

**COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
JUNE 11, 2024**

The Common Council of the City of Noblesville met in the Council chamber on Tuesday, June 11, 2024. Darren Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. pursuant to public notice with the following members present: Mark Boice, Mike Davis, Evan Elliott, David Johnson, Pete Schwartz, Aaron Smith, Todd Thurston, and Megan Wiles.

Also present were Mayor Chris Jensen, City Clerk Evelyn Lees, City Attorney Jonathan Hughes, department directors, staff, interested citizens, and a member of the media.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Scout Evelyn Lindhurst of Scouting American Noblesville Girls Troop 222 led the chamber in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Deputy Clerk Ilga Pruzinskis called the roll. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MAY 28, 2024

Mr. Davis moved to approve the minutes, second Mr. Johnson, nine aye, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Wiles moved to approve the agenda, second Mr. Davis, nine aye, motion carried.

PETITIONS OR COMMENTS BY CITIZENS WHO ARE PRESENT

There were three petitions to speak.

Courtney Kulp of 17946 Forreston Oak Drive addressed the Council. Ms. Kulp stated she was here today to speak about the topic of sidewalk repair and aggressive tree removal in her neighborhood of Oakmont subdivision. She stated in 2017, the City swiftly tagged 191 trees for removal, causing upset homeowners who cherish their trees. She stated now in 2024, the City of Noblesville Tree Board quietly informed the Oakmont HOA board of plans for more tree removal, echoing past frustrations with City decisions. She stated in the midst of the trip and fall lawsuit involving the City, the Oakmont HOA Board, and an adjacent homeowner, discussions about tree removal and sidewalk repair lacked transparency and homeowner input. She stated despite the promises of dialogue, the City dismisses homeowner concerns, opting for a unilateral action. She stated social pressure from Oakmont residents highlights the need for fair treatment and genuine engagement from the City. She stated once again, despite the covert manner of communication, they feel blindsided by the aggressive approach to altering their neighborhood's natural landscape. She stated firstly, sidewalk issues are widespread across the City, not limited to Oakmont. She stated secondly, while the City claims ownership of street trees, homeowners have invested time and effort into nurturing and maintaining them for nearly three decades. She stated the unilateral action without homeowner input or compromise is unjust, and it undermines taxpayer investment in our community's greenery. She stated with approximately 300 homes in Oakmont with an estimated property value of \$142,500,000.00, it has significant economic repercussions. She stated research suggests that mature trees can increase home values by up to 15 percent. She stated even taking a conservative estimate of nine percent, the potential economic impact of removing 160 trees in round one and at least 121 trees in round two could exceed \$12.8 million of economic impact or \$42,700.00 per home. She urged the City to engage directly with residents, not just the HOA Board, to explore mutually beneficial compromises before proceeding with tree removal. She stated as she departs, she implores the City to genuinely consider a multitude of solutions proposed by Oakmont residents, engage in meaningful discussion, and be able to compromise. She stated let us strive for a City where government values nature, particularly in the face of rising temperatures, and where residents' voices are heard, fostering a collaborative approach to addressing concerns. She thanked the Council for their time.

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Jaime Rychener of 7359 Hardin Oak Drive addressed the Council. Ms. Rychener stated she was there to talk about the Oakmont trees as well as the mature trees all over our city here in Noblesville. She stated in November of 2021, the Noblesville Current published an article about the Tree Board and the hiring of John Easley. She stated one part of the article said, "What John and I have found in our career as arborists is many people are unaware of the health benefits trees provide the community. Flooding and poor air quality and erosion are all effects of the loss of canopy cover. More importantly, tree canopy has a huge effect on physical and mental health. Tree Board President Ashley Mulis said the Tree Board is working on a five year plan to increase the tree canopy cover in Noblesville and raise community awareness of the benefits of trees." Ms. Rychener stated however, here we are not even three years later, and the City of Noblesville is looking to get rid of canopy cover not only in Oakmont, but in the established neighborhoods across the City. She stated in chatting with other municipalities, most have stated that they would never do something like this and would look for other options. She asked why the City of Noblesville's and the Tree Board's views had changed on the benefits of mature tree canopies across the City. She asked why there is a sudden belief that the easiest route must be taken rather than thinking outside the box to place value on all the benefits tree canopies can provide. She thanked the Council.

