

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

**MINUTES OF  
JANUARY 3, 2023**

**GARY COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
401 BROADWAY, GARY, INDIANA 46402**

**THE HONORABLE WILLIAM GODWIN**  
Councilman 1<sup>st</sup> District, **Common Council President**

**THE HONORABLE DAVID FOSSETT**  
Councilman 2<sup>nd</sup> District

**THE HONORABLE MARY BROWN**  
Councilwoman 3<sup>rd</sup> District

**THE HONORABLE TAI ADKINS**  
Councilwoman 4<sup>th</sup> District, **Common Council Vice-President**

**THE HONORABLE LINDA BARNES-CALDWELL**  
Councilwoman 5<sup>th</sup> District **Parliamentarian**

**THE HONORABLE DWIGHT WILLIAMS**  
Councilman 6<sup>th</sup> District

**THE HONORABLE RONALD BREWER**  
Councilman-At-Large

**THE HONORABLE LORI LATHAM**  
Councilwoman-At-Large,

**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 pursuant to the Laws and Rules of the Common Council of the City of Gary, Indiana, on the **3rd Day of January, 2023** 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 DAVID FOSSETT  
THE HONORABLE WILLIAM GODWIN  
THE HONORABLE LORI LATHAM  
THE HONORABLE DARREN WASHINGTON  
THE HONORABLE DWIGHT WILLIAMS

ABSENT

The meeting was opened at 6:02 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 December 20, 2022. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

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

The Chair invited James Piggee (Calumet Township Board) to speak before the Common Council.

James Piggee (Calumet Township Board) spoke before the Common Council in regards to the “Katie Hall Educational Foundation”.

Councilman Caldwell moved to approve the 2023 Common Council Committee List. It was seconded by Councilwoman Adkins.

Roll call showed a vote of 7 ayes 2 nays (Brewer, Washington). The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

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

**C.P.O. 2023-01**

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 AFFORDABLE HOUSING-BROADWAY HOMES PROJECT. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

**WAYS/MEANS COMMITTEE**

#### **C.P.O. 2023-02**

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

### **WAYS/MEANS COMMITTEE**

#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

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

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#### **C.P.O. 2023-02**

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GARY, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (FUND 2487) FOR THE BROADWAY HOMES PROJECT. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller **before it. For the record Councilwoman Adkins, Councilwoman Caldwell and Councilman Washington approved C.P.O. 2023-01 and 2023-02 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. 2023-01 and 2023-02.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chris Harris

Councilman Brewer and President Godwin spoke in regards to redistricting.

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

#### **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 Caldwell moved to postpone **C.P.O. 2022-109** to January 17, 2023. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

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. 2022-141**

AN ORDINANCE CREATING TWO FUNDS TO ACCOUNT FOR OPIOD SETTLEMENT FUNDS. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

Councilwoman Brown moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2022-141** (Second Reading) with a Committee Hearing set on January 10, 2023 at 5:30 pm and a Public Hearing set on January 17, 2023. 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. 2022-143**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GARY, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, TO MAKE TEMPORARY LOANS TO MEET CUURENT RUNNING EXPENSES FOR THE USE O THE GENERAL FUND AND IN ANTICIPATION OF CURRENT TAXES LEVIED IN THE YEAR 2022 AND COLLECTIBLE IN THE YEAR 2023 ESTMATED TO BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 30, 2023; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TAX ANTICIPATION WARRANTS TO EVIDENCE SUCH LOANS AND THE SALE OF SUCH WARRANTS; AND APPROPRIATING AND PLEDGING THE TAXES TO BE RECEIVED IN SUCH FUNDS TO THE PUNCTUAL PAYMENT OF SUCH WARRANTS INCLUDING THE INTEREST THEREON. Sponsored by: Jerome Prince, Mayor City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

Councilwoman Brown moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2022-143** (Second Reading) with a Committee Hearing set on January 10, 2023 at 5:30 pm and a Public Hearing set on January 17, 2023. 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. 2022-144**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 9556 AND ORDINANCE NUMBER 9557 TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE 2023 OPERATING AND SALARY BUDGETS FOR THE GARY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE NEWLY CREATED PARK DEPARTMENT. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

### **C.P.O. 2022-145**

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 HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FIRST RESPONDERS AND OTHERS. Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

**C.P.O. 2023-01**

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 AFFORDABLE HOUSING-BROADWAY HOMES PROJECT. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

**C.P.O. 2023-02**

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

Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2022-144, 2022-145, 2023-01 and 2023-02** (Second Reading) with a Committee Hearing set on January 24, 2023 at 5:30 pm. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

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

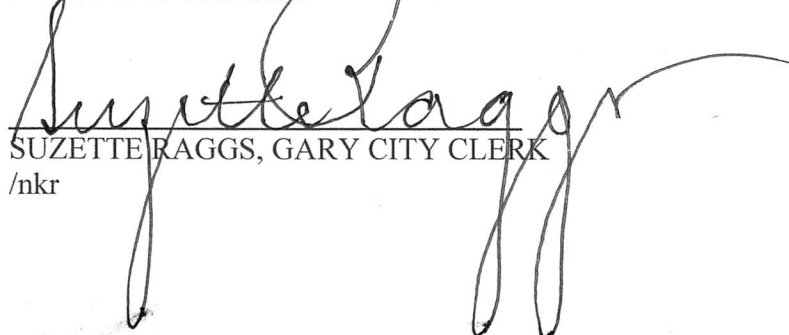
**REPORTS/QUESTIONS OF CITY OFFICIAL:**

Atty. Trent McCain (Deputy Mayor) extended congratulations to new councilmembers Councilman David Fossett, (Councilman 2<sup>nd</sup> District and Councilwoman Lori Latham (Councilwoman-At-Large); and to President William Godwin and Councilwoman Tai Adkins for being elected as President and Vice-President, respectively, of the Common Council for the year 2023.

President Godwin spoke in regards to running more efficient and time sensitive meetings with a focus to take advantage of the committee system. He stated that starting in February, 2023 he is requesting that committee chairpersons give reports within their committees in order for the Council and the citizens to become better informed.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMON COUNCIL, THE CHAIR DECLARED THIS MEETING OF **January 3, 2023** ADJOURNED AT 6:51 PM SO ORDERED.

WILLIAM GODWIN  
PRESIDING OFFICER

  
SUZETTE RAGGS, GARY CITY CLERK  
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