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Common Council Regular Meeting
Monday, November 7, 2016

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A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Uran called the meeting to order at 7:43 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: Member Sauerman, Member Retson, Member Clemons, Member Kyres, Member Evorik, Member Jeffries and Member Drasga. Also, present were City Attorney David Nicholls, Kristie Dressel, Clerk-Treasurer and Barb Kortokrax, Chief Deputy Clerk.

C. Approval of Minutes from: Regular Meeting October 3rd and Special Meeting on October 17th

Motion made by Member Clemons and seconded by Member Kyres to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on October 3rd and the Special Meeting held on October 17th. After a voice vote the motion carried unanimous. 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

D. Reading of Agenda

E. Addition of New Items to Agenda

Being none, the meeting continued.

F. Approval of Claims

Member Retson reviewed the claims in depth and the Elan statements. There were 11 that he audited and reviewed the 2 that the Clerk-Treasurer mentioned.

Member Retson discussed those 2 with the Mayor. The one was appropriate for the Fund noted to be paid. However, Member Retson would like to address the other Claim #64554 to amend the Fund that it was being pulled from and, with the Mayor's approval, be paid through Promotional of City Business and not from the Special Events Non-Reverting Fund.

Mayor Uran agreed.

Motion made by Member Retson to approve the Claims #63388-64566 with the correction of the Fund for Claim #64554, as stated. Seconded by Member Clemons. After a voice vote the motion carried unanimous. 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

G. Petitions, Remonstrance's and Public Statements

Being none, the meeting continued.

H. Special Recognition by Mayor Uran

1. Officer Michael Brazil, was nominated by the residence of Crown Point. September 24th the residence was in a scam. Landscapers came to their home and were lured out of their home when someone else went in their house and took some items. It was turned over to the Police Department for investigation.

Mayor Uran continued by commenting that the positive part was Officer Brazil.

The Mayor read from the note the victim wrote, "He was amazing, very kind and patient with us. He gave us advice on safety and re-assured us if we ever feel concern to please call. He made us feel like we were lifelong friends and looking out for us. I thanked him. Officer Brazil felt he was just doing his job but he wasn't. He helped another human being in the best way possible. It was completely professional and even more importantly he's the best example of a caring person. In this day, of concern of Police Officer's relationships, he was a model Officer."

Mayor Uran called Officer Brazil upfront for his recognition.

Mayor Uran expressed that personally and through the City we appreciate everything you do by putting your best foot forward. While the victim was distraught; we appreciate the kindness you showed them.

Officer Brazil then commented by saying that these awards could be handed out throughout the Police Department every day for us doing our job. We don't chase bad guys all the time but we do care for our citizens. We do it in the best way as possible.

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2. Mayor Uran shared a letter, with the Council, from Northwestern University. Chief Pete Land has completed the Police Staff and Command and received Accreditation on August 15, 2016 and took six courses and received straight A's. Congratulations!

I. Reports of Department Heads, Boards and Committees

Being none, the meeting continued.

J. Appointments

Being none, the meeting continued.

K. Presentations

Being none, the meeting continued.

L. Items of Unfinished Business

Being none, the meeting continued.

M. Deferred Business:

1. Resolution No. 2016-09-18R

Resolution for the City of Crown Point Indiana, Adopting I.C. §5-23-1 thru 5-23-5 (2016) *Permitting Public - Private Agreements - Deferred from the Special Meeting on October 17th*

Mayor Uran mentioned that it appears that this is going to the Ordinance Committee before final adoption.

Motion was made by Member Retson and seconded by Member Evorik to send Resolution No. 2016-09-18R to the Ordinance Committee for review before final adoption. After a voice vote the motion carried unanimous. 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

N. Old Business

Being none, the meeting continued.

O. New Business

1. Resolution No. 2016-11-23R

A Resolution approving or denying action of the BZA pursuant to I.C. 36-7-4-9-18.6.

Special Use to operate a Hospital in a B-3 Business District.

The Special Use approved by the BZA on October 24, 2016 by a Favorable Recommendation of 4 Ayes and 1 Nay.

Petitioner: Munster Medical Research Foundation.

Les Dreischerf of Design Alliance Architects, Hammond Indiana and David Otte, Vice President of Community Foundation of Northwest Indiana Inc. were present.

Anthony Schlueter, Planning Administrator, gave his report from the Board of Zoning Appeals. The request is for a Special Use to operate a hospital in a B-3 Business District, located at 10215 Broadway Avenue. This hospital will be a member of the Community Healthcare System. Community Healthcare is comprised of three Hospitals: Community Hospital in Munster, St. Catherine Hospital in East Chicago and St. Mary Medical Center in Hobart. They also have affiliated locations with services ranging from Cancer Research and Cardiology Care, Rehabilitation, Outpatient and Surgical Centers. The Community Healthcare System has been recognized in a study by Reuters as one of the nation's top 50 performing health systems.