Sarah Ropte of 7383 Hardin Oak Drive addressed the Council. Ms. Ropte thanked the Council for their time. She stated in 2013, her family chose to buy a home in the Oakmont neighborhood. She stated they chose that neighborhood and location over others because of its beautiful mature trees and walkability. She stated she was there to speak on behalf of the Oakmont neighborhood that is soon to have the majority of its beautiful mature trees cut down in order to repair the sidewalks. She stated she came today to plead with the Council to find some other way to repair the sidewalks without taking our beautiful mature tree cover, as other cities across the U.S. and world have done. She stated while the many reasons to keep these trees and their benefits are far-reaching, as some of her neighbors have shared, the main reason she came was to address the mental health aspect of having a mature tree cover. She stated numerous studies have shown that neighborhoods that have at least 20 percent tree cover were a third less likely to experience psychological distress such as stress and anxiety. She stated if their neighborhood is clear-cut as planned, they will no longer have that tree canopy coverage. She stated in our modern, hectic world, trees provide a natural sanctuary offering a sense of peace and tranquility. She stated walking along tree-lined streets, hearing the rustle of leaves and seeing the vibrant green canopy above can have a calming effect, helping to lower stress levels and improve mood. She stated in fact, she went through a long season of post-partum depression and anxiety after the birth of her last child. She stated along with going to therapy and other interventions, her first line of defense when feeling overwhelmed was to step out her front door and take a walk through the neighborhood. She stated she is no longer struggling with post-partum issues thankfully, but she still finds that if she is having a particularly rough day, the best thing to regulate her mood and nervous system and distress is, again, to step out her front door and take a quick walk through their beautiful neighborhood. She stated now her front door would no longer bring the stress relief and calm she has become accustomed to. She stated instead she will walk into a hot concrete heat jungle that is no longer walk friendly. She stated going from having this wonderful benefit to having to walk outside to barren land, she would feel distress and sadness instead. She stated having a mature tree canopy also contributes to a sense of community. She stated the shade provided by the trees fosters gathering outside by her neighbors and children. She stated she can often find all manner of neighbors and children speaking and laughing and playing. She stated in the hot summer, it will be much harder to convene together. She stated tree cover fosters community. She stated there are other ways to repair the sidewalks, as has been demonstrated by other cities across the world. She stated she has been researching them and presenting them. She stated please consider using them to preserve their home values, cool their sidewalks and roads, and benefit their neighborhood's mental health. She stated please do not rob them of these benefits. She thanked the Council for their time.

Mr. Peterson thanked the speakers.

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MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Jensen stated he had planned to speak about infrastructure, but he acknowledged and appreciated the three citizens who came forward. He stated the trees are a difficult topic. He stated he takes issue with "quietly informing the HOA Board". He stated it was not the case. He stated the City met with the HOA in the Council Chamber in March with 65 people attending. He stated those who were on the Council in 2017 remember the difficult conversations with the Oakmont community. He stated Oakmont is a beautiful neighborhood full of very mature trees, trees that were wrongly planted approximately 20 years ago and not the correct species to be in the sidewalk right-of-way. He stated the City follows a 20-year rotation of street repair. He stated when there is funding to evaluate and resurface the streets, the sidewalks are also evaluated. He stated if sidewalk panels have lifted by an inch (1/4 inch is the standard), the lifting is most often caused by tree roots. He stated John Easley, who was mentioned, is on staff with the City of Noblesville. He stated Mr. Easley has been an ISA Certified Arborist for 11 years, an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist for 7 years, and a Tree Care (Green Industry) Professional for over 38 years. He stated Mr. Easley is very knowledgeable concerning trees. He stated he appreciates what Mr. Easley has gone through the last several months during this conversation. He stated the City knows this is a difficult challenge. He stated the plan is, after evaluation of either a code violation, a sidewalk hazard, or the health of the tree, to remove 164 trees in the Oakmont neighborhood. He stated what has not been mentioned tonight is that the City will replant approximately 94 trees. He stated the reason the trees will not be replaced one-for-one is because some trees are non-compliant with the ordinances the Council has adopted. He stated some of the trees are too close to driveways, fire hydrants, stop signs, and the like. He stated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance standards also have changed since the neighborhood was built, and sidewalks must be evaluated according to current ADA compliance standards so that Oakmont can be a safe, walkable neighborhood. He stated the Administration met with the neighborhood several weeks ago for approximately 90 minutes to discuss the situation. He stated he knew the neighbors would not leave the meeting pleased with the plan, but he assured the Council that the Administration has researched the issues, looked at alternatives, listened and heard, and they have taken the best action for the City of Noblesville as a whole. He expressed appreciation for the speakers. He acknowledged the topic is very emotional. He stated the City will continue to evaluate and revise the process going forward. He stated the ultimate goal is the safety of communities and sidewalks. He stated the City and the HOA are being sued, and this action could help prevent future lawsuits and promote safety.

