

THE COMMON COUNCIL

June 06, 2022

6:30 P.M.

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN WAS HELD AT THE CITY HALL BUILDING ON MONDAY, JUNE 06, 2022 AT 6:30 PM WITH MAYOR TREVA HODGES PRESIDING.

Council members present were: Brian Hester, Ruthie Jackson, BJ Steele, JT Cox and Bo Bertram, also present were Clerk Treasurer Donna Coomer, City Attorney Perry McCall and Common Council Attorney Mike Gillenwater.

Pledge

All

Invocation

Father Aherne – Saint Michaels

Agenda

Councilman Steele made a motion to approve the agenda with no changes., seconded by Councilwoman Jackson. Approved 5-0.

Minutes, Claims and PR Voucher

Councilman Steele made a motion to approve the Minutes of 05/02/2022, the Claims and PR Voucher from 05/02/2022 to 06/05/2022, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson. Approved 5-0.

Public Comments

Wendy Dant Chesser gave a presentation on who is One Southern Indiana(1si)? They have over 1,050 Business Members. They help with New Business Attraction, Existing Business Expansion and Existing Business Retention. They are the Chamber of Commerce, Local Economic Development Organization, One Southern Indiana Regional Development Authority. They are a nonprofit and have a Board of Directors. They help with Small Business Education & Lending, Business Loans, Emergency Loans, Revolving Fund Loan, Diversity Equity & Inclusion.

READI Program

IDEC announced \$500 million in READI awards. All 17 regions received between \$5 and 50 million. One Southern Indiana RDA is one of five regions to receive the maximum award of 50 million. RDA intends to contract with River Hills EDD for admin/fiduciary services. Federal guidelines will apply, including procurement and prevailing wage requirements. Funds need to be committed by end of 2021 and expended by 2026.

Project Whiteboard

Wendy Dant Chesser said this project was originated in November 2021 it was a food product manufacturer. They were looking for 20-40 acres for a new building and their investment was going to be 72.6 million with an average wage of \$22.37 without any benefits. They visited this area three times. They wanted to see if we fit their culture and we did not, therefore they chose Columbus Indiana.

Ethan Biggs Legislative Youth Advisor Report

No Report

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Hodges said our Founders Day starts on June 18th and goes through June 25,2022. The city website has information and we have flyers that have the information in them. Mayor Hodges presented pictures of the sidewalks going from Harrison to Main and Main Cross that needs new sidewalks and has to be in ADA compliance. The sidewalks are crumbling and in need of major repair.

Council Comments

Councilwoman Jackson asked Tony about where you could dispose of a TV. Tony said you can take it to the recycle center here in Charlestown. She asked if there was a fee. Mayor Hodges said there is, but doesn't know the amount. She also asked about the islands and when they may be done. Mayor Hodges said they are working on the redesign They have to work with weather conditions.

Ordinance 2022-OR-06

An additional appropriation ordinance for \$300,000.00 from the Capital Trust Fund was presented by Mayor Hodges to do facility maintenance and infrastructure. Councilwoman Jackson is asking to lower Capital Trust Fund to \$150,000.00 from \$300,000.00 and to use other funds to make up the difference. Mayor Hodges asked Councilwoman Jackson other funds are:

ARPA \$75,000.00
CCI \$17,000.00
EDIT \$15,000.00
EPIC \$38,000.00

Councilwoman Jackson asked Mayor Hodges where is she pulling the money from to make up the \$84,000.00. Mayor Hodges said there is money in the EPIC Fund and the Quality of Life Edit Fund.

Mayor Hodges said we can revise the amount of the appropriation to \$178,000.00 and asked the Council to approve it on the first reading.

Councilman Cox made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-OR-06 as amended to \$178,000.00 on the first reading, seconded by Councilman Bertram. Approved 3-2.

Councilman Bertram, Councilman Hester and Councilman JT Cox voted for Ordinance 2022-OR-06. Councilwoman Jackson voted nay and Councilman Steele abstained, This can be brought back to the Council at the next meeting or have a special meeting for a second and final vote.

Resolution 2022-R-3

This Resolution is approving an agreed order with IDEM regarding City's compliance with NPDES Permit. This was discussed at the executive meeting and approved by the Sanitary Sewer Board. Approved 5-0.

Adjournment


Councilman Cox made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Steele. Approved 5-0.



MAYOR, TREVA HODGES

7-6-2022
DATE

ATTEST:



CLERK TREASURER, DONNA S. COOMER

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