The Petitioner plans on constructing a four story, multi-use hospital specializing in the care and rehabilitation of stroke patients. The first and second floors will house Emergency Care, Imaging and Physical Therapy facilities, Physician offices, an Outpatient Clinic, and a Women's Care Center. The remaining floors will handle Inpatient Care and Neurological Rehabilitation.

The building will be approximately 126,000 sq. ft. including the basement with four stories extending to a height of just under 66 ft., with a fourth floor stairs parapet reaching just under 80 ft. This would exceed the 35 ft. maximum height allowance for a principle structure and will require a Variance from Developmental Standards.

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The Petitioner has left room for the future extension of Delaware along the west of the property. The extension will provide additional access to the site, accommodating future growth as the hospital has plans to create a medical campus as they have done in other locations.

The Board of Zoning Appeals did make a 4 Ayes and 1 Nay for the Special Use for the 9.5 acres of the 46 total acres.

Member Drasga asked for clarification on the Board of Zoning Appeals staff report; it lists 46.68 acres but on the Resolution it doesn't have the legal description.

Anthony Schlueter stated that it could state that but originally they were asking for the 46.68 acres but for tonight it's only for the 9.8 acres.

Les Dreischerf of Design Alliance Architects explained this phase to the Council, "What the BZA approved is the southern portion of the 46.68 acres. For tonight it is for only the 10.5 acres to develop plus the area for the detention pond; plus 60 foot strip north of the quarter section line for a road east to west with 50 foot dedication for Delaware extension. So, it is more than the 9.5 acres. The legal description was submitted today."

Motion made by Member Drasga to approve Resolution No. 2016-11-23R with the acreage and includes the pond area and 60 foot strip north of the quarter section line, as approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals. Seconded by Member Clemons. After a voice vote the motion carried unanimous. 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

2. Ordinance No. 2016-11-32 Additional Appropriation for the Parks Department

Mayor Uran mentioned that this is for the 1st Reading and will need 2 readings for Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$75,000.00. This is due to the payout of coaches, umpires and fees associated with programs.

Jennie Burgess, Parks Director, stated that there were additional fall programs and we had a successful year.

Motion made by Member Kyres to Read in Title Only and Hold Over for Second Reading. Seconded by Member Sauerman. After a voice vote the motion carried unanimous. 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

3. Resolution No. 2016-11-24R Transfer of Funds for the Park Department

Jennie Burgess, Parks Director, commented that this is to cover until the Additional Appropriation is approved. The \$20,000.00 is to keep our current bills paid.

Motion made by Member Sauerman to approve Resolution No. 2016-11-24R for the Transfer of Funds and seconded by Member Retson. After a voice vote the motion carried unanimous. 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Miscellaneous

1. Diana Bosse, Special Events, reported:

- Friday, November 11th is the Veteran's Day Ceremony at 10:30 a.m. on the eastside of the Court House.
- Christmas Tree Lighting will be on the eastside of the Court House on Friday, November 25th at 5:30 p.m. and then down to The Tank to light that up.
- Pointe Plaza Santa will be present on Saturday, November 26th at 10:00 a.m.

2. Mayor Uran mentioned that the Ribbon Cutting at the Round-About held a good attendance and to let the Council know there will be a nice dedication plaque with everyone who was involved from the past and present representatives. Also, at the Ribbon Cutting were Council Members Drasga and Kyres.

3. Clerk-Treasurer, Kristie L. Dressel, reported to the Common Council that her Staff

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completed the Internal Controls Standard Webinar and have signed the Certification form, as required. She stated that they are in compliance with the State. Also, reminded the rest of the City needs to be in compliance by December 31, 2016.

4. **Member Kyres** announced that from the IACT Conference held in October; that Mayor Uran was recognized at the Mayor's Institute for completing his Certification.

Mayor Uran commented that it's a platinum level and the highest you can achieve through the Mayor's Institute. The Mayors in Indiana meet once a quarter and we started meeting at Indiana University and graduated to Ball State. He added that what happens here in Crown Point happens in other cities too. It's nice to share and have the insight of how other cities handle similar situations.

5. **Mayor Uran** wanted to congratulate the Girls Volleyball Team as the State Runners Up, also, for the Crown Point Football team who won sectional.

F. Adjournment

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

SUBMITTED:

Kristie L. Dressel, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

David D. F. Uran, Mayor