Mayor Jensen stated Downtown construction is ongoing, which also is not an easy conversation. He stated on the evening of Friday, June 14, the State Road 32 reconstruction project will transition from Phase II to Phase III. He stated Conner Street will open from 16th Street to 9th Street, and the intersections at 9th and 10th Streets will reopen. He stated Conner Street will close from the west side of 9th Street to the east side of 6th Street. He stated the Conner Street Bridge will remain open one way to eastbound traffic, which will then detour south on 6th Street and east on Maple Avenue to 8th Street. He stated there has been a misconception that the bridge would be closed. He stated detours are being planned for westbound traffic on Logan Street. He expressed appreciation for the Downtown residents and businesses for their patience and resilience. He thanked Hamilton County for opening Allisonville Road at 146th Street. He stated there is a temporary traffic signal, and left turns are prohibited in all directions.

Mr. Peterson asked if the Hard Hat Resiliency grants were distributed to Downtown businesses. Mayor Jensen replied yes, the grants were delivered by staff and Mr. Smith. He expressed appreciation to the Council for setting aside funding to help Downtown businesses in a time of need. He stated Downtown space is 100 percent occupied, and most of the businesses are small, mom-and-pop businesses, which are the backbone of the economy.

He wished Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Johnson happy birthday.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Thurston stated the Roads Committee met on June 7. He stated the 2023 Street Rehabilitation contract is complete except for installation of decorative crosswalks at Seminary

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Park in late summer. He stated the 2024 Street Rehabilitation – Contract II was awarded today. He stated the project will begin soon with completion in October. He stated he drove on Allisonville Road today where it has reopened at 146th Street with a temporary signal. He stated the website for updates on the project is www.streamline146.com. He stated the roundabout at State Road 38 and Oakmont/Whitcomb Ridge is on schedule to be completed by Labor Day. He stated State Road 32 reconstruction phase II is scheduled for completion on Friday, June 14, with a transition to phase III. He stated the website for updates on the project is www.reconstructsr32.com. He stated the State Road 37 and 186th Street Reduced Conflict Intersection project is scheduled to begin in late July and last through October. He stated the State Road 37 and 191st Street project is also scheduled for late July through October. He stated work has begun on Pleasant Street, Phase III. He stated the Little Chicago Road Trail over Morse Lake is scheduled to be completed by Thanksgiving. He stated the roundabout at 141st Street and Promise Road will begin on June 17. He stated the Federal Hill to Forest Park Trail and drainage project began on June 10 as the contractor mobilized equipment. He stated the tunnel under the railroad tracks will not begin until after Labor Day. He stated the project will be completed by the end of the year.

Mr. Smith stated the Downtown District Committee met on May 31. He stated the new Parks and Recreation Director was introduced, and Parks capital projects were discussed. He stated an update on Hard Hat Resiliency grants for Downtown businesses was discussed. He stated the grants were disbursed just prior to the Indiana Peony Festival. He stated the four-way signal flashers project is complete. He stated decorative crosswalks at Seminary Park are being designed with peony themes. He stated the committee received an update on the State Road 32 reconstruction project. He stated the black decorative signal poles on Conner Street are being installed. He stated the committee heard updates on the Pleasant Street project and the Federal Hill to Forest Park trail, as well as Downtown development projects.

Ms. Wiles stated the Economic Development Committee met on June 5. She stated the committee was shown a new GIS model of Assessed Value in the City. She stated the committee received an update on the MakeMyMove program that has added 123 new residents to the City with an average income of approximately \$142,000.00. She stated the Economic Development website was reviewed, as well as social media engagement. She stated the Stay Here. Grow Here. business retention program was reviewed, and staff is working to visit and help existing businesses. She stated staff have visited five businesses in the past month. She stated the tax abatement compliance report was reviewed, and all abatement recipients submitted their paperwork on time. She stated the eight newest abatement recipients reported on their community engagement as required.

