

Regular Council Meeting

September 27, 2021

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 Monday, September 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Pursuant to and in accordance with the Rules of the Common Council
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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89566850445>

For the record this meeting was in place of the October 4, 2021, meeting.

Mayor Uran called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**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, Andrew Kyres, Laura Sauerman,
Carol Drasga, Zack Bryan and Scott Evorik.

Absent: None

Also present were City Attorney David Nicholls, Clerk-Treasurer David Benson and
Chief Deputy Bette Babjak.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Executive and Regular Meetings on September 7, 2021.

Council Member Kyres made a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive and Regular Meetings on September 7, 2021, seconded by Member Sauerman.

D. READING OF AGENDA

Mayor Uran read the agenda.

E. ADDITION OF NEW ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

None at this time.

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.

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G. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Ken Kolar, from 1022 Oak Grove Ct., wished to recognize Terry Ciciora for repairing the streetlights in his area in such a timely manner.

H. SPECIAL RECOGNITION – Deferred**Employee of the Month**

There will be two Special Recognitions at the November Meeting: one for the Employee of the Month of October and the second for the Employee of the Month of November.

I. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

Member Chad Jeffries stated an Ordinance Committee Meeting would be held at 7:00 pm in the Mayor's Office and would be open to the public.

Member Dawn Stokes introduced a Humane Pet Store Ordinance. The matter at hand was first brought to Member Stokes' attention by Angela Malinowski, the Director of Schererville Animal Control and Samantha Morton, the Indiana State Director of the Humane Society of the United States.

Member Stokes provided a packet explaining why this matter should be considered for Ordinance by the City of Crown Point.

A Humane Pet Store Ordinance would reduce the demand for puppy mill puppies, would protect puppies from the puppy mill pipeline, and would protect consumers from a wide range of problems. This would also support pet businesses and pet acquisition.

Member Stokes stated this Ordinance would have nothing to do with responsible dog breeders, but everything to do with stores which promote the sale of puppy mill bred puppies.

Member Sauerman made a motion to approve the Ordinance for consideration at the Ordinance Committee Meeting, seconded by Member Drasga.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

This matter will be sent to the Ordinance Committee.

J. APPOINTMENTS

None

K. PRESENTATIONS

None

L. OLD AND DEFERRED BUSINESS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Mayor Uran provided the council with two versions of the Ordinance for the Council's consideration; Versions A & B. Version A reflected the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer's Board of Works Stipend for attendance at each meeting and Version B reflected the

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Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer's Board of Works Stipend being blended into their respective salaries.

Mayor Uran stated his position, preferring Version A, in which, if he did not attend the meeting, he would not receive payment.

Some discussion took place over the definition of "attendance" and the advancements of technology today.

Member Jeffries made a motion to adopt Version A of the **Ordinance No., 2021-09-16**, seconded by Member Kyres.

Mayor Uran asked for a roll call vote.

Ayes: Member Jeffries, Stokes, Kyres, Bryan and Evorik.

Nays: Members Sauerman and Drasga.

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. (**Second Reading**)

Member Kyres made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 2021-09-17**, seconded by Member Bryan.

Mayor Uran asked for a roll call vote.

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

Nays: Members Sauerman and Drasga.

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 (**Public Hearing**)

Mayor Uran opened the Public Hearing and closed with no comments.

No further discussion took place.

The second reading and adoption consideration of **Ordinance No. 2021-09-18** will take place at the Special Council Meeting on October 18, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

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 Improvements, together with all Necessary Appurtenances, Related Improvements and Equipment in Connection Therewith. (**Second Reading**)

No further discussion took place.

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Member Jeffries made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 2021-09-21**, seconded by Member Sauerman.

Mayor Uran called for a roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Motion passed 7 to 0.

Ordinance No. 2021-09-22 – An Ordinance of the City of Crown Point Appropriating the Proceeds of the General Obligation Bonds of 2021. (**Public Hearing and Second Reading**)

Mayor Uran opened the public hearing and closed with no comments.

Member Drasga made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 2021-09-22**, seconded by Member Evorik.

Mayor Uran called for a roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Motion passed 7 to 0.

M. NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2021-09-24R – A Resolution and Petition to Appeal for an Increase Above the Maximum Levy.

Greg Guerrettaz, with FSG, stated that the Appeal for an Increase Above the Maximum Levy is very common, done almost every year. This Petition would allow the City to appeal for an excess property tax levy.

Greg explained annexing certain neighborhoods into the City of Crown Point would allow the City to batch revenues and expenses by petitioning to the Department of Local Government Finance, or DLGF. The DLGF must approve the petition to include the minimal amount, seen in the Resolution, in the budget process.

Greg stated this is done every year and the data researched comes from the Fiscal Plan. He stated the DLGF may only approve a portion of what is appealed.

No further discussion took place.

A motion was made by Member Laura Sauerman to approve **Resolution No. 2021-09-24R**, seconded by Member Zack Byran.

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

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

N. REPORTS AND MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Member Sauerman complimented the last Farmer's Market. She praised Diana Bosse and her department for the special events held in 2021.

Diana Bosse/Entertainment Superintendent gave her update.

- This Thursday is the last Car Cruise of the season! We will have live music by Flood Plain and the Andy Sutton Trio from 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- We have partnered with Hometown Happenings to host a Movie in the Park this Friday night at 7:00 p.m. featuring Hocus Pocus at Bulldog Park.
- Our annual Oktoberfest is this Saturday, October 2nd, at Bulldog Park from 3:00 p.m.-10 p.m. It will be a great time for the whole family.
- St. Jude House will host their annual Survivor Celebration sing-along featuring Chicago Dueling Pianos on Thursday, October 7th from 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. at Bulldog Park. Admission is free, registration is required by visiting <https://stjudehousesurvivorcelebration.eventbrite.com>.
- The Sons of the American Legion are hosting a Steak Fry & Tailgate Fundraiser at noon on Sunday, October 10th at the American Legion Post 20 located at 1401 N. Main St. The cost is \$20 per person and includes raffle entry for a 70-inch TV. All proceeds collected will be used to support our local veterans.
- Tuesday, October 12th at 11:30 a.m. is the next Tuesday Talks with Mayor David Uran. This month's meeting will take place at 11:30 a.m. at F45 Training located at 870 N. Superior Dr.

Special Council Meeting to Adopt 2022 Budget, October 18, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Next Regular Council Meeting, Monday, November 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

O. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

SUBMITTED:



David B. Benson, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:



David D.F. Uran, Mayor