

Special Council Meeting

October 17, 2022

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROWN POINT
Met in a SPECIAL MEETING in the Council Chambers,
Located at 101 N. East Street
On Monday, October 17, 2022 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>

Mayor Peter D. Land called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

Mayor Land 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, Council President Zack Bryan, and Member Scott Evorik.

Members Absent: None

Also present were City Attorney David Nicholls, Council Attorney Patrick Schuster, and Clerk-Treasurer David Benson.

ADDITION OF NEW ITEMS

Mayor Land presented one item to add to the agenda. Police Chief Ryan Patrick would be requesting the approval of a Resolution authorizing the transfer of monies to fund the continued operation of the Police Department.

Member Andrew Kyres made a motion to add the item to the agenda, seconded by Member Scott Evorik.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Item added as #1 under New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2022-09-15 - An Ordinance Appropriating Monies for the Purpose of Defraying Expenses of the Several Departments of the City of Crown Point Beginning January 1, 2023 and Ending December 31, 2023. Including All Outstanding Claims and Obligations and Fixing a Time when the Same shall Take Effect. **(Second Reading/Adoption)**

Council President Zack Bryan made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Member Laura Sauerman.

Mayor Land requested a roll call vote. Roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Members Chad Jeffries, Dawn Stokes, Andrew Kyres, Laura Sauerman, Carol Drasga, Scott Evorik, and Council President Zack Bryan.

Nays: None

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Ordinance No. 2022-10-16 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Bonds. General Obligation Bonds 2022. **(Second Reading)**

Heather James with Ice Miller was in attendance via Zoom. She reiterated this ordinance, Ordinance No. 2022-10-16, was in direct correlation with Ordinance No. 2022-10-17.

She stated no changes had been made to the documents in review since the October 3, 2022 meeting.

The Council would be considering these Ordinances to approve various capital projects, giving the City maximum flexibility to issue up to \$3 million worth of bonds to fund those projects.

Member Chad Jeffries made a motion to adopt, seconded by Member Dawn Stokes.

Mayor Land requested a roll call vote. Roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Members Chad Jeffries, Dawn Stokes, Andrew Kyres, Laura Sauerman, Carol Drasga, Scott Evorik, and Council President Zack Bryan.

Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Ordinance No. 2022-10-17 – An Ordinance of the City of Crown Point Appropriating the Proceeds of the General Obligation Bonds of 2022. **(Public Hearing and Second Reading)**

Mayor Land opened the Public Hearing.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Land closed the Public Hearing.

Member Dawn Stokes made a motion to adopt, seconded by Member Andrew Kyres.

Mayor Land requested a roll call vote. Roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Members Chad Jeffries, Dawn Stokes, Andrew Kyres, Laura Sauerman, Carol Drasga, Scott Evorik, and Council President Zack Bryan.

Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2022-10-23 – A Resolution of the City of Crown Point, Indiana Common Council Authorizing the Transfer of Monies to Fund the Continued Operation of the Police Department.

Police Chief Ryan Patrick stated the Police Department wished to put a cushion in the fuel budget for the remainder of the 2022 calendar year. He stated the transfer of monies was being requested because of the rise of fuel costs, as well as the increase in cost of maintenance and repairs.

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Chief Patrick also stated there were two items he wished to implement over the coming months. The first item would be a new scheduling app.

The department has become remarkably busy with additional events at Bulldog Park and the current scheduling module is a simple, outdated excel spreadsheet. A new scheduling app would give app-based access department wide, allowing each individual to view their schedule and be notified when the shifts are at minimums. The app would streamline scheduling and minimize overtime and comp time.

The second item would be a digital display board. The board would be viewable by the public as they enter the department. It would feature advertisements for things happening in the City, as well as other screens to feature communication between administration.

Member Scott Evorik made a motion to approve, seconded by Council President Zack Bryan.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Utility Update – Al Stong/Commonwealth

Al Stong was in attendance to provide an update for the Council on the current Wastewater Projects and Phased Implementation Plan.

Al provided a handout for the members of the Council. Included was a summary, a masterplan, and a planning document which showed service areas in the County which were a concern to the Army Corps of Engineers several years ago.

Al explained the four phases of the wastewater project and the benefits of a phased approach.

Members Carol Drasga and Chad Jeffries raised questions about the responsibility of the grinder stations and laterals.

Al clarified that the City would only assume ownership of the lift stations and force mains. Anything after the connections to the lift stations and force mains are the responsibility of the homeowner. He also stated the grinder stations and lift stations would come with remote monitoring capabilities so that the City can monitor the run times of the pumps.

Al stated that the biggest concern regarding this project was that he did not wish the City to assume any issues.

Next Regular Meeting November 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Andrew Kyres made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Member Carol Drasga.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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SUBMITTED:



David B. Benson, IAMC/CMC
Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:



Peter D. Land, Mayor

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