

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

**MINUTES OF  
JANUARY 17, 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 **17<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2023 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 DAVID FOSSETT  
THE HONORABLE WILLIAM GODWIN  
THE HONORABLE LORI LATHAM  
THE HONORABLE DARREN WASHINGTON  
THE HONORABLE DWIGHT WILLIAMS

The meeting was opened at 6:05 pm with a moment of prayer by Evangelist Wendy McLaurin; 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.

Councilwoman Adkins moved to approve and accept the minutes from the previous meeting of January 3, 2023 (reorganization meeting) and January 3, 2023 (regular meeting). It was seconded by Councilwoman Brown and Councilman Fossett.

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

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

None

The Chair acknowledged the presence of Michael Brown (Lake County Councilman).

**PRESENTATIONS:**

President Godwin provided an opportunity for each of the following persons to make a presentation before the Common Council.

Ronald Gipson (Professional Trades International Inc.) spoke on an initiative to help small black contractors, journeymen and apprentices perform on large projects in the City of Gary.

LaTanya Rodgers expressed concerns in regards to the purchase of 25 abandoned school buildings across the City of Gary.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jackie Lee  
Dr. Michaela Spangerburg

**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

Councilman Williams moved to refer **C.P.O. 2022-109** back to committee (via hybrid) on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 6:30 PM. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

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

**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**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilwoman Brown moved to amend **C.P.O. 2022-141** by substitution. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Atty. Angela Lockett (Corporation Counsel) gave a brief overview of the proposed amendments to **C.P.O. 2022-141**.

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

Atty. Angela Lockett (Corporation Counsel) gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2022-141** as amended.

Councilman Brewer and Councilwoman Latham spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2022-141**.

Roll call showed a vote of 9 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this Council Pending Ordinance 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**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilwoman Brown moved to amend **C.P.O. 2022-143** by substitution. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Mileak Harper (City Controller) and Carl Cender (Cender/Dalton Municipal Advisors) gave a brief overview of the proposed amendments to **C.P.O. 2022-143**.

Councilwoman Latham spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2022-143**.

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

Mileak Harper (City Controller) and Carl Cender (Cender/Dalton Municipal Advisors) gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2022-143** as amended.

Councilwoman Latham, Councilman Brewer, Councilwoman Brown, President Godwin, Councilman Washington and Bill Outlar (Council's Financial Advisor) spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2022-143**.

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

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

None

**REPORTS/QUESTIONS OF CITY OFFICIAL:**

Atty. Trent McCain (Deputy Mayor) presented the following announcement/update on behalf of the administration:

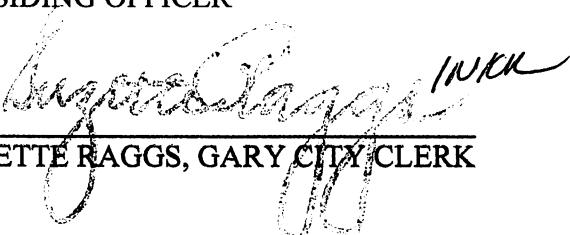
- 1) The administration will travel to the State House on next week to speak with stakeholders in respect to the redistricting situation. The Council will be kept informed of the process.

President Godwin expressed concern and requested information from the administration in regards to the animal healthcare fund as it relates to the unpaid bills.

Atty. McCain (Deputy Mayor) responded.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMON COUNCIL, THE CHAIR DECLARED THIS MEETING OF **January 17, 2023** ADJOURNED AT 7:28 PM SO ORDERED.

WILLIAM GODWIN  
PRESIDING OFFICER

  
SUZETTE RAGGS, GARY CITY CLERK

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