THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROWN POINT
Met in a REGULAR MEETING in the Council Chambers,
Located at 101 N. East Street
On Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Pursuant to and in accordance with the Rules of the Common Council
"In Person and Via Zoom"
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89566850445

Mayor Uran called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

A. 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:
Members Present: Chad Jeffries, Dawn Stokes, Carol Drasga, Andrew Kyres, Laura Sauerman (Zoom), Zack Bryan and Council President Scott Evorik.

Absent: None

Also present were City Attorney David Nicholls (Zoom), Council Attorney Pat Schuster, Chief Deputy Clerk Bette Babjak, and Deputy Clerk Sheri Herma.

Mayor Uran had everyone pause for a Moment of Silence for Brad Hefner, a City Employee who passed away last week. His children, family and parents, Keith and Carol Hefner are in our prayers.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Executive and Regular Meetings on August 2, 2021, and Special Meeting on August 23, 2021

Council Member Andrew Kyres made a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive and Regular Meetings on August 2, 2021, and the Special Meeting on August 23, 2021. Seconded by Council President Scott Evorik.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

D. READING OF AGENDA

Mayor Uran read the agenda.

E. ADDITION OF NEW ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

None.

F. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND SRF DISTRIBUTIONS

Member Zack Bryan reported that he reviewed the claims and the SRF Distributions for the period. Zack said they all appear to be in the normal course of City business, and therefore, moved to approve the claims and SRF Distributions, seconded by Member Dawn Stokes.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
G. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS

None.

H. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Employee of the Month for September 2021 is Captain Ryan Cusack of the Crown Point Fire Department & K9 Jake.

Ryan Cusack, Fire Department Captain & K9 Jake
Hired 4/12/2006 Volunteer Fireman
Hired 1/3/2007 Part-Time TOO
Hired 5/4/2008 Full-time Firefighter / EMT
Total Years of Service - 15 years

Nominated by:
Assistant Chief Baumgardner
2nd District Councilwoman Dawn Stokes

Captain Cusack and K9 Jake are being recognized for their deployment to the Champlain Tower Collapse in Surfside, FL and their relentless work to always be trained and prepared for any type of disaster. They have participated in multiple large-scale, national level deployments to natural and manmade disasters.

In the most recent deployment to the Champlain Towers in Surfside, FL, Captain Cusack and K9 Jake would work 12-hour shifts, locating and rescuing victims of the collapse. The work was hot, exhausting, mentally and emotionally taxing as their team had to remove a 12-story building piece by piece, by hand. They worked more than 192 hours in the rubble pile to help locate and recover all who have been lost in the structural collapse.

Captain Cusack and K9 Jake have been members of FEMA’s Indiana Task Force 1 since 2013. In those eight years, Ryan has moved from probationary member and now is the team’s Canine Manager, overseeing all canine training and certifications. Thomas Neil, a Division Chief with the Indianapolis Fire Department and Indiana Task Force 1 Coordinator stated “Captain Cusack has become a valued member of IN-TF1 and the Crown Point Community should be proud of his dedication, professionalism, and his willingness to help others at their greatest time of need. He represents your city well and it’s an honor to have him serve as a member of Indiana Task Force 1.”

Congratulations to Captain Ryan Cusack and K9 Jake!
I. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

Mayor Uran reported that Council President Evorik has been working with Commonwealth, along with the Utility Committee, in going over their long-term plans with our Wastewater Project.

Member Chad Jeffries stated that the Ordinance Committee will be meeting after they gather information needed from the Public Works Department. Council Attorney Pat Schuster and Attorney Alex Kutanovski will be assisting with the preliminary documentation needed.

J. APPOINTMENTS

None.

K. PRESENTATIONS

None.

L. OLD AND DEFERRED BUSINESS

M. NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2021-09-22R – A Resolution Approving or Denying Action of the BZA Pursuant to I.C. 36-7-4-918.6. Smalltown Coffee, Co., Petitioner / Chubbs, Harold J. Trs., Owner received a 4-0 Favorable recommendation for a Variance of Use to allow for the expansion of restaurant use (outdoor seating) in an R-3 Residential District, located at 306 E Goldsborough Street at the August 23, 2021, BZA Meeting.

Mayor Uran introduced Resolution No. 2021-09-22R and turned it over to Planning Administrator Anthony Schlueter. Anthony gave his Staff Report.

