

The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 in the Knox City Hall at 7:00 P.M. CST with the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok; Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Shari Spaid; Councilmembers Jeff Berg, Bertha Blue, Don Kring, William Gustafson and City Attorney Autumn Ferch. Council Member Ron Parker and Clerk-Treasurer Jeff Houston were absent

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to the Council Members prior to the meeting for their review. Council Member Blue made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by a vote of Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: RESOLUTION #2019-RE6 – A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING ORDER OF THE KNOX PLAN COMMISSION

Mayor Estok presented the following Resolution for the Council's review:

KNOX COMMON COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-RE6

A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING  
ORDER OF THE KNOX PLAN COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Knox ("City") Redevelopment Commission ("Commission") adopted a declaratory resolution on July 30, 1997, as amended on December 13, 2004, and as further amended and restated on October 30, 2015 (collectively, "Declaratory Resolution"), as confirmed by a confirmatory resolution adopted on December 3, 1997, as amended on November 23, 2015 (collectively, "Confirmatory Resolution"), establishing the boundaries of the Knox Redevelopment area ("Original Area"); and

WHEREAS, the Declaratory Resolution and the Confirmatory resolution are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Area Resolution";

WHEREAS, the Area Resolution approved the Redevelopment Plan ("Original Plan") which Original Plan contained specific recommendations for redevelopment in the Original Area;

WHEREAS, the Area Resolution established an allocation area in accordance with IC 36-7-14-39 ("Original Allocation Area"), for the purpose of capturing property taxes generated from the incremental assessed value of real property located in the Original Allocation Area;

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2019, the Commission adopted a resolution amending the Area Resolution ("Amending Declaratory Resolution") and Original Plan to: (i) expand the Original Area and the Original allocation Area by adding the parcel numbers set forth on Exhibit A attached thereto, with some parcels located in the City and some parcels within the jurisdiction of the Starke County Redevelopment Commission ("County Commission"), contiguous with the Original Area and located within the jurisdiction of the County Commission, with such parcels also listed on Exhibit A ("County Area") (collectively, "Parcels") to the Original area and the Original Allocation Area; and (ii) add the purchase or lease of police equipment which will serve the Area and add the purchase, repair and maintenance of signage to the list of projects in the Original Plan, all in, serving or benefitting the Original area (as amended, "2019 Plan"); and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2019, the Starke County Board of Commissioners assigned jurisdiction of the County Area to the commission to be included in the Parcels;

WHEREAS, IC 36-7-14 and IC 36-7-25 and all acts supplemental and amendatory thereto ("Act") require approval of the Amending Declaratory Resolution and the amendment to the Original Plan by the Knox Plan Commission ("Plan Commission"), which occurred on May 7, 2019 after adoption of the Amending Declaratory Resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires the approval of the action of the Plan Commission by the Common Council of the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX, INDIANA, THAT:

Section 1. The actions of the Plan Commission on May 7, 2019 determining that the Amending Declaratory Resolution and the 2019 Plan conform to the comprehensive plan of the City is in all respects approved by the Common Council.

Section 2. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed by the Common Council of the City of Knox, Indiana, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX, INDIANA

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Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

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Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Knox, Indiana, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

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Clerk-Treasurer

Signed and approved by me, the Mayor of the City of Knox, Indiana, this 14 day of May, 2019, at 7:00 P.M.

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Mayor

Council Member Kring made a motion to approve Resolution #2019-RE6 as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Berg and was passed by a vote of Four (4) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: RESOLUTION #2019-RE7 – A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING ORDER OF THE KNOX PLAN COMMISSION

Mayor Estok presented to the following resolution for the Council’s review:

RESOLUTION #2019-RE7

A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING  
ORDER OF THE KNOX PLAN COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Knox (“City”) Redevelopment Commission (“Commission”) adopted a declaratory resolution on October 30, 2015 (Declaratory Resolution”), as confirmed by a confirmatory resolution adopted on November 23, 2015 (“Confirmatory Resolution”), establishing the boundaries of the Knox Industrial Park Economic Development Area (“Original Area”) and

WHEREAS, the Declaratory Resolution and the Confirmatory Resolution are hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Area Resolution”;

WHEREAS, the Area Resolution established an allocation area in accordance with IC 36-7-14-39 (“Original Allocation Area”), for the purpose of capturing property taxes generated from the incremental assessed value of real property located in the Original Allocation Area;

