

MINUTES  
Common Council Regular Meeting  
Monday, August 1, 2016

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**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Uran called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. Roll Call of Members**

Mayor Uran asked for a roll call of the Members. The call of the roll was as follows: Present Members: Member Sauerman, Member Evorik, Member Retson, Member Jeffries, Member Clemons, Member Kyres, and Member Drasga. Also, present were City Attorney David Nicholls, Kristie Dressel, Clerk-Treasurer and Barb Kortokrax, Chief Deputy Clerk.

**C. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of July 5, 2016**

Member Jeffries made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for July 5<sup>th</sup> and seconded by Member Kyres. After a voice vote the motion was unanimous. 7 Yays and 0 Nays.

**D. Reading of Agenda**

Mayor Uran read through the Agenda.

**E. Addition of New Items to Agenda**

Being none, the meeting continued.

**F. Approval of Claims**

Member Retson stated that he reviewed and audited ten claims and the Elan (credit card) claims and all City business was done in good faith.

Mayor Uran asked for an additional expenditure to the Youth Sports Commission of \$2,000.00. For various groups traveling outside the State of Indiana.

Motion was made to add \$2,000.00 to the claims by Member Retson and seconded by Member Evorik. After a voice vote the motion was unanimous. 7 Yays and 0 Nays.

Motion made by Member Retson to approve Claims 60544-61497. Seconded by Member Drasga. After a voice vote the motion was unanimous. 7 Yays and 0 Nays.

**G. Petitions, Remonstrance's, and Public Statements**

Raymond Reiplinger, 1032 Sterling Court, expressed his appreciation to the City for resurfacing the section of Clark Street. He knew this project was low on the list but wanted to state how thankful he was that it's completed. It was in need of serious repair before a car would be damaged from the potholes and with the road surface in disrepair.

**H. Special Recognition by Mayor Uran**

Employee of the Month August 2016

Mayor Uran stated the Crown Point Police Department is being recognized in another positive way. There was a small group of Officers that took it upon themselves to visit Sauerman Woods where a Girls Scout Troop was conducting their summer camp. The officers bought some popsicles out of their own pocket and took them to the Girl Scouts to help them defer the heat that day.

Mayor Uran then called Travis Thomas, Elliot McCowan, Jonathan Holloran, Jim Poling and Kim Housley, Records Clerk to be recognized as Employees of the Month.

Mayor Uran was happy to announce that Nature Valley First Tee Open will compete in official PGA Tour champion's event at Pebble Beach. There will be 81 Amateur Golfers playing at this event and 81 legends will be there with them. The State of Indiana has two representatives and they are both from Crown Point. He then introduced Emily Harvey and Yianni Kostouros.

Emily stated that they play for a charity and if you win; the money goes to that charity.

Mayor Uran stated what a great achievement and the Council and Community is behind you and good luck.

Emily gave a shout out to her team members because she will be missing sectionals to go to the Open. So, she might not be eligible to play for the rest of the pro season. Also, to Coach Haas and the Athletic Director at her school. Without them I wouldn't be able to play in this.

Yianni mentioned that he is representing Crown Point in a good way.

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Mayor Uran stated, "Congratulations!"

**I. Reports of Department Heads, Boards and Committees**

Attorney Alex Kutanovski stated that he will be reporting each month to the Council on some of the Ordinances that are outdated and needs clear revamping from the Ordinance Committee. The Committee will review and see what Ordinances will need repealed or amended. Attorney Kutanovski then distributed copies of the original Ordinance and had attached the proposed changes. He began tonight with the following:

- Ordinance 2009-03-08 Fire Rescue Department to seek reimbursement for Fire, Safety & Rescue Responses and Hazardous Material and Environmental Incidents

*The language in this Ordinance will be amended to all funds will be directed to the Fire Rescue non-reverting Fund 067. All funds recovered under that Ordinance shall be exclusively used for the Fire Department through that fund. We did make this retroactive to January 1, 2016. Directing the Clerk take those funds collected and transferring those funds to Fund 067.*

Motion was made by Member Clemons to Read in Title Only and Hold Over for Ordinance 2016-08-16 and seconded by Member Sauerman. After a voice vote the motion was unanimous. 7 Yays and 0 Nays.

