & C.P.O. 2022-56** back to Ways/Means Committee with a committee hearing set for Monday, December 5, 2022 at 5:30 pm. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Brewer, Councilwoman Adkins, Mayor Jerome Prince (City of Gary), President Godwin, Mileak Harper (City Controller), Councilman Washington and Councilman Lay spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2022-55**.

Councilwoman Adkins moved to withdraw the motion to refer C.P.O. 2022-55 and C.P.O. 2022-56 back to committee. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

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

Councilwoman Adkins moved the amend **C.P.O. 2022-55** by reducing the amount to \$100,000.00. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

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

Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2022-55** as amended. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

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

#### C.P.O. 2022-56

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

Councilwoman Adkins moved the amend **C.P.O. 2022-56** by substitution and to reduce the amount to \$100,000.00. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Mileak Harper (City Controller) gave a brief overview of C.P.O. 2022-56.

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

Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of C.P.O. 2022-56 as amended. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Lay, Councilwoman Adkins and President Godwin spoke in regards to C.P.O. 2022-56.

President Godwin requested that Councilwoman Adkins restate her motion to amend to reflect a breakdown of line items.

Councilwoman Adkins moved to amend **C.P.O. 2022-56** by substitution, to adjust the overall request to \$100,000.00 and to amend the following; \$40,000.00 to be allocated to Personal Services, \$20,000.00 to be allocated to Supplies and \$40,000.00 to be allocated to Other Services and Charges. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

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

Roll call showed a vote of 7 ayes 1 nay (Washington), 1 abstention (Williams). The Chair declared this Council Pending Ordinance duly **PASSED**.

#### C.P.O. 2022-68

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IX, DIVISION II, SECTION 2- 1074 OF THE CITY OF GARY CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING ELIGIBILITY FOR APPOINTMENT TO POLICE DEPARTMENT. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary

Councilman Brewer moved for passage of C.P.O. 2022-68. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Brewer moved to amend **C.P.O. 2022-68** by substitution. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Atty. Rodney Pol (City Attorney) gave a brief overview of C.P.O. 2022-68.

Atty. Williams (Council's Legal Advisor), President Godwin and Councilwoman Brown spoke in regards to C.P.O. 2022-68.

President Godwin requested that the Clerk enter into the record his following statement; "For the record we did receive a message from Sergeant Wolf who is the president of the Gary Fraternal Order of Police and they held a vote earlier this week where seventy-three of their members voted on their position on these ordinances, I think its of note that in my understanding that there is one retiree voted so the overwhelming majority of those seventy-two of them are active, currently active police officers and my understanding also is that there are one hundred and thirty-eight full-time sworn officers who are members of the FOP, that would indicate that a little over 50 percent of the FOP vote. They voted with a slim margin of five against these ordinance changes, I only say that because I think it should be on the record. They are union for our police officers I just simply wanted to make that it is entered into the record for the public's knowledge and obviously all of my colleagues received that".

Councilman Lay and President Godwin, spoke in regards to C.P.O. 2022-68.

Roll call showed a vote of 6 ayes 1 nay and 1 abstention (Godwin). The Chair declared this Council Pending Ordinance duly **PASSED.** 

Councilman Brewer moved to postpone C.P.O. 2022-69, 2022-70, 2022-71, 2022-72, 2022-73, 2022-75 and 2022-76 until November 15, 2022. It was seconded by Councilman Lay.

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

#### C.P.O. 2022-74

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IX, DIVISION II, SECTION 2-1078 OF THE CITY OF GARY CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING PERFORMANCE RATINGS FOR POLICE. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary

Councilman Brewer moved for passage of C.P.O. 2022-74. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Brewer moved to amend C.P.O. 2022-74 by substitution. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Atty. Rodney Pol (City Attorney) gave a brief overview of C.P.O. 2022-74.

Councilman Lay and President Godwin, spoke in regards to C.P.O. 2022-74.