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2019, the Commission adopted a resolution amending the Area Resolution (“Amending Declaratory Resolution”) expand the Original Area and the Original Allocation Area by adding the parcel numbers set forth on Exhibit A attached thereto, with some parcels located in the City and some parcels within the jurisdiction of the Starke County Redevelopment Commission (“County Commission”), contiguous with the Original Area and located within the jurisdiction of the County Commission, with such parcel also listed on Exhibit A (“County Area”) (collectively, “Parcels”) to the Original Area and the Original Allocation Area;

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2019, the Starke County Board of Commissioners assigned jurisdiction of the County Area to the Commission to be included in the Parcels;

WHEREAS, IC 36-7-14 and IC 36-7-25 and all acts supplemental and amendatory thereto (“Act”) require approval of the Amending Declaratory Resolution by the Knox Plan Commission (“Plan Commission”), which occurred on May 7, 2019 after adoption of the Amending Declaratory Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires the approval of the action of the Plan Commission by the Common Council of the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX, INDIANA, THAT:

Section 1. The actions of the Plan Commission on May 7, 2019 determining that the Amending Declaratory Resolution conforms to the comprehensive plan of the City is in all respects approved by the Common Council.

Section 2. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed by the Common Council of the City of Knox, Indiana, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX, INDIANA

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Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

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Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Knox, Indiana, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019, at 7:00 P.M.

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Clerk-Treasurer

Signed and approved by me, the Mayor of the City of Knox, Indiana, this 14 day of May, 2019, at 7:00 P.M.

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Mayor

Motion was made by Council Member Berg to approve Resolution #2019-RE7 as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Gustafson and was passed by a vote of Four (4) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: STARKE COUNTY SAFETY COMMITTEE – REQUEST HANDICAP SPACES

Mayor Estok reported to the Council that the Starke County Safety Committee has requested 2 handicap parking spaces at the Starke County Annex 2. Motion was made by Council Member Gustafson to approve the 2 handicapped spaces. Motion was seconded by Council Member Berg and was passed by a vote of Four (4) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

Citizen Sherry Cowen asked if the flags at the courthouse will be replaced by Memorial Day. Mayor Estok told her she would have to talk to the maintenance person with the county.

RE: STELLAR COMMUNITY

Mayor Estok explained to the Council about the Stellar Community grant that the City is trying to get. He asked the Council to approve \$10,000.00 to fund a consultant. Council Member Berg made a motion to approve \$10,000.00 from the Cedit Fund for a consultant. Motion was seconded by Council Member Blue and was passed by a vote of Four (4) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Shari Spaid presented to the Mayor and Council the following changes and additions to our property and liability assets and how it has affected our costs:

**Property and Liability Assets****Additional Coverage Items**

Depot Property	
Updates to Park	
Fire Truck	
2018 GMC Truck	
Park Sign	
New Sandy Acres Park playground equipment	
<b>SUBTOTAL of Additional Property Coverage</b>	<b>1,000,000.00</b>
Cyber Security	1,000,000.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL COVERAGE</b>	<b>2,000,000.00</b>

<b>Original Cost of Insurance</b>	<b>112,025.00</b>
Additional Cost of Insurance	2,429.00
Minus Depot "stand alone" insurance cost	(4,548.00)
Premium Decrease of	(2,119.00)
<b>Total Cost of Property &amp; Liability Insurance</b>	<b>109,906.00</b>

The Council also received the report of receipts, disbursements and balances for the month of April, 2019

RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

The Stellar Community meeting will be on Thursday, May 23, 2019 from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. at the Community Center. Ball State will be present. Mayor Estok encouraged the attendance of the Council.

The logo at the intersection of Lake and Main Street will be finished during the week of May 20, weather permitting.

On May 29 at 5:00 P.M. there will be a sculpture erected at Serenity Gardens. The sculpture is from the Starke County Youth Club.

The restrooms at the park will be open this Saturday, May 18.

RE: COUNCIL ITEMS

Council Member Blue asked when the splash pad will be open. Mayor Estok said that it will be open Memorial Day weekend. It will be open 1 day before that for the North Judson School for their day at the park on May 22.

Council Member Gustafson said that his step grandchildren love the Starke County Youth Club. He made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Starke County Youth Club. Motion was seconded by Council Member Berg and was passed by a vote of Four (4) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

Mayor Estok stated that for next year's budget he wants to set up a discretionary fund for non-profit organizations. If any organizations want a donation they would have to come to the Council.

RE: CITIZENS COMMENTS

Steve Dodge asked the Council what progress has been made on 1-3 N. Main St. City Attorney Autumn Ferch said that there is going to be a meeting between just her and the owner.

RE: VOUCHERS AND ALLOWANCES

The following properly filed vouchers (See Voucher Docket, Voucher #27234 - #27330 inclusive) were presented and approved.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time the meeting upon motion was duly adjourned.

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Dennis Estok, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shari Spaid, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