Motion was made by Member Sauerman to Suspend Rules and seconded by Member Kyres. After a voice vote the motion was unanimous. 7 Yays and 0 Nays.

Motion made Member Kyres to adopt Ordinance 2016-08-16 and seconded by Member Retson. After a roll call vote the motion was unanimous. 7 Yays and 0 Nays.

Mayor Uran stated to Suspend Rules until we are finished with the Ordinance Committee suggestions.

- Title XI: Business Regulations Chapter 112 Milk Products

Attorney Kutanovski stated this one is to repeal *milk products*. As discussed from that last meeting that the milk products no longer need to be regulated by the City due to the fact FDA oversees dairy products.

At this point, Member Kyres suggested to adopt these Ordinances in the same motion as Read in Title Only.

Member Sauerman made a motion to Read in Title Only and to Adopt Ordinance 2016-08-17. Seconded by Member Retson. After a roll call vote the motion was unanimous. 7 Yays and 0 Nays.

- Title XI: Business Regulations Chapter 113 Automobile Service Stations

Attorney Kutanovski mentioned that with the Zoning Ordinance addressing automobile service stations that this isn't required in the City's Ordinance. The following Ordinance was then acted upon.

Motion made by Member Retson to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-08-18 and seconded by Member Jeffries. After a roll call vote the motion was unanimous. 7 Yays and 0 Nays.

- Title XIII, Misdemeanors, Chapter 130 § 130.99 Penalty (D) Defacing Property  
Attorney Kutanovski mentioned that this will repeal *abandoned and/or unused ice boxes*. Also, it takes out the *misdemeanor penalty for the violation of the Ordinance and adds the cost and expense of repair/replacement of damaged property*.  
Attorney Kutanovski mentioned that it will keep the fine in place.

Motion made by Member Jeffries to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-08-19 and seconded by Member Drasga. After a roll call vote the motion was unanimous. 7 Yays and 0 Nays.

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**Item New Business 7 was discussed now while the Suspend Rules was open.**

*The action will be noted below.*

Motion was made by Member Clemons and seconded by Member Sauerman to reinstate the rules. After a voice vote the motion carried unanimously 7 Yays and 0 Nays.

**J. Appointments**

Being none, the meeting continued.

**K. Presentations**

Being none, the meeting continued.

**L. Items of Unfinished Business - Including Those Which Are Deferred or Pending**

Being none, the meeting continued.

**M. Deferred Business**

Being none, the meeting continued.

**N. Old Business**

Being none, the meeting continued.

**O. New Business**

**1. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2016-08-12**

**Additional Appropriations Tourism Fund**

Mayor Uran explained Ordinance No. 2016-08-12.

The meeting was opened by the Mayor for the Public Hearing on the Ordinance. There being no remonstrance the Public Hearing portion was closed.

Mayor Uran confirmed with Clerk-Treasurer Dressel that the advertisement was completed in a timely manner.

Motion was made by Member Sauerman to Read in Title Only and Hold Over for second reading for Ordinance No. 2016-08-012. Seconded by Member Clemons. After a voice vote the motion was unanimous. 7 Yays and Nays.

**2. Ordinance No. 2016-08-12**

**Tourism Fund** *This action was taken within the item above.*

**3. Resolution No. 2016-08-16R**

**Board of Zoning sending Favorable Approval for "Little Market" convenience store**

Jesus Garcia, 505 W. Monitor Street, Crown Point, introduced himself.

Planning Director Anthony Schlueter, read the report from the BZA Meeting with their favorable approval.

This is an authentic Mexican convenience store and they have an existing one in Winfield on 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Member Drasga welcomed Mr. Garcia and asked of the 12 designated parking spaces if there is one identified for handicapped.

Planning Director Anthony Schlueter stated it's not required.

Mayor Uran asked the Council if they are looking for 1 handicapped parking spot.

It was discussed and preferred to have 1 handicapped parking spot.

Signage was discussed and there will be a sign on the building. They are to meet with Planning Director Anthony Schlueter for the approval of location.

Motion made by Clemons to approve Resolution No. 2016-08-16R with one handicapped parking space. Seconded by Member Kyres. After a voice vote the motion was unanimous. 7 Yays and 0 Nays.

