

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

**MINUTES OF  
MARCH 7, 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 **7<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2023** at **6:00 pm** with the Honorable William Godwin presiding and the following members present/absent:

PRESENT

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 HONORABLE TAI ADKINS

The meeting was opened at 6:04 pm with a moment of prayer by Reverend Eric Boone; followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair asked for Roll Call.

Roll call showed 8 present 1 absent (Councilwoman Adkins). 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 February 21, 2023. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

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. 2023-08**

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**WAYS/MEANS COMMITTEE**

**C.P.O. 2023-09**

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**WAYS/MEANS COMMITTEE**

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**WAYS/MEAN COMMITTEE**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

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

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**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**WAYS/MEANS COMMITTEE:**

Councilwoman Caldwell reported the following legislation out of committee: **C.P.O. 2023-08, C.P.O. 2023-09, C.P.O. 2023-10, C.P.O. 2023-11, C.P.O. 2023-12, C. P.O. 2023-13 and C.P.O. 2023-14.**

The Chair recognized the presence of Lake County Prosecutor Bernard Carter.

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

President Godwin provided an opportunity for Chief Jerry Williams (Gary Police Department) to make a presentation before the Common Council.

Chief Jerry Williams (Chief of Police) and Commander Anthony Titus (Gary Police Department) provided updates to the changes that were recently made within the the Gary Police Department, such as uniforms and the increase patrol on the streets.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Pamela Johnson  
Reverend Rameen Jackson  
Charlotte Hawkins  
Elaine Spicer  
Bernard Carter (Lake County Prosecutor)  
Teresa Torres  
Haniah Davis  
Pastor Joy Heine  
Emily Gorman  
Dr. Geneva Osawae  
Marcella Delavallde-Amos  
Phil Smith  
Jim Nowacki  
Latanya Rodgers  
Nick Vasil  
Sarah Louthier

Councilman Washington moved to Suspend the Rules to place **C.P.O. 2023-06** first under Council Pending Ordinance and Resolutions. It was seconded by Councilman Brewer.

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

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

### **C.P.O. 2023-06**

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GARY, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (FUND 2487) FOR MOBILE MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller, Williams Godwin, Councilman 1<sup>st</sup> District

Councilwoman Caldwell moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2023-06**. It was seconded by Councilman Washington.

Atty. Marco Molina (City Attorney) gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2023-06**.

President Godwin, Councilwoman Latham, Councilman Williams, Mayor Jerome Prince, Councilman Brewer, Councilman Washington spoke on **C.P.O. 2023-06**.

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

#### **C.P.O. 2022-115**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING GARY MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 36-158 AND 36-159 TITLED: PETITIONS; INVESTIGATION AND RECOMMENDATION; AND PUBLIC HEARING; DETERMINATION. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary

Councilwoman Caldwell moved to postpone **C.P.O. 2022-115** until March 21, 2023. It was seconded by Councilman Brewer.

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

#### **C.P.O. 2022-121**

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNITS. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller

Councilwoman Latham moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2022-121**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Atty. Molina (City Attorney) gave a brief overview of the proposed amendments **C.P.O. 2022-121**.

Councilwoman Latham moved to amend **C.P.O. 2022-121** by substitution. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

President Godwin and Councilman Brewer spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2022-121**.

Roll call showed a vote of 7 ayes 1 abstention (Brewer). The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

Atty. Molina (City Attorney) gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2022-121**.

President Godwin, Councilman Washington, Councilman Fossett and Mayor Prince spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2022-121**.

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

#### **C.P.O. 2022-136**

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 EMERGENCY CONGREGATE HOUSING. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Mileak Harper, City Controller



**C.P.O. 2022-137**

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

Councilwoman Caldwell moved to withdraw **C.P.O. 2022-136** and **C.P.O. 2022-137**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Brown.

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

**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

Councilwoman Caldwell moved to refer **C.P.O. 2023-01** with a committee hearing set for March 15, 2023 at 5:30 pm. It was seconded by Councilwoman Brown.

