

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

**MINUTES OF
JULY 18, 2023**

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

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM GODWIN
Councilman 1st District, Common Council President

THE HONORABLE DAVID FOSSETT
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 Parliamentarian

THE HONORABLE DWIGHT WILLIAMS
Councilman 6th 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 **18th Day of July, 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 LINDA BARNES-CALDWELL
THE HONORABLE WILLIAM GODWIN
THE HONORABLE DARREN WASHINGTON
THE HONORABLE DWIGHT WILLIAMS

ABSENT

THE HONORABLE MARY BROWN (see pg 3)
THE HONORABLE DAVID FOSSETT
THE HONORABLE LORI LATHAM (see pg. 3)

The meeting was opened at 6:04 pm with a moment of prayer by Pastor Pharis Evans Jr. followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Godwin acknowledged the presence of Lake County Councilman Clorius L. Lay (Lake County Council) and Congressman Peter Visclosky (Indiana 1st Congressional District) to the meeting.

The Chair asked for Roll Call.

Roll call showed 6 present 3 absent (Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Fossett, Councilwoman Latham). The Chair declared this duly a quorum in order to conduct business in the City of Gary.

Councilman Brewer moved to approve and accept the minutes of the July 6, 2023. It was seconded by Councilman Williams.

Roll call showed a vote of 6 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

ASSIGNMENT OF COUNCIL PENDING ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

C.P.O. 2023-41

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 WORKFORCE HOUSING-EASTSIDE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Celita Green, City Controller

UNASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE

C.P.O. 2023-42

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GARY, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (FUND 2487) FOR THE GARY EASTSIDE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WORKFORCE HOUSING. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Celita Green, City Controller

UNASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE

C.P.O. 2023-47

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 THE WASHINGTON MANOR SUBDIVISION. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Councilwoman Tai Adkins, 4th District, Celita Green, City Controller

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

C.P.O. 2023-48

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GARY, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (FUND 2487) FOR THE WASHINGTON MANOR SUBDIVISION. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Councilwoman Tai Adkins, 4th District, Celita Green, City Controller

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Councilwoman Adkins, Chairwoman of the Planning/Development Committee has:

C.P.O. 2023-47

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C.P.O. 2023-48

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GARY, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (FUND 2487) FOR THE WASHINGTON MANOR SUBDIVISION. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Councilwoman Tai Adkins, 4th District, Celita Green, City Controller **before it. For the record Councilwoman Adkins, Councilwoman Latham and Councilman Godwin approved C.P.O. 2023-47 and C.P.O. 2023-48 to be reported out of committee.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Councilwoman Adkins reported the following legislation out of committee: **C.P.O. 2023-47** and **C.P.O. 2023-48**.

PRESENTATIONS:

President Godwin provided an opportunity for Congressman Peter Visclosky (Indiana 1st Congressional District), Dan Vacari (Director of the Gary/Chicago International Airport), Jazmyne Thomas (Director of the Gary Parks Department) and Pastor Dennis Walton (Chairman of FaithWorks Network) to speak before the council.

Congressman Peter Visclosky (Indiana 1st Congressional District) and Dan Vacari (Director of the Gary/Chicago International Airport) gave updates at the Gary/Chicago International Airport.

President Godwin, Councilman Brewer and Councilwoman Latham spoke in regards to the Gary/Chicago International Airport.

Jazmyne Thomas (Director of the Gary Parks Department) gave updates of the City of Gary's "jewel parks".

*President Godwin acknowledged the presence of Councilwoman Brown and Councilwoman Latham to the meeting.

Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Washington, Councilman Brewer, Celita Green (City Controller), Councilwoman Adkins, Councilwoman Caldwell and Councilman Williams spoke in regards to the Gary Park Department.

Pastor Dennis Walton (Chairman of the FaithWorks Network) gave a presentation in regards to various projects in the City of Gary.

Councilman Brewer spoke in regards to the FaithWorks Network projects.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Alex Dunlap
Nick Vessel
Jim Nowacki

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

C.P.O. 2023-19

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING PAYMENT TO RACHELLE MORGAN CEASER FOR MORE THAN ONE POSITION OF EMPLOYMENT. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Celita Green, City Controller

Councilman Washington moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2023-19**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Washington moved to amend **C.P.O. 2023-19** 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. 2023-19**.

Councilwoman Caldwell, Councilman Washington, Councilwoman Latham, President Godwin, Councilwoman Brown, Joy Holliday (Chief of Staff), Councilman Brewer, Councilwoman Adkins, Atty. Lockett (Corporation Counsel) spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2023-19**.

Roll call showed a vote of 6 ayes 2 (Brewer, Williams) nays. The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

Roll call showed a vote of 6 ayes 2 (Brewer, Williams) nays. The Chair declared this Council Pending Ordinance duly **PASSED**.

C.P.O. 2023-30

AN ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR OPIOD FUND – UNRESTRICTED. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Celita Green, City Controller

Councilwoman Adkins moved to postpone **C.P.O. 2023-30** until August 1, 2023. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilwoman Adkins spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2023-30**.

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

C.P.O. 2023-31

AN ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR OPIOID FUND – RESTRICTED. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Celita Green, City Controller

Councilwoman Adkins moved to postpone **C.P.O. 2023-30** until August 1, 2023. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

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

C.P.O. 2023-33

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND 2023 APPROPRIATIONS FOR POLICE, MARQUETTE AND PARKS BUDGET. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Celita Green, City Controller

Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2023-33**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilwoman Adkins moved to amend **C.P.O. 2023-33** 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. 2023-33**.

