The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday January 27th, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers for the purpose of a Public Hearing on Ordinance #6743.

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

Absent: None

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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 27th, 2014

The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday January 27th, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order by President Kennedy.

Invocation was offered by Phil Russell with the Christian Heritage Worship Center.

Pledge:

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

Absent: None

The minutes of the January 13th, 2014 Council Minutes were declared approved as presented.
COMMUNICATIONS: President Kennedy states, I need to set a Public Hearing for Ordinance #6744 for February 10th, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

I want to acknowledge that each of you have received a copy of the 2013-2014 Capital Improvement Plan from the Development Department. That will be submitted to the County.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman Cameron states, we had a Committee-of-the-Whole. We are going to move in the direction of licensing the dancers in this community. We will have a draft before the Committee in the next several weeks.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS: President Kennedy states, we have some Mayoral Appointments I will read those in the minutes. They are as follows: Human Rights Commission: Cindy Sanders, Kay Stough, Stephanie Hicks, Lawrence McCormack, William Mosier; all of their terms expiring 12-31-16. Historic Review Board: Sharon Reed-Corbett, Allen Safianow, Ron Tetrick with their terms expiring 12-31-16.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS: President Kennedy states, under the Council Appointments this evening, I would like the approval from the Council to appoint the following: Kokomo Traffic Commission, New Appointment Debbie Root, Re-Development Commission, Ralph Baer.
These appointments were unanimous by the Council.

ORDINANCE 6742: Rezoning: R1 to OC
Location: 1539 East 100 North
Petitioner: Doug & Tara Eytcheson
Second reading
Cont. Ordinance #6742.
Ordinance 6742 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilwoman Young moved for passage on ordinance #6742 on second reading. Seconded by Councilman Haworth. Councilwoman Young states, Doug & Tara Eytcheson are requesting a change in zoning classification from (Low Density Residential) to (Office Commercial) for the property at 1539 East 100 North. They want it for a counseling office.

Robert Whitehead 1515 West Havens Kokomo, Ind. states, we have a Church residence in that area. East Sycamore Road has been important to me since 1943 when our family moved to a farm between 500-600 East. We are concerned of that area. We really want it to be a place for people. Mr. Summers has really helped us with the speed zone to keep the cars at a certain speed.

Louise Owsley states, I live six houses down from where their business is on the South side of the road. I have been there since 1973. My husband and I grew up on farms, and we wanted a place to raise our children outside of the City. We love it out there. We have been aggravated thru the years; with a couple of things we have had to put up with. The annexation we did not want and now we have the noise of the over-pass. We have nothing against this couple. What concerns me is if business opens there we think in the future could this open up for other small businesses. The house itself is an eye sore. They remodeled the garage in the back to put this counseling business in. If they remain there I think something needs to be done with that front property. We are just concerned about other businesses that we do not want.

Diana Ray 1646 East 100 North Kokomo, Ind. states I also oppose any rezoning in our area. I have lived there since 1978. I do not want anything else coming in there that is not supposed to be in this landscape that is already there.
Cont. Ordinance #6742.
John Titus 1507 Fairway Drive Kokomo, Ind. states, I just want to speak on behalf of Doug & Tara Eytcheson. I am aware of Tara’s particular abilities as a counselor. She is committed in helping families and improve families. Their life would be consistent with the Churches and other things that are on there. I certainly would be concerned for folks about other businesses. She would do a great job.

Dave Gay 1884 East 100 North Kokomo, Ind. states, to my immediate West I have the pit; and directly behind me I have got some kind of concrete construction business. I support the business. My concern is could it lead to something else; like a Village Pantry, Liquor Store.

Councilman Summers asks, the main concern is the front building that is in re-pair. As a good neighbor would that be something you would be interested in doing?

Tara Eytcheson 3347 East 50 North Kokomo, Ind. states, yes. We just received the property in 2012. Since then we have a new roof, new windows, dry-wall inside. We just installed interior doors. Our intent is to make sure the appearance looks nice.

Greg Sheline Director of the Kokomo Howard County Plan Commission states, keep in mind office commercial is mainly for low density types of businesses. There are a couple at the bottom that I do not agree with. At some point in time I would like to get out of office commercial. I have no idea why they are there in the first place. As this gentlemen stated it is a Convenient Store, and Drug Store. I can-not pre-see where anyone would build that type of business out there. There are also set-backs what coverage’s of those sorts of things that types of business would have to go thru as well.
Cont. Ordinance #6742.
Those would be the only two that I would be concerned about.
Rezoning sides with Economic Development. There is a risk when we rezone a property. The benefits far out way the risk.
Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 9 to 0 for passage on second reading.

ORDINANCE 6743: Additional Appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of $4,000,000
Second reading

Ordinance 6743 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Hayes moved for passage on ordinance #6743 on second reading. Seconded by Councilman Wyant.
Councilman Hayes states, this is an appropriation of $3,000,000 for the Capital Contribution for the parking garage; which is directly across from City Hall. One Million Dollar appropriation for our equipment recycle totes. Mr. Morris is in the audience if anyone has any questions. The barrels are going to be approximately same size we have now, different colors on the top. They will be picked up every other week. I think it is going to be a good program for the City and save us some money.
Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 9 to 0 for passage on second reading.
ORDINANCE 6744: Additional Appropriation from the Edit Fund in the amount of $3,434,680
First reading

Ordinance 6744 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Hayes moved for passage on ordinance #6744 on first reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Sanders.
Councilman Hayes states, Mr. President you mentioned before when we read into the records 2013-2014 Capital Improvement Plan, the Capital Improvement Plan duck-tails into this Ordinance. If you take the total from Ordinance #6744 which is $3,434,680 it matches the Capital Improvement Plan for 2014; which breaks down how that $3.4 Million Dollars will be used. Basically it is used between two categories services and capital improvement. That is how that money is being used. I encourage passage of this on the first reading.

Councilwoman Sanders asks, do we get a match on the brownfield?

Councilman Hayes states, I think Councilwoman is referring to the $250,000 that includes re-claiming areas such as super funds and brownfields and other ban in-sites. We are setting aside some money to do that.

Randy Morris states, that is correct. We did obtain a brownfield grant some-time ago, that really does not require any matching money. There is a grant out there depending on the programs that we have in place that maybe applied to that.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 9 to 0 for passage on first reading.
ORDINANCE 6745:

Rezoning: LI with WH-OL to IS with WH-OL

Location: 840 Daniel Drive

Petitioner: Terry Merrell for Cross America, Inc.

First reading

Ordinance 6745 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilwoman Young moved for suspension of the rules and pass ordinance #6745 on first and second reading. Seconded by Councilman Summers.

Vote for suspension of the rules:
Aye: All
Nay: None

The vote was 9 to 0 for suspension of the rules.

Councilwoman Young moved for passage on ordinance #6745 on second reading. Seconded by Councilman Haworth.

Councilwoman Young states, the petitioner Terry Merrell from Cross America Inc. are requesting change in zone classification from (Low Intensity Industrial/ Business Park) with (Wellhead Overlay) to (Institutional Uses) with (Wellhead Overlay) for property at 840 Daniel Drive. The petitioner has requested this zoning to allow a Church and Church related activities that include Church Services, mailing of small pocket size crosses. Those crosses are done by volunteers. Future planning includes cafe/coffee shop and bookstore. There is adequate parking on site for all of the proposed uses. The main and surrounding buildings have been vacant for a while. A skating rink and 84 Lumber were previous businesses on this site.

Terry Merrell 8867 West 500 North Kokomo, Ind. states, the property we purchased was with a non-profit organization Cross America Inc. I am the chair of that organization. The mission is to send pocket crosses in every home in America.
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Cont. Ordinance #6745.
We plan to do that by using the United State Post Offices every door direct program they came out with which is written perfect for exactly what we need. The most important need is volunteers to take those crosses and put them in the envelope and package. The purpose of this property and the reason we like this property was this location for the visibility; because we need volunteers. As long as you have hands you can help lead somebody to Christ. We will hire an Executor Director that will manage it. We hope to invite area churches to have a service Sunday where they can have their congregation use our facility from one Sunday a year if they like for free.

Councilwoman Sanders asks, what Church are you affiliated with?

Terry Merrell states, non-denominational. It actually will not be a Church as far as having a Pastor. We will allow Churches to hold their service there, Christian Faith.

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

President Kennedy states, our next Council Meeting will be February 10th, 2014 with an Informational Meeting at 6:30 P.M. in the Louks Room. Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, and Council Meeting immediately following.
Adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

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PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK