

GOSHEN COMMON COUNCIL

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 3, 2017

The Common Council of the City of Goshen, Indiana met in a regular meeting on January 3, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Court Room/Council Chambers at the Goshen Police & Court Building, 111 East Jefferson Street, Goshen, IN. Presiding Officer was Mayor Stutsman, with members of the Council present or absent as follows:

PRESENT: Councilman Ahlersmeyer, McKee, Orgill, Scharf, Weddell
Councilwoman Gautsche, King
Youth Advisor Biller

ABSENT: None

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Stutsman added item #5 to the agenda which is the appointment to the Planning Commission. Motion to approve change by Councilman Weddell. Motion seconded by Councilman Ahlersmeyer. Seeing no other additions to the Agenda, Mayor Stutsman called for a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion made by Councilman Weddell. Motion seconded by Councilman Ahlersmeyer.

By a 7-0 unanimous vote the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes to approve at this time.

PRESENTATIONS

No presentations were made.

ELECTION OF COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mayor Stutsman called for a motion to open the nominations for Common Council President. Motion made by Councilman Weddell. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Gautsche.

Motion made by Councilman Weddell to nominate Jim McKee as Council President. Motion Seconded by Councilman Orgill.

Motion made by Councilman Scharf to nominate Julia Gautsche as Council President. Motion seconded by Councilwoman King.

Mayor Stutsman called for additional nominees or a motion to close nominations. Motion made by Councilman Ahlersmeyer to close nominations. Motion seconded by Councilman Weddell. Mayor Stutsman declared the nominations closed.

Mayor Stutsman asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Roll call was as follows:

Councilman Ahlersmeyer—Mr. McKee

Councilwoman Gautsche—Ms. Gautsche

Councilwoman King—Ms. Gautsche

Councilman McKee—Mr. McKee

Councilman Orgill—Mr. McKee

Councilman Scharf—Ms. Gautsche

Councilman Weddell—Mr. McKee

By a 4-3 vote the Common Council President will be Jim McKee for the 2017 Council year.

ORDINANCE #4893

Council President McKee introduced Ordinance #4893 entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #2078 GRANTING A SPECIAL USE."

Council President McKee asked the Clerk-Treasurer to read the Ordinance by title only for its first reading and moved for its passage. Motion seconded by Councilman Ahlersmeyer.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE #4893

Mayor Stutsman opened Public comments. Staff presentation on this Ordinance can be found at 9 minutes and 10 seconds of the audio recording. Public offered no comments on this Ordinance.

COUNCIL COMMENTS ON ORDINANCE #4893

Mayor Stutsman opened Council comments. Council discussion on this Ordinance can be found at 10 minutes and 50 seconds of the audio recording.

Mayor Stutsman called for a motion to amend the incorrect Ordinance #2708 to the correct Ordinance #2078. Motion made by Councilman Weddell to amend the incorrect Ordinance #2708 to the correct Ordinance #2078. Motion seconded by Councilman Scharf.

By a 7-0 unanimous vote the amendment to Ordinance #4893 passed.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDED ORDINANCE #4893

Mayor Stutsman opened Public comments. Public offered no additional comments on this Ordinance.

COUNCIL COMMENTS ON AMENDED ORDINANCE #4893

Mayor opened Council comments. Council offered no additional comments on this Ordinance.

Mayor Stutsman called for a vote to pass Ordinance #4893 on a first reading.

By a 7-0 unanimous vote Ordinance #4893 passed on first reading.

Mayor Stutsman called for a unanimous Council consent to consider the Ordinance for passage during one meeting. As there were no objections, Mayor Stutsman declared that the Ordinance would be heard on a second reading.

Council President McKee asked the Clerk-Treasurer to read the Ordinance by title only for a second and final reading and moved for its passage by a roll call vote. Motion seconded by Councilwoman King.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE #4893

Mayor Stutsman opened Public comments. Public offered no additional comments on this Ordinance.

COUNCIL COMMENTS ON ORDINANCE #4893

Mayor Stutsman opened Council comments. Council offered no additional comments on this Ordinance.

Mayor Stutsman asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Roll call was as follows:

AYES: Ahlersmeyer, Gautsche, King, McKee, Orgill, Scharf, Weddell

NAYES:

By a 7-0 unanimous vote the Ordinance passed.

(ORDINANCE #4893 DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF JANUARY 3, 2017)

RESOLUTION #2017-01

Council President McKee introduced Resolution #2017-01 entitled "A RESOLUTION MODIFYING A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH LACASA."

