REGULAR MEETING COMMON COUNCIL - March 26, 2024

The Common Council of the City of Huntington met on the 26th day of March 2024, at 7:00 p.m., for its regular meeting in accordance with all applicable requirements and notice.

INVOCATION: Mayor Strick gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Strick called the regular meeting of the Common Council to order.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Strick opened the public hearing for an easement vacation for Bippus State Bank. With no one wishing to speak, Mayor Strick closed the public hearing.

Mayor Strick opened the public hearing for reestablishing the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (CCD). With no one wishing to speak, Mayor Strick closed the public hearing.

ROLL CALL: Common Council Members present: Charles Chapman, PJ Felton, Dave Funk, Todd Johnson, Paul Pike, and Andrew Rensberger. Third district seat vacant.

<u>APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</u>: Council Member Felton moved to approve Council's March 12, 2024, regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 6-0. Minutes signed.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS: Council Member Chapman reported that he attended the proclamation at the County for Child Abuse Awareness. No other reports were given.

PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Member Chapman made a motion to approve on **first reading Ordinance 4-C-24: "An Ordinance Vacating a Platted Easement within the City of Huntington, Indiana**, seconded by Council Member Pike. Director Keplinger and Bippus Bank President, Eric Fawcett presented information and answered Council's questions. Motion passed 5-0-1. Rensberger abstained.

Council Member Chapman made a motion to approve on first and final reading Resolution 3-R-24: "Reestablishment of Cumulative Capital Development Fund (CCD)", seconded by Council Member Rensberger. After Clerk Treasurer McElhaney explained the tax rate maximum and Director Cuttriss explained the usage of the fund for roads, motion passed 5-1. Ayes: Chapman, Felton, Funk, Pike, and Rensberger. Nays: Johnson. Resolution signed.

Council Member Felton made a motion to approve on **first and final reading Resolution 4-R-24:** "CEDIT Executive Order 5" (CEDIT Plan), seconded by Council Member Chapman. Mayor Strick explained in detail the categories of CEDIT expenditures. Motion passed 6-0. Resolution signed.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve on first and final reading Resolution 5-R-24: "Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Huntington, Indiana, Calling on the United States Congress to Pass the Federal Railway Safety Act (S.576/H.R.1674) to Support America's First Responders and Keep Trains Moving Safely in Communities", seconded by Council Member Felton. Mayor Strick discussed the proposed resolution and that it encourages the federal government to proceed with adopting the Federal Railway Safety Act to better support first responders in emergency situations. Motion passed 6-0. Resolution signed.

MISCELLANEOUS: None.

Christi A. McElhaney

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>: Council Member Pike moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 6-0.

	APPR	OVED:	
Richard Strick	As Mayor	Dwight Brautigam	As Member
Mmtte Charles Chapman	As Council President	Dave Funk	As Member
PJ Felton	As Member	Todd Johnson	As Member
Andrew Rensberger	As Member	Absent Paul Pike	As Member