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. 2023-35

AN ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CASINO OPERATING FUND FOR SUBSIDIES TO MARQUETTE PARK AND HUDSON CAMPBELL. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Celita Green, City Controller

Councilwoman Brown moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2023-35**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilwoman Brown moved to amend **C.P.O. 2023-35** 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. 2023-35**.

Councilwoman Adkins, Celita Green (City Controller), Councilman Brewer, President Godwin, Councilwoman Latham and Councilwoman Caldwell spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2023-35**.

Councilwoman Brown moved to withdraw the current motion and to refer **C.P.O. 2023-35** back to committee with a Committee Hearing set for July 25, 2023 at 6:30 pm. 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. 2023-36

AN ORDINANCE TO CLOSE THE GENESIS CENTER ENTERPRISE FUND AND TRANSFER FUNDS TO THE CLEAN UP/BEAUTIFICATION DEPARTMENT. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Celita Green, City Controller

Councilwoman Caldwell moved to table **C.P.O. 2023-36**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Brown.

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

C.P.O. 2023-38

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE FLEET SELF-INSURANCE FUND. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Celita Green, City Controller

Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2023-38**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilwoman Adkins moved to amend **C.P.O. 2023-38** by substitution. It was seconded by Councilman Brewer.

Atty. Angela Lockett (Corporation Counsel) gave a brief overview of the proposed amendments to **C.P.O. 2023-38**.

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

President Godwin, Celita Green (City Controller), Atty. Lockett (Corporation Counsel), Councilman Brewer, and Councilwoman Adkins spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2023-38**.

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

C.P.O. 2023-39

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW FUND "VEHICLE SELF-INSURANCE". Sponsored by: Jerome Prince, Mayor City of Gary, Celita Green, City Controller

Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2023-39**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Atty. Angela Lockett (Corporation Counsel) gave a brief overview of **C.P.O. 2023-39**.

Councilman Brewer, President Godwin and Atty. Rinzer Williams (Council's Legal Advisor) spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2023-39**.

Roll call showed a vote of 7 ayes 0 nays and 1 abstention (Godwin). The Chair declared this Council Pending Ordinance duly **PASSED**.

C.P.O. 2023-45

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER XXXX TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE OPERATING AND SALARY BUDGET OF THE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM. Sponsored by: Mayor Jerome Prince, City of Gary, Celita Green, City Controller

Councilwoman Adkins moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2023-45**. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilwoman Adkins moved to amend **C.P.O. 2023-45** by substitution. It was seconded by Councilman Caldwell.

Atty. Angela Lockett (Corporation Counsel) gave a brief overview of the proposed amendments to **C.P.O. 2023-45**.

President Godwin and Celita Green (City Controller) spoke in regards to **C.P.O. 2023-45**.

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**.

COUNCIL PENDING ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING:

C.P.O. 2023-47

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Councilwoman Adkin moved for passage of **C.P.O. 2023-47 and C.P.O. 2023-48** (Second Reading) with a Committee Hearing set on July 25, 2023, at 5:30 pm and Public Hearing set for August 1, 2023 along with adding Councilwoman Caldwell as a co-sponsor. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

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

REPORTS/QUESTIONS OF CITY OFFICIAL:

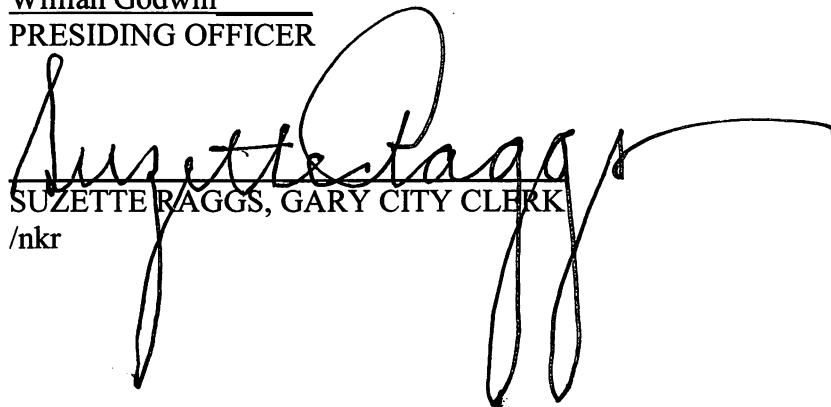
Atty. Trent McCain (Deputy Mayor) presented the following announcement(s)/update(s) on behalf of the administration:

- 1) Condolences were expressed to the family of Shirley Fisher; and special acknowledgement to the City of Gary in mourning the death of Gary Police K9 Falco.
- 2) In partnership with the City of Gary, Gary Police Department and Pop On Youth Violence will hold a "National Night's Out" on August 8, 2023 at the Gary Railcats Stadium, 6:00 pm.
- 3) A free "Baseball Clinic" for children 8-14 years featuring major league baseball veterans LaTroy Hawkins and Kenny Lofton will be held on July 25, 2023 at the US Steel Yard from 9:45 am to 12:00 noon with lunch provided.
- 4) The City of Gary's "Wind Down Wednesday" will be held on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at Marquette Park Pavilion at 6:00 pm.

Councilwoman Adkins announced that the City of Gary will be hosting the "3rd Annual Food Truck Block Festival" on Saturday July 22, 2023 at Marquette Park Pavilion from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMON COUNCIL, THE CHAIR DECLARED THIS MEETING OF **July 18, 2023** ADJOURNED AT 9:26 PM SO ORDERED.

William Godwin
PRESIDING OFFICER


SUZETTE RAGGS, GARY CITY CLERK
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