COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 28th, 2019
The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday October 28th, 2019, 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 Newton, from Kokomo Urban Outreach.

President Hayes states, Pastor we want to thank you for what your organization does for our community. It has been a blessing to many people.

Pledge:

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

Absent: Johnson

The minutes of the Council Meeting October 14th, 2019 were declared approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Hayes states, we need to set a Public Hearing for Ordinance #6945 for November 18th, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Councilwoman Sanders states, this is Pastor appreciation month; and we are just thankful for all the Pastors that serve in this community.
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Cont. Communications.
Councilman Kennedy states, I do want to make a few remarks on the passing of Former Mayor Bob Sargent. I came on this Council for my first term when I was elected during Bob’s second term. It was a pleasure to work with Bob. He cared about the community. He cared about people in general. It is a sad day for me. I enjoyed all the time with Bob. He was a fun guy to be around; and he wasn’t a bad golfer back then either. He liked to go to some of the golf outings; that some of the other Mayor’s had. I was fortunate enough he always invited me along too. We had some good times there. I just want to remember Bob; and remind our community that he was a good man.

President Hayes states, I would like to echo the remarks that Councilman Kennedy has made. I didn’t get to serve with Bob Sargent but Bob, when-ever he would see me, it was always a pat on the back; and he would squeeze my shoulders, and he would say keep up the good work; even if I wasn’t doing good. He always was encouraging when I saw him. I think a lot of people have forgotten he has a story career in Law Enforcement. A lot of people don’t remember about Mayor Sargent. He did that before he was Mayor. He will be missed; but he has left a legacy that will go on for-ever. Every-time I am in a Council Meeting, and I look up at the clock there he is; he’s right there. He’s looking at me; and he’s looking at all of us. If we all could strive to be half as good as Bob Sargent was, then we have done a great thing.

Councilwoman Young states, it was way back, and I was just a Community Leader at that time. My phone rang, and it was Bob Sargent. He called to tell me he was going to run for Mayor. I said that is so wonderful. He said what do you think? I said it would not be a mistake. I think that you should.
Cont. Communications.
He was in there when we were working to try, and get an Elected School Board. If I had questions I could ask Bob. I would like to echo. He was a gentleman, and a worker as well. I enjoyed being able to interact with him.

Councilman Wyant states, I have known Bob since I was 14 years old; when I met Bob. He never changed. He was a man that always done his job. I bought the business from his relation; that I owned for-over 50 years. Bob was a good man. This community should stand-up, and applaud the man; because of what he had done for this community. I am going to miss him. He was a great guy.

There were no committee reports given at this regular meeting.

ORDINANCE 6941: AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE BUDGETS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS OF THE CITY OF KOKOMO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020 ARE AS FOLLOWS:
Second reading

Ordinance 6941 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Kennedy moved for passage on ordinance #6941 on second reading; seconded by Councilman Cameron.

Councilman Kennedy states, we have been at this budget actually over two months. We started on August 19th with our budget hearings. Since then we have had first reading of the budget. We also have had a Public Hearing; by Law we had to have certain dates to spread-out thru there.
Cont. Ordinance #6941. Tonight we are ready for our second reading; and final reading of the budget. I would urge all Council Members to vote aye on the second reading of this budget.

President Hayes states, before we vote I would just like to extend my heart felt thank you to the Controller’s office, and our Controller Randy Morris. You make it as easy as it can be made easy; and that’s not easy to do. Thank you very much.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on second reading.

ORDINANCE 6943: Rezoning: OC TO NC
Location: 1825 S. Plate Street
Petitioner: Sweet Peas Play Café LLC.
First reading

Ordinance 6943 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilwoman Young moved for suspension of the rules, and pass ordinance #6943 on first and second reading; seconded by Councilman Haworth.

Vote for suspension of the rules:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 8 to 0 for suspension of the rules.

Councilwoman Young moved for passage on ordinance #6943 on second reading; seconded by Councilman Haworth.
Councilwoman Young states, Krystyne Wilson for Sweet Peas Play Café LLC office is requesting a change in zone classification from 0C (Office Commercial) to NC (Neighborhood Commercial). This is property for 1825 South Plate Street.
Cont. Ordinance #6943. Commissioners passed a favorable recommendation for this ordinance. This is going to be a Play Café on Plate Street

Scott McClelland, I am Counsel for Sweet Peas Play Café.

Councilwoman Sanders ask, what does Play Café mean; and what are the hours, and age group?

Scott McCelland states, it is not a chain. It is a concept in which it can be rented out for birthday parties. They will have people there to supervise. They will also have three hour periods in which you can leave your child there, and they will watch them. There is also a Coffee Café connected to it. This is aim more towards eight years and younger. The hours they have not decided yet. They do have a builder in-line, and this will be new construction on South Plate Street upon approval; and then move forward with that new construction.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on first and second reading.

ORDINANCE 6944: Rezoning: IS and R4 to M2
Location: 1229,1227,1225 &1223 North Apperson Way
Petitioner: Julian Holdings LLC.
First reading

Ordinance 6944 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilwoman Young moved for suspension of the rules and pass ordinance #6944 on first and second reading; seconded by Councilman Haworth.
Cont. Ordinance #6944.
Vote for suspension of the rules:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 8 to 0 for suspension of the rules.
Councilwoman Young moved for passage on ordinance #6944 on second reading; seconded by Councilman Haworth.
Councilwoman Young states, Julian Holdings LLC is requesting a change in zone classification from IS (Institutional Uses) to R4 (Urban Residential) to M2 (Multi Family Residential). This is for property lots at 1, 2, 3, and 14, 15 in the City of Kokomo at 1229, 1227, 1225 & 1223 North Apperson Way. The Commissioners passed a favorable recommendation to the Council. This is for the development of the Apartments; which will be 4 apartments.

David Southerton, 1016 South Armstrong Kokomo, Ind., states, I am the representative for Julian Holdings. The next process will be demolition, and get the contractors. We plan to have it rap-up around the middle of 2020.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on first and second reading.
ORDINANCE 6945: ORDINANCE OF KOKOMO COMMON COUNCIL
APPROPRIATING UNOBLIGATED LOCAL INCOME TAX REVENUES
ON DEPOSIT IN THE GENERAL FUND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF KOKOMO CONFERENCE CENTER
AND STREET RESURFACING

First reading

Ordinance 6945 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Kennedy moved for passage on ordinance #6945 on first reading; seconded by Councilman Haworth.

Councilman Kennedy states, this is an ordinance that will allow the City to use local income tax levies proceeds. These our dollars that are not obligated at this time; so the money is there. The total is $1.8 Million Dollars; of which $1.4 Million Dollars will be transferred to the General Fund for use at the Conference Center construction; and $400,000.00 will also be transferred to General Fund which will be used for Resurfacing Streets. We will have a Public Hearing on this ordinance on November 18th, 2019. At that time, we will also be hearing second reading assuming everything goes well. I urge our Council Members to pass this ordinance on first reading.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on first reading.

President Hayes states, this marks the end of this Council Meeting. Our next Council Meeting will be November 18th, 2019; with and Informational Meeting at 5:30 P.M. in the Louks Room. Public Hearing at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers. Council Meeting immediately following.
ADJOURNED AT 6:20 P.M.

ATTEST:  

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CITY CLERK