Roll call on the amendment showed a vote of 6 ayes 0 nays and 2 abstentions (Brown, Godwin). The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

Roll call showed a vote of 6 ayes 0 nays and 2 abstentions (Brown, Godwin). The Chair declared this Council Pending Ordinance duly **PASSED.** 

#### C.P.O. 2022-77

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IX, DIVISION II, SECTION 2-1039 OF THE CITY OF GARY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO UPDATE POLICE RESERVE. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary

Councilman Brewer moved for passage of C.P.O. 2022-77. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Brewer moved to amend **C.P.O. 2022-77** by substitution. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Atty. Rodney Pol (City Attorney) gave a brief overview of C.P.O. 2022-77.

Roll call on the amendment showed a vote of 6 ayes 0 nays and 2 abstentions (Brown, Godwin). The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

Roll call showed a vote of 6 ayes 0 nays and 2 abstentions (Brown, Godwin). The Chair declared this Council Pending Ordinance duly **PASSED.** 

#### C.P.O. 2022-78

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IX, DIVISION II, SECTION 2-1022 OF THE CITY OF GARY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO UPDATE THE DUTIES OF CHIEF OF POLICE. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary

Councilman Brewer moved for passage of C.P.O. 2022-78. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Brewer moved to amend C.P.O. 2022-78 by substitution. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Atty. Rodney Pol (City Attorney) gave a brief overview of C.P.O. 2022-78.

Councilman Lay, Councilman Brewer and President Godwin spoke in regards to C.P.O. 2022-78.

Roll call on the amendment showed a vote of 6 ayes 1 nay (Godwin) and 1 abstention (Brown). The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

Roll call showed a vote of 6 ayes 1 nay (Godwin) and 1 abstention (Brown). The Chair declared this Council Pending Ordinance duly **PASSED.** 

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IX, DIVISION II, SECTION 2-1076 OF THE CITY OF GARY CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING PROMOTIONS; ELIGIBILITY; DEMOTIONS; REINSTATEMENT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary

Councilman Brewer moved for passage of C.P.O. 2022-79. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Brewer moved to amend C.P.O. 2022-79 by substitution. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Atty. Rodney Pol (City Attorney) gave a brief overview of C.P.O. 2022-79.

Atty. Williams (Council's Legal Advisor), Councilman Lay and President Godwin spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2022-79**.

Councilman Brewer moved to amend **C.P.O. 2022-79** by substitution with the additional language of "appealable to the superior and circuit court". It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Roll call on the amendment showed a vote of 7 ayes 0 nay (\*\*Councilman Williams temporarily left the meeting). The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

Roll call showed a vote of 6 ayes 1 nay (Godwin) and 1 abstention (Brown). The Chair declared this Council Pending Ordinance duly **PASSED.** 

#### C.P.O. 2022-80

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IX, DIVISION II, SECTION 2-1075 OF THE CITY OF GARY CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING PROMOTIONS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary

Councilman Brewer moved for passage of C.P.O. 2022-80. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Brewer moved to amend C.P.O. 2022-80 by substitution. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Atty. Rodney Pol (City Attorney) gave a brief overview of C.P.O. 2022-80.

Councilman Lay spoke in regards to C.P.O. 2022-80.

Councilman Brewer moved to postpone **C.P.O. 2022-80** until November 15, 2022. It was seconded by Councilman Lay.

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARY REGARDING PROCEDURES FOR A DISCIPLINARY HEARING BEFORE THE POLICE CHIEF. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince City of Gary

Councilman Brewer moved for passage of C.P.O. 2022-81. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Brewer moved to amend **C.P.O. 2022-81** by substitution. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Atty. Rodney Pol (City Attorney) gave a brief overview of C.P.O. 2022-81.

Councilman Lay and Atty. Williams (Council's Legal Advisor) spoke in regards to C.P.O. 2022-81.

Councilman Brewer moved to postpone C.P.O. 2022-81 until November 15, 2022. It was seconded by Councilman Lay.

