

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 9, 2007

The Common Council of the City of Crawfordsville, Indiana, met in a regular session, 7:00 p.m., July 9, 2007. Present were Mayor John Zumer, who chaired the meeting, City Attorney David Peebles, and Clerk-Treasurer Nellie Thompson. Also present were Council members, Steve Frees, Dennis Cook, Roger Rockenbaugh, Phil Michal, Charlie Coons, Charles Fiedler and Rodger Walther.

Other officials in attendance were Fire Chief Todd Barton, Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager Tom Mitchell, Park & Recreation Director Cheryl Keim, Planning & Community Development Director Brandy Allen, Chief of Police Kurt Knecht and Street Commissioner Rodney Jenkins.

The press was also present.

Chairman Zumer called the meeting to order; and led the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Zumer asked Clerk-Treasurer Nellie Thompson to call the roll for purpose of attendance, a quorum was present.

Councilman Frees moved to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2007 City Council meeting, seconded by Councilman Fiedler. The minutes were approved as presented.

The roll was called for the purpose of any additions to the agenda. Councilman Cook and Mayor Zumer indicated they each had comments to be addressed under Miscellaneous.

FISCAL AFFAIRS

Chairman Zumer called on Councilman Fiedler to present the business of the Fiscal Affairs Committee.

Chairman Fiedler presented a resolution finding that Alcoa Closure Systems International, a property owner is in substantial compliance for tax abatement purposes. Chairman Fiedler moved to accept the resolution. Seconded by Councilman Rockenbaugh. Chairman Zumer called for comments from the Council and the public. Hearing no comments the roll was called for a vote. The resolution passed with a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION #13-2007

A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT A PROPERTY OWNER IS IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE FOR TAX ABATEMENT PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Crawfordsville, Indiana has been requested by Alcoa Closure Systems International, pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 to review and determine whether or not it has substantially complied with a submitted and approved Statement of Benefits (sB-1) form; and

WHEREAS, the property in question was designated an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA) by City of Crawfordsville Common Council Resolution #15-2005; and Crawfordsville Common Council Resolution #15-2005.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Crawfordsville, that:

Section 1: The Crawfordsville Common Council has reviewed the attached compliance with statement of benefits form and has found that the above property owner is in substantial compliance.

Section 2: The Mayor of the City of Crawfordsville is authorized to certify the City's approval on the compliance with statement of benefits form.

ADOPTED AND PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Crawfordsville, Indiana, this 9th day of July, 2007

Signed/// John P. Zumer
John P. Zumer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Signed/// Nellie Thompson
Nellie Thompson, Clerk-Treasurer

The second item presented was an ordinance setting building permit & administrative fees for the city of Crawfordsville. Chairman Fiedler moved to place the ordinance on first reading. Seconded by Councilman Frees. Chairman Zumer called for comments from the Council and the public. Hearing no comments the roll was called for a vote. The ordinance passed on first reading with a unanimous vote.

FIRST READING

The third and final item presented was an ordinance repealing an ordinance establishing a non-reverting fund for the purchase of fire apparatus and major equipment. Chairman Fiedler moved to place the ordinance on first reading. It was noted an amendment would be offered on second reading to add "Retroactive to January 1, 2007". Seconded by Councilman Cook. Chairman Zumer called for comments from the Council and the public. Offering comments were Fire Chief Barton and Clerk Treasurer Thompson. Hearing no comments the roll was called for a vote. The ordinance passed on first reading with a unanimous vote.

FIRST READING

Completing the business of Fiscal Affairs Committee, Chairman Fiedler turned the meeting over to Chairman Zumer.

ORDINANCES AND PETITIONS

Chairman Zumer called on Councilman Cook to present the business of the Ordinances and Petitions Committee.

Chairman Cook presented an ordinance amending Chapter 153, Zoning, of the Crawfordsville Municipal Code of the city of Crawfordsville, Indiana (Industrial Boulevard properties). Chairman Cook moved to place the ordinance on first reading. Seconded by Councilman Walther. Chairman Zumer called for comments from the Council and public. Hearing no comments the roll was called for a vote. The ordinance passed on first reading with a unanimous vote.

FIRST READING

Completing the business of Ordinances and Petitions Committee, Chairman Cook turned the meeting over to Chairman Zumer.

ANNEXATION

Chairman Zumer called on Councilman Rockenbaugh to present the business of the Annexation Committee.

Chairman Rockenbaugh presented the third reading of an ordinance annexing the CSX railroad property near the Crawfordsville Commerce Park. Chairman Rockenbaugh moved to table the ordinance until a public hearing October 8, 2007. Seconded by Councilman Frees. The roll was called for a vote. The ordinance was tabled with a unanimous vote.

TABLED

The final item presented was a resolution adopting an amended written fiscal plan (Heritage Products & CSX at Crawfordsville Commerce Park) for annexation of contiguous territory to the City of Crawfordsville, Indiana. Chairman Rockenbaugh moved to accept the resolution. Seconded by Councilman Cook. Chairman Zumer called for comments from the Council and public. Hearing no comments the roll was called for a vote. The resolution passed with a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO.: 14-2007

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING
AN AMENDED WRITTEN FISCAL PLAN FOR
ANNEXATION OF CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY
TO THE CITY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE, INDIANA**

WHEREAS, there is a certain tract of land located contiguous to the current corporate boundaries of the City of Crawfordsville Indiana, which the city is considering for annexation pursuant to Indiana Code 36-4-3 es seq.;

WHEREAS, Indiana Code §§ 36-4-3-3.1 and 13 require a municipality to adopt, by resolution, a written fiscal plan prior to the adoption of an ordinance annexing an area into its corporate boundaries;

WHEREAS, an amended written fiscal plan had been prepared for the area, using currently available tax rates; and

WHEREAS, the attached Amended Annexation Fiscal Plan has been reviewed by the Common Council of the City of Crawfordsville, Indiana and meets with its approval,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the Common Council of the City of Crawfordsville, Indiana, that:

Section 1. The attached “Annexation Fiscal Plan” is hereby adopted and approved.

