The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday September 12th, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers for the purpose of a Public Hearing on Ordinance #6837.

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

Absent: Cameron

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

The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday September 12th 2016 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; but we are blessed tonight to have two Invocations.

Invocation was offered by John Tritt, from Bani Israel synagogue.

Brad Swain, In His Image Church.
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Pledge:

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Absent: Cameron

The minutes of the Public Hearing & Council Meeting Minutes August 29th, 2016 were declared approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Hayes states, our next Council Meeting will be September 26th, 2016; with an Informational Meeting at 5:30 P.M. in the Louks Room. Public Hearing on Ordinance #6840, #6842, #6843 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers and Council Meeting Immediately follows.

The Budget Hearing schedule is as follows:

First reading September 12th, 2016
Public Hearing only on the Agenda for the September 26th, 2016. Second reading October 17th, 2016; that will be the final reading.

Council Attorney Corbin King states, I was eating lunch today with a prominent citizen, and he wanted me to convey his thanks on the great job that Kokomo has done; cleaning up the tornado. I always like to tell people we get some people who don’t like what Government can do sometimes, and in this crisis someone recognized the hard work, and efforts of everybody in the City.

There were no committee reports given at this regular meeting.
ORDINANCE 6837: AN ORDINANCE VACATING RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA

Second reading

Ordinance 6837 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Whikehart moved for passage on ordinance #6837 on second reading; seconded by Councilwoman Sanders.

Councilman Whikehart states, this is a fourteen foot alley lying between Lots 85 & 86 on the West & Lots 93 & 94 on the East in Oakland Addition to the City of Kokomo, as recorded in Recorder’s Plat Book 2, Page 84. This is just a simple vacation of an alley. This has no bearing on Ordinance #6841. I would urge Council to pass ordinance #6837 on second reading.

Vote for passage follows:

Aye: All
Nay: None

The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on second reading.

Second reading

Ordinance 6838 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Kennedy moved for passage on ordinance #6838 on second reading; seconded by Councilman Whikehart.

Councilman Kennedy states, this ordinance will cover all personnel, other than Elected Officials that work in the City of Kokomo; other than Contractual raises that are required through Labor Contracts. This ordinance will actually cover all the Non-Contractual people, and Contractual people that work for the City. I urge for passage on second reading.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None

The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on second reading.
ORDINANCE 6839: \hspace{1cm} AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017.

Second reading

Ordinance 6839 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Kennedy moved for passage on ordinance #6839 on second reading; seconded by Councilman Haworth.

Councilman Kennedy states, this ordinance will cover all Elected Officials which include the Mayor, City Council, and City Clerk. There are no raises in this particular ordinance. Mayor Goodnight continues to take his salary from the 2007 level as indicated in those previous ordinances. I urge for passage of #6839 on second reading.

Vote for passage follow:

Aye: All
Nay: None

The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on second reading.

ORDINANCE 6840: \hspace{1cm} AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE BUDGETS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS OF THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

First reading

Ordinance 6840 was read by the Clerk by title only.
Cont. Ordinance #6840.
Councilman Kennedy moved for passage on ordinance #6840 on first reading; seconded by Councilman Haworth. Councilman Kennedy states, ordinance #6840 will cover our budget for next year for the City of Kokomo. We have concluded with our budget hearings and we now have a completed budget of $68,948,142. This particular ordinance will cover all departmental needs for the City of Kokomo for next year 2017; and will include any additional appropriations that we have done this year. It will now be part of the budget for next year; so we will not have as many additional appropriations come before the Council. We have a Public Hearing set for September 26th, 2016, and then there is a delay until October for the final reading which is State Mandated. This is dates of completion for the budget for the City of Kokomo. It is basically a no-increase budget with the exception of insurance, our budget is stable. I urge for passage on first reading.

Councilman Miklik states, Councilman Kennedy did a great job. The only thing I would like to mention our budget reflects two new additional funds that were not there before. The Edit Fund, and all the other additional monies; so the actual budget number is substantially higher then what it was last year. That is because we included those two Funds in this budget. I just wanted the public to know that there is really no increase; but it looks like there is two different numbers, other then insurance.

Councilman Kennedy states, those were all the additional appropriations that I just mentioned; your right the Edit money plus all the other additional monies from the TIFF Districts. If you look at dollar to dollar from last year, to this year, there is about a Six or Eight Million Dollar increase; when reality it is not; that is because we are actually putting it into the budget this year.
Cont. Ordinance #6840. 
Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All  
Nay: None  
The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on first reading.