Mr. Boice stated the Utilities Committee met on May 30. He stated a sewer rate increase was discussed, and the committee reviewed comparisons of a four-year increase and an annual increase. He stated the Council will hear the Administration's recommendation soon. He stated hardship provisions and discounts for senior citizens and disabled veterans will continue. He stated the trash and recycling contract with Republic has been extended at a minimal increase, avoiding the need to bid the contract. He stated those Noblesville residents who are on Hamilton Southeastern Utilities may see a trash fee increase for administrative costs.

Mr. Davis stated the Finance Committee met on June 6. He stated the committee discussed an appropriation transfer for a signal project and decorative crosswalks. He stated the committee also discussed an appropriation transfer for Family and Medical Leave tracking for employees. He stated Human Resources Director Holly Ramon discussed an amendment to the 2024 salary ordinance. He stated the committee recommended approval of the claims.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Ms. Wiles moved to approve the claims, second Mr. Davis, nine aye, motion carried.

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MISCELLANEOUS

- #1 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE (DARREN PETERSON)

Mr. Peterson stated he worked on the project in Cumberland Pointe Business Park two years ago, and the building is still under construction. He stated last week he signed a contract for a project that will be presented at tonight's meeting. Ms. Wiles moved to accept the conflict of interest disclosure, second Mr. Davis, nine aye, one abstention, motion carried. Mr. Peterson abstained.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION

- #1 COUNCIL TO HEAR INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION FOR A SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR AN INDOOR RECREATION FACILITY AT 9847 CUMBERLAND POINTE BOULEVARD WITHIN THE CUMBERLAND POINTE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT, FOR A PICKLEBALL FACILITY (ANDREW GREENWOOD, PATCH DEVELOPMENT)

Alex Chittenden, Development Manager for Patch Development at 6950 East 96th Street in Fishers, addressed the Council. Mr. Chittenden displayed a site plan and renderings of the exterior and proposed interior of the building. He stated the building is on Cumberland Pointe Boulevard near the Washington Business Park. He stated Patch Development vetted the Picklr team, which is one of the largest pickleball brands in the country. He stated the facility will have 19 courts with several viewing stations for spectators. He stated there also will be mezzanines for viewing games and "grab and go" concessions.

NEW ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION

- #23-06-24 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #23-06-24, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CHANGE OF ZONING FROM R1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R1/GUO RESIDENTIAL GOVERNMENT USE OVERLAY, INCLUDING THE ADOPTION OF A PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR APPROXIMATELY 22 ACRES, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HAMILTON COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING AT 18291 PRESLEY DRIVE IN NOBLESVILLE TOWNSHIP (JOYCEANN YELTON, COMMISSIONER CHRISTINE ALTMAN)

Ms. Wiles moved to introduce Ordinance #23-06-24, second Mr. Smith. Development Services Manager Joyceann Yelton stated this site is at the end of Presley Drive near State Road 37. She stated currently the site has solar panels and a cellular tower. She stated Hamilton County proposes to build a Public Safety Center on the 20-acre site. She stated the Plan Commission held a public hearing and forwarded a favorable recommendation for adoption with a vote of ten to zero to zero.

Hamilton County Commissioner Christine Altman addressed the Council. Ms. Altman stated the current county dispatch center in the basement of the Sheriff's office is at capacity. She stated if more dispatchers were added, it would be necessary to split the dispatchers between the main center and the backup location. She stated the County has been working to design a new, freestanding dispatch center. She stated at 108,000 square feet, the dispatch center is designed to last for 50 years. She stated the building also would house the Emergency Operations Center, storage space, and training areas. She stated there is a large water feature that is designed for security and detention. She stated the County is working with INDOT to obtain emergency access to State Road 37 if Presley Drive should be blocked. She stated she recently met with INDOT's deputy director. She stated the emergency access would be closed once Presley Drive is extended. She stated the site is approximately 20 acres and contains a regulated drain. She stated there is a large pond in a sister parcel to the west. She stated this development would provide enough detention to open 500 acres east of the site to development. She stated the County is negotiating with the City, although an agreement is not yet signed. She stated as part of the agreement, the County would extend Presley Drive, but sidewalk would only be

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constructed on the southeast side for security reasons. She stated Americans with Disability Act (ADA) access would still be provided for east-west access on the south side of the property. She stated it is possible a childcare facility would be constructed, and they are working to partner with Riverview Health. She stated the core of the building will be hardened to withstand extreme weather, including tornadoes. She stated the dispatch center and Emergency Operations Center would be located within the hardened core of the building. Mr. Peterson stated he has toured the current dispatch center, and he is sure the employees would appreciate a new building with windows that will provide a better environment for the dispatchers to work in.