Roll call showed a vote of 7 aye 0 nays (\*\*\*Councilwoman Caldwell temporarily left the meeting). The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

#### C.P.O. 2022-82

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARY REGARDING NON-DUTY EMPLOYMENT OF POLICE OFFICERS PENDING DISCIPLINARY ACTION. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary

#### C.P.O. 2022-83

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IX, DIVISION II, SECTION 2-1080 OF THE CITY OF GARY CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING DISCIPLINE AT POLICE DEPARTMENT. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary

Councilman Brewer moved to postpone C.P.O. 2022-82 and C.P.O. 2022-83 until November 15, 2022. It was seconded by Councilman Lay.

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

#### C.P.O. 2022-84

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IX, DIVISION II, SECTION 2-1082 OF THE CITY OF GARY CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING DISCIPLINE; PUNISHMENT OPTIONS AT POLICE DEPARTMENT. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary

Councilman Brewer moved to withdraw C.P.O. 2022-84. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

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

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

#### C.P.O. 2022-122

AN ORDINANCE BY THE GARY COMMON COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF GARY IN CALENDAR YEAR 2023. Sponsored by: Members of the Gary Common Council

Councilman Washington moved to Suspend the Rules to pass C.P.O. 2022-122 on all 3 readings. It was seconded by Councilman Brewer.

Mileak Harper (City Controller) gave a brief overview of C.P.O. 2022-122.

President Godwin spoke in regards to C.P.O. 2022-122.

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

Councilman Washington moved for passage of C.P.O. 2022-122. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Washington moved to amend C.P.O. 2022-122 by correcting New Year's Day to January 2, 2023, and inserting May 2, 2023 Primary Election. It was seconded by Councilman Brewer.

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

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

#### C.P.O. 2022-123

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 9470 TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE 2022 SPECIAL REVENUE BUDGET TO ADD APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GARY POLICE DEPARTMENT FUND 2455. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

Councilwoman Brown moved to Suspend the Rules to pass **C.P.O. 2022-123** on all 3 readings. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Mileak Harper (City Controller) gave a brief overview of C.P.O. 2022-123.

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

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

#### C.P.O. 2022-124

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 9470 TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE 2022 SPECIAL REVENUE BUDGET FOR THE GARY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR A DONATION FROM THE HARD ROCK CASINO. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

Councilwoman Brown moved to Suspend the Rules to pass **C.P.O. 2022-124** on all 3 readings. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Mileak Harper (City Controller) gave a brief overview of C.P.O. 2022-124.

Councilman Brewer, President Godwin, Councilman Lay and Mileak Harper (City Controller) spoke in regards to C.P.O. 2022-124.

President Godwin requested that the Clerk enter into record; "that the funds have not been spent, they are still in the account".

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

Councilwoman Brown moved for passage of C.P.O. 2022-124. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

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

#### C.P.R. 2022-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARY, INDIANA, RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ELECTION OF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA. Sponsored by: Councilman William Godwin, First District

Councilwoman Caldwell moved to Suspend the Rules to pass **C.P.R. 2022-14** on all 3 readings. It was seconded by Councilwoman Brown.

President Godwin gave a brief overview of C.P.R. 2022-14.

President Godwin and Councilman Lay spoke in regards to C.P.R. 2022-14.

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

Councilwoman Caldwell moved for passage of C.P.R. 2022-14. It was seconded by Councilwoman Brown.

Councilman Washington, President Godwin, Councilman Lay spoke in regards to C.P.R. 2022-14.

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

#### **REPORTS/QUESTIONS OF CITY OFFICIALS:**

Mayor Prince (City of Gary) announced that due to the lateness of time there will not be any announcements and updates given.

President Godwin announced that there will be a Towing Committee Meeting on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 4:00 pm and the Gary Common Council Radio Show will be on Friday, November 4, 2022 at 9:00 am.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMON COUNCIL, THE CHAIR DECLARED THIS MEETING OF **November 1, 2022** ADJOURNED AT 11:10 PM SO ORDERED.

WILLIAM GODWIN

PRESIDING OFFICER

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