Section 2. Copies of the “Amended Annexation Fiscal Plan” shall be kept on file in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer for public inspection and copying. A copy of the “Amended Annexation Fiscal Plan” will be provided to any landowner in the area requesting a copy in accordance with Indiana Code § 36-4-3-2.2

Section 3. This Resolution shall be effective upon passage; Resolution No 7-2007, adopting the original May, 2007 fiscal plan that has been amended by the attached amended plan is hereby repealed.

Adopted by the Common Council of the City of Crawfordsville, Indiana, this 9th day of July, 2007.

Signed/// John P. Zumer
John P. Zumer, Mayor & Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Signed /// Nellie Thompson
Nellie Thompson, Clerk-Treasurer

Completing the business of the Annexation Committee, Chairman Rockenbaugh turned the meeting over to Chairman Zumer.

TRAFFIC, PARKING & SAFETY

Chairman Zumer called on Councilman Coons to present the business of the Traffic, Parking & Safety Committee.

The first item presented was an ordinance designating a disabled parking space at 313 Crawford Street in Crawfordsville, Indiana. Chairman Coons moved to place the ordinance on first reading. Seconded by Councilman Frees. Chairman Zumer called for comments from the Council and public. Hearing no comments the roll was called for a vote. The ordinance passed on first reading with a unanimous vote.

FIRST READING

Chairman Coons moved to suspend the rules to pass the ordinance on second and third readings. Seconded by Councilman Walther. A voice vote indicated a unanimous vote.

Chairman Coons moved to place the ordinance on second reading. Seconded by Councilman Rockebaugh. Chairman Zumer called for comments from the Council and public. Hearing no comments the roll was called for a vote. The ordinance passed on second reading with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Coons moved to place the ordinance on third and final reading and so adopt. Seconded by Councilman Fiedler. Chairman Zumer called for comments from the Council and public. Hearing no comments the roll was called for a vote. The ordinance passed on third and final reading with a unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2007

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A DISABLED PARKING SPACE AT 313 CRAWFORD STREET IN CRAWFORDSVILLE, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Crawfordsville, Indiana, has determined that for reasons of traffic safety and general welfare, one (1) on-street parking space located in front of the residence with a street address of 313 Crawford Street should be designated for disabled (handicapped) parking only; and

WHEREAS, this parking space, while located in front of a specific residence, is not a reserved or private space and is available for the use and benefit of any duly designated disabled (handicapped) vehicle; and

WHEREAS, if the Common Council later determines that this designation is no longer necessary for reasons of traffic safety and general welfare, then it may cause this parking space to revert to regular parking; and

WHEREAS, the Street Commissioner of the City concurs in this assessment,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE, INDIANA, THAT:

Section 1. One (1) on-street parking space located in front of the residence with a street address of 313 Crawford Street is hereby designated for disabled (handicapped) parking only.

Section 2. The Street Commissioner is hereby authorized and directed to mark that designated parking place appropriately, including any necessary signage and painting.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE, INDIANA, THIS 9th DAY OF July, 2007.

Signed/// John P. Zumer
John P Zumer, Mayor & Presiding Officer

PRESENTED TO ME BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE, INDIANA, THIS 9th DAY OF July, 2007.

Signed/// Nellie Thompson
Nellie Thompson, Clerk Treasurer

THIS ORDINANCE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME THIS 9th DAY OF July, 2007.

Signed/// John P. Zumer
John P Zumer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Signed/// Nellie Thompson
Nellie Thompson, Clerk Treasurer
City of Crawfordsville

The final item presented was an ordinance designating stop signs on College Street at Walnut Street in Crawfordsville, Indiana. Chairman Coons moved to place the ordinance on first reading. Seconded by Councilman Cook. Chairman Zumer called for comments from the

Council and public. Hearing no comments the roll was called for a vote. The ordinance passed on first reading with a unanimous vote.

FIRST READING

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilman Cook commented on a recent Lafayette Indiana Channel 18 news report, indicating the city's response to the demolition and cleanup of the Gianakis building located at the corner of Pike and Washington Streets.

Mayor Zumer gave a briefing on the Parking Meter Committee. The Committee formally voted to recommend to the council at a future date to remove the downtown parking meters.

Mayor Zumer announced a special city council meeting would be held on Friday July 20th at 12:00 noon, to discuss a county Local Option Income Tax.

And finally there was a discussion regarding the downtown sidewalk streetscape fund – a local downtown business owner is requesting reimbursement for sidewalk repair, which includes brick inlays. The board of works and the council must approve a request of \$1,000 or more. Offering comments from the council were Councilmen Cook, Frees, Coons and Walther, also offering comments were Attorney Peebles, Rodney Jenkins and Clerk Treasurer Thompson.

There being no further business, Councilman Cook moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Frees. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Signed by me this _____ day of _____, 2007.

Signed///John Zumer
John Zumer, Mayor

ATTEST: Signed///Nellie Thompson
Nellie Thompson, Clerk/Treasurer