Ms. Wiles moved to approve Ordinance #23-06-24, second Mr. Schwartz. The following roll call vote was taken for Ordinance #23-06-24:

AYE: Mark Boice, Mike Davis, Evan Elliott, David Johnson, Pete Schwartz, Aaron Smith, Todd Thurston, Megan Wiles, and Darren Peterson.

Nine aye, motion carried.

#21-06-24 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #21-06-24, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CHANGE OF ZONING FROM R1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R4 SINGLE AND TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL FOR APPROXIMATELY 52 ACRES WEST OF PROMISE ROAD AT EAST 196TH STREET (AMY STEFFENS, ATTORNEY JIM SHINAVER)

Ms. Wiles moved to introduce Ordinance #21-06-24, second Mr. Smith. This ordinance was discussed with Ordinance #22-06-24.

#22-06-24 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #22-06-24, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CHANGE OF ZONING FROM R4 SINGLE-FAMILY AND TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R4/PD RESIDENTIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING A PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL HOMES ON APPROXIMATELY 52 ACRES, TO BE KNOWN AS BRANSON RESERVE, WEST OF PROMISE ROAD AT EAST 196TH STREET (AMY STEFFENS, ATTORNEY JIM SHINAVER)

Ms. Wiles moved to introduce Ordinance #22-04-24, second Mr. Smith. Senior Planner Amy Steffens stated the project site consists of two parcels for a total of approximately 52 acres on the west side of Promise Road on either side of 196th Street. She reviewed the surrounding uses. She stated the City's comprehensive master plan recommends the area for residential development. She stated Ordinance #21-06-24 changes the zoning from R1 to R4 to accommodate 147 single-family detached residences. She stated the houses will be a mix of ranch, two-story, and split-level at a density of 3.8 houses per acre. She stated amenities would include a walking path, playground, and shelters. She stated three remonstrators appeared at the Plan Commission. She stated two spoke on the required connection to Meadows Knoll, and one requested a commitment that the homes be owner-occupied. She stated today staff received a commitment regarding rentals from the developer. She stated the Plan Commission forwarded a favorable recommendation.

Attorney Jim Shinaver of Nelson & Frankenberger, P.C. at 550 Congressional Boulevard in Carmel, addressed the Council on behalf of M/I Homes. Mr. Shinaver displayed a map of the area. He stated the project would be called Branson Reserve. He stated the project is supported by staff and received a ten to zero favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission. He displayed a site plan. He stated the houses would be ranch and two-story. He stated access to the development would be on Promise Road, and a stub street would be constructed to connect to the Meadows Knoll subdivision, as required by ordinance. He stated buffers would be landscaped with trees and shrubs, and there would be a tree preservation area. He stated there would be a large common area, playground, path, and sidewalks. He displayed renderings of the homes. He stated home sizes will range from approximately 1,500 to 2,900 square feet. He stated materials will include masonry and hardie plank siding. He stated pricing is expected to range from

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\$380,000.00 to \$450,000.00. He displayed renderings of the entrance sign and entrance feature, both of which will include landscaping. He stated a neighborhood meeting was held on May 8. He stated a rental commitment has been executed and will be attached to the ordinance. He requested passage on first reading. He stated those who spoke at the Plan Commission meeting were not opposed but had questions that received a response. Mr. Peterson stated the elevations were presented to the Architectural Review Board and were approved. Mr. Hughes stated the rental commitments are identical to the other rental commitments that have been made recently. Ms. Wiles moved to approve Ordinances #21-06-24 and #22-06-24 with the attached rental provisions, second Mr. Johnson. The following roll call vote was taken for Ordinance #21-06-24 and Ordinance #22-06-24:

AYE: Mike Davis, Evan Elliott, David Johnson, Pete Schwartz, Aaron Smith, Todd Thurston, Megan Wiles, Mark Boice, and Darren Peterson.

Nine aye, motion carried.