Annette McKeown of 306 E. Goldsborough Street was present representing Smalltown Coffee.

Mayor Uran on behalf of the Council congratulated her for doing such a fine job of creating a good sense of community in the area.

Council Member Dawn Stokes stated that she met Annette at the opening and thinks it’s great and it is in her Council District.

Member Stokes made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2021-09-22R, seconded by Members Jeffries.

Further congratulations took place from Member Jeffries. Council President Evorik asked if there were any plans for the grassy area near the property. Scott said he liked what has been done with the property.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
Resolution No. 2021-09-23R – A Resolution Approving or Denying Action of the BZA Pursuant to I.C. 36-7-4-918.6. View Outdoor Advertising, LLC, Petitioner / Franciscan Alliance, Inc., Owner received a 4-0 Favorable recommendation for a Variance of Use to allow a billboard in an OS – 1 Service District, located at 12800 Mississippi Parkway at the August 23, 2021, BZA Meeting.

Planning Administrator Anthony Schlueter gave his Staff Report.

They wish to have the billboard relocated 1000 ft. to help conform with developments in the area regarding the new hospital and medical campus. It is also in the flight path of the new helipad to be constructed.

Representing Franciscan Alliance was Jeff Ban, a Principal with the DVG Team, 1155 Troutwine Rd., Crown Point, IN. Jeff said that Anthony did an excellent job when presenting his Staff Report.

Mr. Ban wanted to reinforce that this was not a new billboard, but just a relocation from the NW corner site to the SW corner site. The billboard needs to be relocated to help conform to the Site Development Plans and the needs of an easy access for patients and visitors to the hospital.

Member Andrew Kyres made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-09-23R, seconded by Member Zack Bryan.

There was no further discussion.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2021-09-16 – An Ordinance to Approve Salaries for Elected Officials for the Year 2022. (First Reading)

Mayor Uran stated that this is the first reading only of the next three Ordinances. Between now and October there may be changes, additions or deletions to these items. This is the foundation for our 2022 Budget.

Mayor Uran introduced Ordinance No. 2021-09-16.

Member Jeffries made a motion to Read in Title Only and Hold Over for Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2021-09-16, seconded by Council President Scott Evorik.

There was no discussion of the motion.

Mayor Uran called for Members to vote by show of hands and voice vote.

Motion passed 5 to 2.

Ordinance No. 2021-09-17 - An Ordinance to Approve Salaries for Appointive Officers, Employees, Deputies, Assistants, Departmental and Institutional Heads for the City of Crown Point, as fixed by the Mayor, and to Establish Salaries for the Police and Fire/Rescue Departments for 2022. (First Reading)

Mayor Uran introduced Ordinance No. 2021-09-17.

Member Zack Bryan made a motion to Read in Title Only and Hold Over for Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2021-09-17, seconded by Member Dawn Stokes.
There was no discussion of the motion.

Mayor Uran called for Members to vote by show of hands and voice vote.

Motion passed 5 to 2.

**Ordinance No. 2021-09-18** – An Ordinance Appropriating Monies for the Purpose of Defraying Expenses of the Several Departments of the City of Crown Point Beginning January 1, 2022 and Ending December 31, 2022. Including All Outstanding Claims and Obligations and Fixing a Time when the Same shall Take Effect. *(2022 Budget First Reading)*

Mayor Uran introduced Ordinance No. 2021-09-18, our operating budget.

Council President Scott Evorik made a motion to Read in Title Only and Hold Over for Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2021-09-18, seconded by Council Member Chad Jeffries.

There was no discussion of the motion.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Ordinance No. 2021-09-19** – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2020-09-11 the 2021 Salary Ordinance. *(First Reading)*

Mayor Uran introduced Ordinance No. 2021-09-19, an amendment to the 2021 Salary Ordinance. Mayor Uran is asking the Council to consider approving and adopting this Ordinance tonight and would need a motion to suspend the Rules and then pass this Ordinance.

Member Andrew Kyres made a motion to Suspend the Rules, seconded by Council President Scott Evorik.

There was no further discussion.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Rules are suspended.**

Member Andrew Kyres made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-09-19, seconded by Member Dawn Stokes. Mayor Uran called for a roll call vote.

There was no discussion of the motion.