Mr. Garcia is anticipating opening by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

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**4. Resolution No. 2016-08-17R**

**Board of Zoning sending Favorable Approval for “Locked In” Escape Room (Recreation)**

Rhonda Wendt, 317 N. Main Street, Crown Point. Explained there are two theme rooms. One called Jailbreak and the other Doomed After Dark. You're locked in and have one hour to breakout with all the clues, keys, etc. to get out. Opening will be in about 2-3 weeks.

Planning Director Anthony Schlueter read the approval report from the BZA. The hours will be 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and weekends might be until 10:00 or 11:00 p.m. Parking will be around the business with having good neighbors and allowing to share the parking area for this business.

Motion was made by Member Clemons and seconded by Member Drasga to approve Resolution No. 2016-08-17R. After a voice vote the motion was unanimous. 7 Yays and 0 Nays.

**5. Ordinance No. 2016-08-13**

Salaries for appointive Officers, Employees, Deputies, Assistants, Departmental and Institutional Heads for the City of Crown Point as fixed by the Mayor. Also, to establish Salaries for the Police and Fire/Rescue Departments for Year 2017.

Mayor Uran mentioned that this is a just to get the foundation going and the first reading. This is typically what we do each year.

Motion made by Member Kyres to Read in Title Only and Hold Over for second reading Ordinance No. 2016-08-13. Seconded by Member Sauerman. After a voice vote the motion was unanimous. 7 Yays and 0 Nays.

Council Member Retson asked if there is any comparison to other cities and/or towns to make sure we are paying our employees adequate compared to surrounding areas. Karen Marben, Human Resources stated that IACT has a Salary Survey that she would be glad to send it to the Council. The Council requested this information prior to the next meeting.

**6. Ordinance No 2016-08-14**

Salaries for Elected Officials for the Year 2017.

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Motion made by Member Drasga to Read in Title Only and Hold Over for second reading Ordinance No. 2016-08-14. Seconded by Member Sauerman. After a voice vote the motion was unanimous. 7 Yays and 0 Nays.

**7. Ordinance No 2016-08-15**

An Ordinance amending Ordinance 2016-02-01 entitled an Ordinance to Designate Associations and Subscriptions that may be paid from City funds for the Year 2016 (Fire Rescue)

Motion was made by Member Kyres to approve Ordinance 2016-08-15 and seconded by Member Clemons. After a roll call vote the motion was unanimous. 7 Yays and 0 Nays.

**P. Reports and Miscellaneous Matters**

1. Jennie Burgess Parks Director, stated that at the Board of Works and Safety they approved Field Fees and Program Fees for the ongoing programs. They changed the Field Fees of one hour rental rates and half hour rental rates.

Mayor Uran mentioned that these fees will be used all year long. There's residence fee and non-residence fee.

Motion made by Member Kyres and seconded by Member Retson to approve the Field Fees and Programs Fees, as presented. After a voice vote the motion was unanimous. 7 Yays and 0 Nays.

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2. Various Fee Approvals for Special Events

Diana Bosse, Special Events, distributed a list to the Council for the fees for Special Events (i.e., car cruise, farmer's market, etc.) for the full season, or for vendors that might have seasonal items that would be for the full seasonal will have different fees depending upon what is being sold. Also, if they would need electricity there's an extra fee.

Motion was made by Member Sauerman and seconded by Member Retson to approve the Program Fees. After a voice vote the motion was unanimous. 7 Yays and 0 Nays.  
*The Special Events Approval Fees are attached to these Minutes.*

3. Council Budget Workshop Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Uran mentioned that 6:00 p.m. will be too early to have the Council attend so would be it agreed to make it at 7:00 p.m.

The Council agreed and the Clerk-Treasurer Dressel will send out a notice for the change in time to 7:00 p.m.

Member Kyres wanted to commend the Mayor and the leadership team. Member Kyres attended the Lunch and Learn with the Mayor and Chief of Staff cooking for everyone. Also, Diana Bosse, Jennie Burgess and Quinn Wentz as the backup and am sure others. The employees were appreciative of it. It's refreshing to see a team work well together. Again, this same group cooked for the Senior Citizens too.

**Next Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, September 6, 2016 7:00 P.M.**

**Q. Adjournment**

Motion made by Member Sauerman and seconded by Member Retson. After a voice vote the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

SUBMITTED:

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Kristie L. Dressel, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

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David D. F. Uran, Mayor