#24-06-24 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #24-06-24, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 5.9 ACRES AT 16864 UNION CHAPEL ROAD IN NOBLESVILLE TOWNSHIP; ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING; AND RESOLUTION RC-25-24, ADOPTING A FISCAL PLAN (JOYCEANN YELTON)

Ms. Wiles moved to introduce Ordinance #24-06-24, second Mr. Davis. Development Services Manager Joyceann Yelton stated this request is for annexation of approximately 5.9 acres near Town & Country Boulevard and Union Chapel Road. She stated the parcel was originally part of the land that was developed into Stony Bluffs subdivision. She stated most of this parcel is zoned Flood Hazard and R1. She stated there is room to build one single-family home. She stated this is a super-voluntary annexation that will require a public hearing on July 9, after which the Fiscal Plan can be adopted. She stated the ordinance will require a vote at the July 23 meeting. Mr. Peterson asked if access to the site would be from the fourth leg of the roundabout. Ms. Yelton replied yes. She stated after the annexation is effective, the project will not need to appear before the Council again. She stated staff have been working with the owners for the past two years. She stated after annexation, the developer will file a primary plat to be considered by the Plan Commission. She stated a secondary plat will be approved administratively.

Ms. Wiles moved to establish a public hearing for Ordinance #24-06-24 at the July 9 meeting, second Mr. Davis, nine aye, motion carried.

#25-06-24 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #25-06-24, AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2024 SALARY ORDINANCE #25-09-23, AS AMENDED, FOR APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF NOBLESVILLE (HOLLY RAMON)

Ms. Wiles moved to introduce Ordinance #25-06-24, second Mr. Smith. Human Resources Director Holly Ramon stated this ordinance amendment includes requests from three departments. She stated an Engineering inspector title will be updated to better reflect actual duties; a Street Department employee who has received certification as a CDL trainer will receive an additional \$2.00 per hour when training other employees; and effective July 1, the minimum salary for exempt employees will increase, as required by the Department of Labor. She stated the City's golf professional is paid the minimum salary, so his salary must be increased to meet the new minimum. Ms. Wiles stated the changes were discussed at length by the Finance Committee, and they are comfortable with them.

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TRANSFERS

#1 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER TRANSFER TA-03-24, AN APPROPRIATION TRANSFER IN THE GENERAL FUND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR A LEAVE-TRACKING MODULE IN THE CITY’S PAYROLL SOFTWARE TO ASSIST HUMAN RESOURCES WITH TRACKING FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES (IAN ZELGOWSKI)

Deputy Financial Officer Ian Zelgowski stated this transfer request moves an appropriation from contingency to the Office of Finance and Accounting (OFA) budget on behalf of Human Resources. He stated OFA pays the license for UKG, the timekeeping and payroll software for the City. He stated currently Human Resources staff tracks Family and Medical Leave manually, which is time consuming. He stated this module to UKG will track the leave automatically. He stated the licensing consists of a one-time setup fee and a monthly licensing fee. Ms. Wiles moved to approve Transfer TA-03-24, second Mr. Boice, nine aye, motion carried.

#2 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER TRANSFER TA-04-24, AN APPROPRIATION TRANSFER IN THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT FUND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE DOWNTOWN SIGNAL PROJECT AND FOR DECORATIVE CROSSWALKS AT SEMINARY PARK (IAN ZELGOWSKI)

Deputy Financial Officer Ian Zelgowski stated this transfer was recommended by the Downtown District Committee. He stated the funds have already been appropriated in the budget, and this transfer allocates \$100,000.00 to pay for upgrades to four-way flashing traffic signals and decorative crosswalks near Seminary Park. Ms. Wiles moved to approve Transfer TA-04-24, second Mr. Thurston, nine aye, motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Wiles stated Noblesville Creates’ Hatch Fest is this weekend on the Square. She stated because of the State Road 32 construction project, vendors will set up on 8th Street between Conner and Logan Street. She stated the 42nd Annual St. Michael’s Episcopal Church Strawberry Festival also will be held on the Courthouse lawn on Saturday, and the Lions Club Car Show will be held on Sunday, which is Father’s Day. She wished all fathers a Happy Father’s Day.

Mr. Thurston stated the IHSAA Boys’ state golf tournament is tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. He stated Noblesville is currently in fourth place, and Guerin Catholic High School is in second place.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Common Council this 11th day of June, 2024, Mr. Peterson adjourned the meeting.


DARREN PETERSON, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


EVELYN L. LEES, CLERK