Mayor Uran called for a roll call vote.

Roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Members Jeffries, Stokes, Kyres, Sauerman, Drasga, Bryan and Evorik.

Nays: None.

Motion passed 7 to 0.
Note: Rules still suspended.

Ordinance No. 2021-09-20 – An Ordinance Establishing Essential Employee Covid-19 Premium Pay and Providing for a Council Transfer from within the American Rescue Plan Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 176 to Budget Classification for the Premium Pay. (First Reading)

Mayor Uran introduced Ordinance No. 2021-09-20. This Premium Pay will be subject to taxes and will be handled by the Clerk’s Office.

Member Dawn Stokes made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-09-20, seconded by Member Carol Drasga.

There was no discussion of the motion.

Roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Members Jeffries, Stokes, Kyres, Sauerman, Drasga, Bryan and Evorik.

Nays: None.

Motion passed 7 to 0.

Member Andrew Kyres made a motion to Reinstate the Rules, seconded by Member Carol Drasga.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2021-09-21.- An Ordinance of the City of Crown Point, Indiana, Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Bonds of the City for the Purpose of Providing Funds to be used for the Costs of Funding Capital Improvements to City Owned Property and Facilities, including Parking Improvements, Together with all Necessary Appurtenances, Related Improvements, and Equipment in Connection therewith. (First Reading)

Mayor Uran introduced Ordinance No. 2021-09-21. This is only the first reading and will be held over for a Public Hearing and Second Reading.

Member Laura Sauerman made a motion to Read in Title Only and Hold Over for Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2021-09-21, seconded by Member Andrew Kyres.

Mayor Uran asked if there was any discussion on this motion and mentioned that there was a timetable given to each Member in their packet regarding the Bond.

There was no discussion of the motion.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
Ordinance No. 2021-09-22 – An Ordinance of the City of Crown Point Appropriating the Proceeds of the General Obligation Bonds of 2021. (First Reading)

Mayor Uran introduced Ordinance No. 2021-09-22.

Member Chad Jeffries made a motion to Read in Title Only and Hold Over for Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2021-09-22, seconded by Member Dawn Stokes.

There was no discussion of the motion.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

N. REPORTS AND MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

There is a Conference that the Mayor, some of the Staff, and Council Member Kyres will be attending in October that is conflicting with the next Council Meeting.

Discussion was held on changing the meeting date. The meeting date will be firmed up later and we will make sure that all the proper advertising of the Public Hearings are in place to correspond with the new meeting date.

Special Events Director Diana Bosse gave her update.

Garbage Day will be on Thursday this week due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Join us this Saturday for our free, family friendly End of Summer Concert taking place at Bulldog Park from 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Jimmy Henrich’s Opry Rock Party, Women of Motown & Bonfire will all be performing. Bring a chair or blanket. Food and beverages will be available.

The First United Methodist Church will host the 9/11 ceremony at the 9/11 Memorial on the corner of Main and South St. on Saturday, September 11th at 7:00 p.m. They will also have a Service of Thanks to our Crown Point First Responders on Sunday, September 12th at 10:00 a.m. at the Lake County Fairgrounds Pavilions 4 & 5. The Community is welcome to participate.

Mission One is hosting a Crown Point First Responder Appreciation Event at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 18th at Bulldog Park. For more information on this event please visit www.m1vets.org.

The Crown Point Community Foundation would like to invite the Community to join in the celebration of their 30th Anniversary on Sunday, September 19th from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Bulldog Park. This event will feature live music by the Crawpuppies, food vendors and much more.

Crown Point Pups Basketball is accepting online registration through Wednesday, September 8th. Walk-in registration will take place on Saturday, September 11th in the gym lobby at Wheeler Middle School from noon – 5:00 p.m. For more information or to sign up visit www.pupsbasketball.org.
Mayor Uran asked if the Council Members had any further questions.
Council President Scott Evorik asked if there will be one more Budget Meeting.
Member Evorik and Kyres did have some items they wanted to go over regarding the budget.
Mayor Uran said that the Budget Committee could meet with Staff and report back to the Council.

Next Regular Council Meeting will be determined.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Member Andrew Kyres motioned for adjournment, seconded by Council President Scott Evorik.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

SUBMITTED:

[Signature]

David B. Benson, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

[Signature]

David D.F. Uran, Mayor

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