

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
February 2, 2022**

Call to Order: Mayor Snedecor called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and moment of silence and remembrance on the recent passing of Paul Throne and Steve Balash, both former teachers and mentors for the School City of Hobart. The meeting was held with the building open to the public and a call-in number for remote public participation.

Roll Call: The following members were present in person: Mr. Wells and Mr. Claussen. Present telephonically: Mr. Kopil, Mr. Huddleston, Mr. Maggio Mr. Vinzant and Mr. Waldrop. Absent: City Attorney McCarthy. Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Longer.

Reading of the Minutes: Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Wells, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2022 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Correspondence: 2021 Economic Development Commission (EDC) Annual Report: The EDC Annual Report was presented with no activity shown in 2021. No action was required.

EDC Resolution 2022-01: Approving Findings of Fact of EDC/TIF Bonds for Albanese (Project Talon): As required, this resolution approving the Findings of Fact and Issuance of EDC/TIF Bonds for Albanese was presented to the Council. No action was required.

Department Reports: Mr. Wells requested an update on the Stinky Creek project. Bob Fulton, HSD President, stated the Little Cal River Basin Commission is considering a request to help with funding of this project and the work on the design continues.

Public Works Director Kelly Smith stated the plows have been out since 1:30AM meeting the demands of the snowstorm to keep roads clear. She thanked Mission BBQ, Marco's Pizza and Hobart Events for providing food for the employees. She noted that the transfer station closed on Wednesday and Thursday due to the storm so garbage pickup on Thursday will be delayed until Friday. The Mayor and the Council commended the Public Works Department for their response to the storm.

Committee Reports: There were no Committee reports.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Wells, to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Unfinished Business:

Resolution 2022-02: A Resolution approving a Form of Development Agreement Among the City of Hobart, Indiana and the City of Hobart Redevelopment Commission and SIR R.J.L, LLC. re: Albanese Confectionery Expansion: The Resolution was read. Director of Development Beth Jacobson explained that the Development Agreement is part of the Bond for the Albanese Expansion and was approved by the Redevelopment Commission earlier this morning. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Huddleston, to approve Resolution 2022-02 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Tabled: Ordinance 2022-01 (2nd Reading): An Ordinance of the Common Council Authorizing the City of Hobart, Indiana, to Issue One or More Series of its Economic Development Revenue Bonds and Approving and Authorizing Other Actions in respect thereto: Albanese Confectionary Group, Inc. re: TIF Allocation Area No. 2: Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Wells, to remove this item from the table. The second reading of the Ordinance was held. Randy Rompola, Bond Counsel with Barnes and Thornburg, reviewed the bond issue for \$11,750,000 that will be trued-up in 2027 with tax increment pledged to pay the bonds and the excess increment up to 2027 to go to the Redevelopment Commission.

After 2027, 50% of the excess will pay the bonds after the true-up calculations. Attorney Rompola noted this is the last formal action needed to close on the bonds. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Vinzant, to adopt Ordinance 2022-01 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

New Business:

Resolution 2022-03: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Predevelopment Agreement between the City of Hobart, Hobart Sanitary District, Hobart Storm Water Management Department and the City of Hobart Redevelopment Commission and Becknell Industrial, LLC: The Resolution was read. Ethan Frisch representing Becknell Industrial LLC was present telephonically. Director of Development Beth Jacobson stated the Redevelopment Commission approved a similar Resolution earlier today as did the Board of Works. The Sanitary/Stormwater District Resolution will be considered at their February 8th meeting. This pre-development agreement includes anticipated road improvements on Colorado Street and a roundabout at 61st and Colorado should development proceed as planned. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Vinzant, to adopt Resolution 2022-03 as presented.

Ordinance 2022-03: Amending Ordinance 2021-25 of the Common Council, Amending certain Teamster Employee Compensations to coincide with the Articles of Agreement between the City of Hobart and the Teamsters Local Union No. 142 as approved and accepted by the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Hobart: The Ordinance was read. Mr. Maggio noted the Teamster's Agreement is effective beginning January 1, 2022 and would like to have the amendments to the salary ordinance also effective retroactive to January 1, 2022. Ms. Longer noted that Section 4 could be amended to read: "This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect retroactive to January 1, 2022 after its passage by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor." Motion by Mr. Kopil, seconded by Mr. Wells, to pass Ordinance 2022-03 with the effective date retroactive to January 1, 2022 as discussed. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Wells, to suspend the rules, declare an emergency, and proceed with the second reading of the ordinance this evening. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

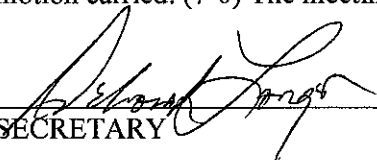
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Announcements: Mr. Huddlestun reminded the public that homeowners are responsible for clearing the sidewalks adjacent to their property and asked that they do so to allow clear passage for children getting to school. Mr. Kopil also asked the public to clear out the areas around neighborhood fire hydrants and storm drains to avoid problems with access.

Mr. Vinzant stated the deer population in the rural areas of the City have increased especially along Liverpool Road and asked the Public Works Dept. to consider adding some "Watch for Deer Crossing" signs in areas of higher concentration of deer.

Mr. Snedecor asked if there was anyone who wished to address the Council and there was no response.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Huddlestun, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (7-0) The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.


SECRETARY


PRESIDING OFFICER