

Regular Council Meeting

January 4, 2016

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THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF **CROWN POINT**
MET IN A **REGULAR** MEETING IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON **MONDAY, January 4, 2016** AT 7:00 p.m. PURSUANT TO AND
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

Mayor Uran called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also, he greeted everyone a Happy New Year.

A. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mayor Uran asked for a roll call of the Members. The call of the roll was as follows:

Present: Members Jeffries, Clemons, Kyres, Drasga, Sauerman, Evorik, Retson. All were present.

Mayor added a welcome to the newly Elected Councilmembers and the Clerk-Treasurer. Then the Clerk-Treasurer introduced her Chief Deputy Clerk.

Also present were City Attorney David Nicholls, Clerk-Treasurer Kristie Dressel and Chief Deputy Clerk Barbara Kortokrax.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Member Clemons made the motion and Member Sauerman seconded to approve, as presented, the minutes of the December 7th Regular meeting and December 16, 2016 Special Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

C. READING OF AGENDA

Mayor Uran read the agenda

D. ADDITION OF NEW ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor had an item to be added for Adam Graper, IT employee, regarding Conflict of Interest. The action for this item is under New Business at the end of the meeting agenda.

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E. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Member Clemons reported he had reviewed the claims. Member Clemons stated all claims appeared to be in the ordinary course of City business and recommended approval. Member Drasga seconded to approve claims numbered 52533-53507 in the amount of \$7,639,614.36. Motion carried by voice vote.

F. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Debroah Thill, 302 Clark Street, spoke about her concerns with the traffic light on Main Street and 97th Place intersection of being irregular with the action of the light. She stated that this is the route she takes often with her employment at the Lake County Government Center and knows other drivers have noticed the back up of traffic too. She had contacted INDOT a few times and talked with "Amy" and Crown Point Engineering Staff concerning the light. After hearing her concerns the Mayor acknowledged that he and Tris Miles, City Engineer have discussed this intersection several times. Also, the Mayor added the intersection at Goldsboro and Main Street also has a need for a turning directional light.

Tris will contact INDOT Traffic Division and see how this matter can be corrected.

G. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

Mayor stated that his Appointments for Boards and Committees will be staying the same for year 2016.

At this time the Council made nominations for Council President. Member Clemons nominated Laura Sauerman for President and seconded by Carol Drasga. Andrew Kyres made a motion to close the nominations. He then made a motion for Laura Sauerman to be President. Seconded by Member Evorik. After a voice vote the motion carried.

Mayor recognized Member Clemons who has been the President these last two years and of his dedication to the Council and City and working with him has been a pleasure.

Member Clemons thanked the Mayor and stated he will stay being involved, as always.

Mayor asked for the Council for their nominations for the other appointments.

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Laura Sauerman stated that there's a list that has been circulated on the recommended City appointments to the various committees and/or boards. The floor is open for discussion. Laura Sauerman continued that she would like a motion to accept the slate as is. Member Clemons made the motion and Member Dragsa. Motion carried after a voice vote.

H. PRESENTATIONS – SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Diane Bosse shared power point presentation of the 2015 Tour of Lights acknowledgments, as follows:

- Richardson Family -618 North West Street
- Holton Ridge (Honorary Neighborhood)
- McBay and Styles Families – 825-833 Alderbrook
- Webb Family – 1801 W. 98th Avenue
- VanProyen Family – 9825 McKinley Street
- Gard Family – Honorary House – 441 South East Street
- Teodori Family – 499 South Court Street
- Goodwin Family - Honorary House – 493 South Court Street

The house that won the contest is the Blech Family at 1040 Greenbriar Court.

Mayor Uran announced the employee of the month for 2016 is Jason Clemons, Public Works - Street Sweeper. Jason was out on the street sweeping and saw something in the street. Jason got out of the truck and picked up a wallet with all kinds of identifications, credit cards and approximately \$1600.00 in cash. This is a real honor for Jason Clemons to see the integrity and dedication he has for this incident to have a great outcome for him and for the gentleman that lost his wallet.

Scott Redinger added, "I was very proud of Jason as soon as I heard of this incident."

I. APPOINTMENTS

See Item G above.

J. ITEMS OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETINGS - INCLUDING THOSE WHICH ARE DEFERRED

Being none, the meeting continued.

K. DEFERRED BUSINESS

Being none, the meeting continued.

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L. OLD BUSINESS

M. NEW BUSINESS

Conflict of Interest

Adam Graper submitted his Conflict of Interest form for this year.
Motion was made by Member Clemons and seconded by Member Jeffries.
After a voice vote the motion carried.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.
Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

SUBMITTED:

Kristie Dressel, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED: _____

David D.F. Uran, Mayor