ORDINANCE 6841:  
Rezoning: PR to M2  
Location: 500 East Harrison  
Petitioner: City of Kokomo  
Second reading  

Ordinance 6841 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Whikehart moved for passage on ordinance #6841 on second reading; seconded by Councilwoman Sanders. Councilman Whikehart states, this is a rezoning that came from the City of Kokomo being the petitioner. The Planning Commission gave a favorable recommendation of 5 to 4. The City of Kokomo is requesting a change in zone classification from PR (Parks & Recreation) to M2 (General Multifamily Residential). The property is located at 500 East Harrison Street. I think there has been a very healthy compromise. The actual facility only takes up 15% of the park; leaving quite a bit of green space. Finally this project addresses a much needed housing shortage for very important segment of our population. I would urge Council to pass ordinance #6841 on second reading.  

Vote for passage follows:  
Aye: All  
Nay: None  
The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on second reading.
ORDINANCE 6842: Additional Appropriation from the LOIT Special Distribution Fund in the amount of $650,000

First reading

Ordinance 6842 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Kennedy moved for passage on ordinance #6842 on first reading; seconded by Councilman Haworth.

Councilman Kennedy states, this is an additional appropriation; very similar to the ones that we just mentioned that we will not have to do next year because they will be part of the budget. We have had several of these during the year. This particular one is from the Local Option Income Tax Money that will cover the work that is being done on Washington Street Reconstruction between Mulberry and Monroe; also work that will be done on Home Ave. Reconstruction between Markland and Hoffer Street; in the amount of $650,000. The Washington Street Project is $300,000; Home Avenue Project is $350,000. I urge for passage of this ordinance.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None

The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on first reading.

ORDINANCE 6843: Additional Appropriation from The Southeast Tiff Fund in the amount of $450,000

First reading

Ordinance 6842 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Kennedy moved for passage on ordinance #6843 on first reading; seconded by Councilman Haworth.

Councilman Kennedy states, this particular appropriation is for a new Fire Truck that will be purchased out of TIFF Funds. Capital Expenditure money in the amount of $450,000.
Cont. Ordinance #6843.
If you recall during our budget hearings the Fire Chief indicated to us that they can buy a truck that has already been built; and then they will have the equipment necessary to furnish what they need; appose to us having to wait. Many of us know that when we order a Fire Truck it takes about a year. This will bring us a new truck for Station 1, and then one of the trucks at Station 1 will be moved to Station 6. This particular amount is $450,000. I urge for passage of this ordinance on first reading.
Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 9 to 0 for passage on first reading.

RESOLUTION 2695: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REDISTRICTING REFORM
Resolution 2695 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Miklik moved for passage on resolution #2695; seconded by Councilwoman Sanders.
Councilman Miklik states, Whereas, the current redistricting process creates an appearance of a conflict of interest; and Whereas the districting process should be conducted in an open manner with real public dialogue, and Whereas, the process will empower our communities by allowing them to elect representatives who represent their interests on issues that are important to their lives; and Whereas important principles such as the protections of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, and respect for neighborhoods, and cities should be clearly listed for a Commission to abide by; and Whereas, voters are more likely to have a reasonable chance of electing candidates who represent their interests.
Cont. Resolution #2695.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by The Common Council of The City of Kokomo, Indiana, we hereby urge the Special Interim Committee on Redistricting to produce a final report that supports comprehensive redistricting. The State of Indiana should establish a citizen led commission for all future redistricting. That the district boundaries should be drawn according to clearly describe criteria. The addresses of any individual including common officeholders or candidate shall not be considered when the district is drawn. The Commission should conduct a transparent redistricting process with full opportunities for public participation. The public should be given ample notice to participate in any Commission meetings and meetings should be held in at least three different geographic regions of the State. Members of the Commission must be prohibited from all off-the-record communications. I move that we adopt this resolution #2695.

Vote for passage follows:

Aye: All
Nay: None

The vote was 8 to 0 for passage.

RESOLUTION 2696:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTIES

Resolution 2696 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Miklik moved for passage on resolution #2696; seconded by Councilwoman Sanders.
Cont. Resolution 2696.
Councilman Miklik states, Whereas, the City of Kokomo, Indiana wished to promote economic development in the downtown area; and Whereas, to ensure that development occurs strategically and in a manner that encourages the highest reuse of the existing infrastructure; and Whereas the City has identified parcels of real property commonly known as 226 S. Main and 227 S. Union, specifically referenced in Exhibit A for purchase; Whereas the City may purchase land or a structure only after the fiscal body of the political subdivision passes a resolution; and Whereas further provides the City has received two independent appraisals for each of the properties. The physical body and City must pass a resolution.
Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 8 to 0 for passage.

President Hayes states, this marks the end of this Council Meeting and our next Council Meeting will be September 26th, 2016 with an Informational Meeting at 5:30 P.M. in the Louks Room; Public Hearings at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers and Council Meeting immediately following.

Adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

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PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK