The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday, January 29th, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers for the purpose of a Public Hearing on Ordinance #6884.

Present: Wyant, Cameron, Young, Haworth, Kennedy, Hayes, Whikehart, Sanders, Miklik

Absent: None

President Hayes called for any comments from the audience, hearing none the Public Hearing was adjourned.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 29th, 2018

The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday, January 29th, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order by President Hayes.

President Hayes states, those who wish to stand may stand, or you may remain seated.

Invocation was offered by Pastor Jeff Russell from New Beginnings Christian Fellowship.

Present: Wyant, Cameron, Young, Haworth, Kennedy, Hayes, Whikehart, Sanders, Miklik

Absent: None
The minutes of the Council Meeting Minutes January 8th, 2018 were declared approved as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** President Hayes states, I need to set a Public Hearing for Ordinance #6880 and #6881 for February 12th, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

President Hayes states, I need to acknowledge that each of you Council Members have received the Airport’s 2017 Rotary Fuel Activity Report, from the Kokomo Municipal Airport Aviation Commission.

President Hayes states, I also need to mention, at our last Council Meeting had an appointment on the agenda to the Howard County Emergency Management Advisory Council. The appointment comes from the Mayor’s Office, and not the City Council; and so that person will be serving as appointee of the Mayor. The person that will be serving is Steve Stackhouse.

There were no committee reports given at this regular meeting.

**ORDINANCE 6880:** AN ORDINANCE VACATING RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA
First reading
Ordinance 6880 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Cameron moved for passage on ordinance #6880 on first reading; seconded by Councilman Wyant.
Councilman Cameron states, this ordinance deals with a proposed vacation portion of Phillips Street right-of-way 533 feet north of Markland Avenue. It runs along where Phillips Street comes with Park Avenue.
Cont. Ordinance #6880.
There was once a road that went thru there. In 1964 the largest portion when vacated. What this ordinance deals with is the last 533 feet that ties into Markland. Cartwright Ellis is on the West side of it; and Syndicate Sales is right next to it. Therefore I feel this ordinance should be passed; based on it has no use to the City.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None

The vote was 9 to 0 for passage on first reading.

ORDINANCE 6881: AN ORDINANCE VACATING RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA

Ordinance 6881 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Cameron moved for passage on ordinance #6881 on first reading; seconded by Councilman Wyant.

Councilman Cameron states, this deals with where Pettit Park is. If you remember several years ago, we received a number of letters from some of the students about the graffiti. This building that is standing there now, is going to be demolished. This was a concern for teachers, and administrators. At that time the owner would do nothing. The City came out and painted the building, and charged them. There is an alley that ran between McCann, and Wabash Avenue. That will be no longer an alley anymore. The area that the school is taking over is going to be moving the playground equipment down, and giving them a lot more atcess so the kids have a playground. Also approve the parking facility particular during election.
Cont. Ordinance #6881.
I feel this is a good ordinance to be in favor of.
Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 9 to 0 for passage on first reading.

Second reading
Ordinance 6882 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Whikehart moved for passage on ordinance #6882 on second reading; seconded by Councilwoman Sanders.
Councilman Whikehart states. this is a two hundred dollar increase among longevity pay for police. It’s the only monetary increase police received within the 3 year contract. We are doing this because the salary ordinance was signed before the contract was agreed on.
Cont. Ordinance #6882.
I would ask the Council to pass this on second reading.
Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 9 to 0 for passage on second reading (As Amended).

ORDINANCE 6883:  
Rezoning: PR to R3  
Location: 1275 West 300 South  
Petitioner: Jeff Thomas for Autumn Woods  
Second reading

Ordinance 6883 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilwoman Young moved for passage on ordinance #6883 on second reading; seconded by Councilman Wyant.

Councilwoman Young states, the petitioner is Jeff Thomas for Oakmont Development. He is requesting a change in zone classification PR (Parks and Recreation) to R3 (Medium Density Residential) property located at 1275 West 300 South. The plan we have is for a major subdivision Autumn Woods single family. Their requesting zoning change is comparable with surrounding zoning in the area. The residents had concerns about the water flow, price of homes, traffic safety.

There were several concerned citizens that spoke at the meeting. They are as follows: Stephanie Collins 1622 FoxHaven Drive, Brian Hubbard 3047 Crooked Stick Drive, Heather Weber 3036 Crooked Stick Drive, Duran Raul Zubia 3167 Crooked Stick Drive, Shawn Conner 3103 Crooked Stick Drive.

Greg Sheline, Director of The Kokomo Howard County Plan Commission states, there are no contingency in zoning. The zoning has to be put in-place first before anything else can move forward.
Cont. Ordinance #6883.
I am sure most developers would not want to move forward without the zoning in-place. Everyone received a certified letter for the rezoning; which is step number 1. There are several things that need to happen after this step. The zoning ordinance is on line. They have to follow exactly what the zoning ordinance says. You can also talk to Wyatt Johnson, and Mr. Thomas.

President Hayes asks, would it be fair to say that the starting point for the residents was the Plan Commission Meeting?

Greg Sheline states, correct. All we are looking at tonight is the zoning. There is two things that the Plan Commission, and the Plan Commission Board look at in rezoning’s. Number (1) does it fit into the zoning ordinance, and does it fit into the comprehensive plan, and both of these items do fit into the zoning ordinance, and the comprehensive plan. At this point, and time that’s all we look at.

Councilman Miklik states, I have taken it upon myself to talk to the City Engineer. I have encouraged him strongly to make this a priority for the Administration that we could have a multi path. That runs from Timber Valley along Center Road to the Stop sign. There is a 40 foot easement there; but there is some difficulty in doing that. There is no commitment from the Engineer or the Mayor or the Administration; but they know that it is something that is needed. I am very supported of a multi path to get to Jackson Morrow Park; when, and how we do it, I have no ideal yet.

President Hayes states, there is possibilities as it goes into the next phase that it could be rejected at that next phase. They have to go thru each level.
Cont. Ordinance #6883
President Hayes states, I plan on getting a hold of David Tharp when he comes back, and have some conversations with him. We can-not give you a commitment because that is not in our jurisdiction.

Councilman Kennedy states, regardless of the rezoning; you guys have an issue on Center Road. It’s not attached to the addition itself. The concern is it needs to be fixed; regardless whether there is a housing addition there or not.

Councilman Whikehart asks, since Councilman Miklik is on the Traffic Commission are there any merit at all bringing this forward to the Traffic Commission?

President Hayes states, I see a lot of merit to bring it forward.

Councilman Miklik states, and I will; and that is one of the reasons I talked to Carey Stranahan who is also on the Traffic Commission. We had a very detail conversation about that. Traffic, and speed limits we can handle. However there are two things that I look at here. One the planning for the development is not done; changes in the drainage considerably which will change the dynamics. The road, and multi-path or sidewalk what-ever it gets to be. That has to come from the engineer’s office; but to have a zoning change it cannot be contingent on a multi-path other then what is in front of that development. I am very supported of doing this. Every home along Center Road has a 40 foot easement. Once the drainage has been addressed of which it wasn’t when the County owned it; now that the City has it we have to go back and fix it. I encourage Carey, and Randy that I want this to be a priority. I want Carey to make it a priority particular working with Mr. Johnson, and the developer to see how we can bring this together to make one path into Jackson Morrow.
Cont. Ordinance #6883.
President Hayes states, I would think that the developer does not want to sale homes that have to go thru flooded streets.

Councilman Miklik states, my goal is to get the people to the park safely.

President Hayes states, Councilman Miklik represents us on the Traffic Commission. It is going to take more than just the Traffic Commission to pull this off; but we will not let it die. I am giving it to him as an action item; to take this forward to the Traffic Commission.

Councilman Kennedy states, taxes are based on the value of your property. If your properties go up or down your taxes go up or down. There is a 1% cap on residential property in the State of Indiana. When you live in the City you pay County taxes, School tax, Library tax, and Township tax. It is all added together. Those will vary a little bit; but in the same neighborhood the tax rate is going to be the same. There is a rate on the improvement, and a rate on the lot. If you have a bigger lot then you might pay more.

Councilman Whikehart states, all we are doing is the rezoning. People want bigger lots. That’s the reason they live in those neighborhoods.

Councilman Kennedy states, if you buy a lot you are going to pay a certain tax rate on an empty lot. It is going to be based on how big the lot is. Once you build on that lot you can look your property up on-line, and it will tell you excalitory what the improvements are.
Cont. Ordinance #6883.
President Hayes states, our reasonability is to either vote this ordinance up or down. You can-not change it. You may change it later.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 9 to 0 for passage on second reading.

ORDINANCE 6884: Additional Appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of $1,528,250
Second reading

Ordinance 6884 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Whikehart moved for passage on ordinance #6884 on second reading; seconded by Councilwoman Sanders.
Councilman Whikehart states, this is an additional appropriation toward bond payments. Those bond payments are actually in the amount of $947,000.00 for Municipal Sport Stadium, $366,250.00 for the Riverfront District Apartments, $215,000.00 for the YMCA. It was not budgeted in August because this is when the 2018 budget was set. I would ask that Council approve this appropriation.
Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 9 to 0 for passage on second reading.
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President Hayes states, this marks the end of this Council Meeting; and our next Council Meeting will be February 12th, 2018 with an Informational Meeting at 5:30 P.M. in the Louks Room; Public Hearing on Ordinance #6880 and Ordinance #6881 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers and Council Meeting immediately following.

Adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

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PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK