

REGULAR MEETING COMMON COUNCIL – August 12, 2025

The Common Council of the City of Huntington met on the 12th day of August 2025, at 7:00 p.m., 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.

ROLL CALL: Common Council Members present: Dwight Brautigam, Charles Chapman, PJ Felton, Dave Funk, Todd Johnson, Paul Pike, and Andrew Rensberger.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Strick opened the public hearing on Ordinance 11-C-25: An Additional Appropriation, from the general fund for \$3,000,000 to begin the construction of the new fire station. With no one wishing to speak, Mayor Strick closed the public hearing.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Council Member Johnson moved to approve Council's July 29, 2025, regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 7-0. Minutes signed.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS: Council Member Brautigam reported on the Local Emergency Council meeting. He would like to commend the preparedness the group has in regard to battery fires, as they become more common. Council Member Johnson reported on the HCUED meeting. The Executive Director, Mark Wickersham, will be retiring at the end of September. He has done great things for the community through his tenure as the Executive Director. No other reports were given.

PETITIONS OR COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ice Miller Attorney Lisa Lee, who is serving as bond counsel for the Fire Station construction project, presented the legal authority and process for the **financial structure of the lease rental bond for the Fire Station funding**. She is working alongside Baker Tilly with the process and explained that the ordinance pledges any legally available revenues of the City so the Council can review all City funds available annually during the budget process for the lease rental payment.

Council Member Brautigam made a motion to approve on **first reading Ordinance 11-C-25: "Additional Appropriation" (General Fund – Fire Department)**, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 7-0.

Council Member Chapman made a motion to approve on **first reading Ordinance 13-C-25: "An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Huntington, Indiana, Pledging General**

Revenues to the Payment of Lease Rentals to Pay Bonds of the Huntington Redevelopment Authority”, seconded by Council Member Felton. Motion passed 7-0.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve on **first and final reading Resolution 4-R-25: “Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Huntington, Indiana, Approving a Lease Between the Huntington Redevelopment Authority and The Huntington Redevelopment Commission and Approving the Issuance of Lease Rental Bonds by the Redevelopment Authority and Other Matters Related Thereto”,** seconded by Council Member Pike. Motion passed 7-0. Resolution signed.

Mayor Strick introduced the **Flint Creek Redevelopment, LLC board members** who were in attendance and each briefly addressed Council and answered Council’s questions. **The City’s economic development project was presented to the City’s Economic Development Commission (EDC) on August 12 at a special meeting.** The EDC passed Resolution 1-R-25 providing Council with a favorable recommendation to proceed with funding the project. Eric Doden, PAGO USA, made his presentation to Council outlining the project. Lisa Lee, Ice Miller, explained the legal authority and procedure for issuing a loan not to exceed \$2 Million dollars to be made through the EDC statute, so the project can commence.

Council Member Felton made a motion to approve on **first reading Ordinance 14-C-25; “An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Huntington, Indiana to Fund Its “Economic Development Revenue Note, Series 2025” and Approving and Authorizing Other Actions in Respect Thereto”,** seconded by Council Member Brautigam. After discussion and questions, motion passed 6-1. Ayes: Brautigam, Chapman, Felton, Funk, Johnson, and Pike. Nays: Rensberger.

Council Member Chapman made a motion to approve on first and final reading **Resolution 3-R-25 “A Resolution for CD Renewal,”** seconded by Council Member Brautigam. Motion passed 7-0. Resolution signed.

Council Member Pike made a motion to approve on **first reading Ordinance 12-C-25: “An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntington, Indiana by Amending Section 78.01 (E): Traffic Schedule V- One-Way Streets, Alleys”,** seconded by Council Member Brautigam. Questions were answered regarding the alley on the south end of St. Mary’s Catholic Church needing to be changed to one-way from two-way. Motion passed 7-0.

MISCELLANEOUS: Clerk-Treasurer McElhaney presented Council with the July 2025 budget reports.

Mayor Strick congratulated Matt Disler and the Main Street Committee on a great downtown event with the first annual Tenderloin Fest.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Johnson moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 7-0.

APPROVED:

Richard Strick As Mayor

Dwight Brautigam As Member

Charles Chapman As Council
President

Dave Funk As Member

PJ Felton As Member

Todd Johnson As Member

Andrew Rensberger As Member

Paul Pike As Member

Attest:

Christi A. McElhaney As Clerk-Treasurer