Council President McKee asked the Clerk-Treasurer to read the Ordinance by title only for its first reading and moved for its passage. Motion seconded by Councilwoman King.

Councilwoman Gautsche recused herself from Council discussion as her husband is President/CEO of LaCasa. Mayor Stutsman accepted Councilwoman Gautsche's recusal.

PRESENTATION—LARRY GAUTCHE WITH LACASA

LaCasa President/CEO Larry Gautsche's presentation to the Council begins at 18 minutes and 20 seconds of the audio recording. Mr. Gautsche's presentation included photos of properties and projects undertaken by LaCasa since 2007.

COUNCIL COMMENTS ON LACASA PRESENTATION

Mayor Stutsman opened Council comments. Council comments begin at 34 minutes and 13 seconds on the audio recording and end at 48 minutes and 37 seconds of the audio recording. Council comments resume at 56 minutes and 28 seconds of the audio recording.

PUBLIC HEARING ON LACASA PRESENTATION

Mayor Stutsman opened Public comments. Public comments begin at 48 minutes and 54 seconds of the audio recording.

Mayor Stutsman called for a vote to pass Resolution #2017-01.

By a 7-0 unanimous vote the Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION #2017-02

Council President McKee introduced Resolution #2017-02 entitled "APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH ELKHART COUNTY FOR OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS."

Council President McKee asked the Clerk-Treasurer to read the Ordinance by title only for its first reading and moved for its passage. Motion seconded by Councilman Ahlersmeyer.

Mayor Stutsman called for the record to reflect that Councilwoman Gautsche had re-entered the discussion. Mayor Stutsman's explanation of the Resolution begins at 59 minutes and 15 seconds of the audio recording.

COUNCIL COMMENTS ON RESOLUTION #2017-02

Mayor Stutsman opened Council comments. Council comments begin at 1 hour and 6 seconds of the audio recording.

PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION #2017-02

Mayor Stutsman opened Public discussion. Public offered no comments on this Resolution.

Mayor Stutsman called for a vote to pass Resolution #2017-02.

By a 7-0 unanimous vote the Resolution passed.

APPROVAL OF 2017 COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR

Mayor Stutsman suggested the following changes to the 2017 Council Meeting Calendar:

1. Due to the spring break schedule, the meeting of April 4th would be moved to April 11th. The meeting of April 18th would be replaced with a Council retreat on April 25th.
2. Due to the Fourth of July holiday taking place on the first Tuesday of the month, the meetings of July 11th and July 25th would be replaced with a meeting on July 18th to accommodate an expected lack of agenda items.
3. Due to the fall break schedule, the meeting of October 17th would be replaced with a meeting on October 24th. This would also allow the Council to have additional time between the first and second readings of the budget.
4. Due to the Christmas holiday, the extra meeting on December 27th would be moved to 5:30 P.M.

Councilman Weddell moved to eliminate the two Council meetings in July and replace them with a single meeting on July 18th. Motion seconded by Councilman Ahlersmeyer.

Mayor Stutsman called for a vote to pass the amendment to the Council Meeting Calendar.

By a 7-0 unanimous vote the amendment passed.

Council President McKee moved to approve the Amended Council Meeting Calendar. Motion seconded by Councilman Weddell.

Mayor Stutsman called for a vote to approve the amended Council Meeting Calendar.

By a 7-0 unanimous vote the Council Meeting Calendar was approved.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING COMMISSION

Council President McKee retained his appointment as the Council representative to the Planning Commission.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mayor Stutsman opened Privilege of the Floor.

Glenn Null (Goshen) spoke to snow removal by the Street Department at 1 hour, 7 minutes, and 13 seconds of the audio recording.

Doug Nisley (Goshen) spoke to a calendar error on Facebook at 1 hour, 9 minutes, and 28 seconds of the audio recording.

Mayor Stutsman spoke to a change in the recording of minutes at 1 hour, 9 minutes, and 54 seconds of the audio recording.


Councilman Ahlersmeyer added to Mr. Null's comments at 1 hour, 12 minutes, and 13 seconds of the audio recording.

Mayor Stutsman spoke to the new job description for Director of Public Works at 1 hour, 13 minutes, and 57 seconds of the audio recording.

Mayor Stutsman called for a motion to adjourn.

Council President McKee moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilman Scharf and the meeting adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

APPROVED: _____


Mayor, Jeremy P. Stutsman
Goshen, Indiana

ATTEST: _____


Angie McKee
City Clerk-Treasurer