

REGULAR MEETING COMMON COUNCIL – August 11, 2020

The Common Council of the City of Huntington met on the 11th day of August 2020, at 7:00 p.m., in regular session and in accordance with all applicable requirements and notice.

INVOCATION: Pastor Jason Carter, College Park Church of the Brethren, gave the invocation.

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

ROLL CALL: Common Council Members present: Joe Blomeke, Charles Chapman, PJ Felton, Dave Funk, Seth Marshall, Jerry Meehan Jr., and Paul Pike.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Strick opened the public hearing for the Additional Appropriation for Park Department. Chris Abbett, Connie Abbett, and Roger and Terra Finderson spoke in favor of the Splash pad and giving back to the community and using the funds allocated in the Park Fund for this project. With no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Strick closed the public hearing.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Council Member Pike moved to approve Council's July 14, 2020 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Meehan. Motion passed 7-0. Minutes signed.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS:

Council Member Committee Reports: Council Member Chapman: stated that the City's utility subcommittee has met twice and reviewed and outlined changes for Coouncil to consider after review by the administration. Council Member Felton: reported that the CEDIT committee met and while the unemployment rate increased from 3.5% to 20% during the first part of COVID 19 pandemic it has since dropped to 10% in June. Council Member Meehan: reported on the Solid Waste District meeting and that INMAR is dropping off a drug bin at the new Police Station for citizen drop off use and the meeting was held at the Solid Waste facility in order to have a tour of the facility. Council Member Marshall: reported HCUED met and they are looking at seven clients with 170 jobs for Huntington and 98% of the open space is taken. No other reports were given.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

First reading of Ordinance 10-C-20: "Additional Appropriation - Park". Council Member Chapman made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Marshall. Park Superintendent Yoder spoke to Council in regard to the **new Splash Pad** explaining the details and the total cost for a new splash pad with a larger footprint, removable, and interchangeable water toys. He mentioned that the park has received several calls about the splash pad being closed this season. The Mayor spoke explaining that the City has been preapproved for the use of CARES ACT funds for the recycling of the water usage to reduce the spread of COVID-19. He also reminded Council that for those funds to be reimbursed they must be expended before the end of

2020. After much further discussion, **Motion passed 5-2**. Ayes: Blomeke, Chapman, Funk, Marshall, and Pike. Nays: Felton and Meehan.

Council Member Meehan made a motion to approve on first and final reading, **Resolution 6-R-20: “Increase Petty Cash Fund”**, seconded by Council Member Felton. Clerk Treasurer’s office needed more cash change on hand. Motion passed 7-0. Resolution signed.

Council Member Pike made a motion to approve on **first and final reading, Resolution 7-R-20 “Resolution Amending and Restating Resolution 11-R-18 Pledging a Portion of the City’s Annual Distributive Share of Local Income Tax Revenues”**, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 7-0. Resolution signed.

Council Member Chapman made a motion to approve on **first and final reading, Resolution 8-R-20 “Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of a Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Program Grant Application to the Federal Economic Development Administration and Addressing Related Matters”**, seconded by Council Member Marshall. Motion passed 7-0. Resolution signed.

Council Member Chapman made a motion to approve on **first and final reading, Resolution 9-R-20 “Resolution Approving, Ratifying, and Confirming Executive Order Number 3”**, seconded by Council Member Meehan. CREDIT LIT plan for 2020-2024. Motion passed 7-0. Resolution signed.

MISCELLANEOUS:

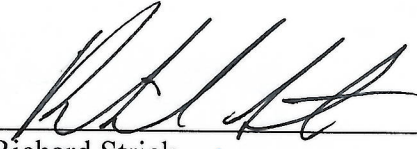
City Clerk-Treasurer McElhaney presented the City’s July 2020 Budget Report for review.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Meehan moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Felton. Motion passed 7-0.


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APPROVED:


Richard Strick As Mayor


Charles Chapman As Council
President


PJ Felton As Member


Seth Marshall As Member


Joseph E. Blomeke As Member


Dave Funk As Member


Jerry Meehan Jr. As Member


Paul Pike As Member

Attest:


Christi A. McElhaney As Clerk-Treasurer