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

**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 Caldwell moved to refer **C.P.O. 2023-02** with a committee hearing set for March 15, 2023 at 5:30 pm. It was seconded by Councilwoman Brown.

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

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**C.P.O. 2023-09**

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Councilwoman Caldwell moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2023-08** and **C.P.O. 2023-09** (Second Reading) with a Committee Hearing set on March 15, 2023 at 5:30 pm. and Public Hearing set for March 21, 2023. It was seconded by Councilwoman Brown.

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

**C.P.O. 2023-10**

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Councilwoman Caldwell moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2023-10**, **C.P.O. 2023-11**, **C.P.O. 2012-12**, **C.P.O. 2023-13** and **C.P.O. 2023-14** (Second Reading) with a Committee Hearing set on March 28, 2023 at 5:30 pm. and Public Hearing set for March 21, 2023. It was seconded by Councilwoman Brown.

Councilman Brewer and Councilwoman Brown spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2023-13** and **C.P.O. 2023-14**.

Councilwoman withdrew and restated her motion for **C.P.O. 2023-13** and **C.P.O. 2023-14**.

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

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

Mayor Jerome Prince presented the following announcement(s)/update(s):

- 1) Congratulations was expressed to Police Chief Jerry Williams for the successes that he has had in a short period of time which includes restructuring his command staff.
- 2) Office of Constituent Services hosted a series of “Townhall Meetings” during the month of March, 2023. Citizens are encouraged to come out for future meetings.
- 3) Youth Services Bureau Director Atiya Muhammad along with the Gary Park Department has established a program called “The Youth Enrichment Program”. Citizens can reach out to the Youth Services Bureau for more information.
- 4) Applications will be available on April 3, 2023 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> “Annual Summer Program and Leadership Institute”.
- 5) There will be upcoming events in the month of March including the Phenomenal Women Awards Brunch held on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at Marquette Park Pavilion. On March 9, 2023 a “Finance and Home Buying” Seminar will be held at City Hall from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm; and on March 16, 2023 a “Self Defense” class will be held at Hudson Campbell from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. The events are in observance of “Women’s History and Health Month”.

President Godwin stated that the vote for **C.P.O. 2023-10**, **C.P.O. 2023-11** and **C.P.O. 2023-12** was omitted and needed to be taken.

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Councilman Brewer spoke n regards to **C.P.O. 2023-12**.

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

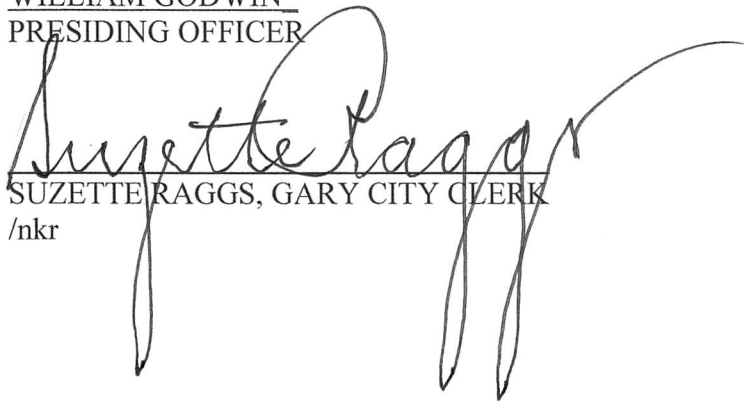
Councilwoman Brown announced that there will be a press conference in regards to the “Tolleston Opportunity Campus” on March 14, 2023 at 12:30 pm.

Mayor Prince and Councilman Brewer spoke in regards to the “Tolleston Opportunity Campus”.

President Godwin, Mayor Prince and Councilman Brewer spoke in regards to the “Public Safety Town Hall” meeting that was held on March 2, 2023.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMON COUNCIL, THE CHAIR DECLARED THIS MEETING OF **March 7, 2023** ADJOURNED AT 8:48 PM SO ORDERED.

WILLIAM GODWIN  
PRESIDING OFFICER

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzette Raggs', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

SUZETTE RAGGS, GARY CITY CLERK

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