

**COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF NOBLESVILLE  
FEBRUARY 27, 2018**

The Common Council of the City of Noblesville met in regular session on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. Christopher Jensen called the meeting to order pursuant to public notice with the following members present: Wil Hampton, Roy Johnson, Greg O'Connor, Mary Sue Rowland, and Megan Wiles. Brian Ayer, Mark Boice, and Rick Taylor were absent.

Also present were Mayor John Ditslear, City Clerk Evelyn Lees, Deputy Mayor Steve Cooke, City Attorney Michael Howard, department directors, interested citizens, and members of the media.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

Mr. O'Connor moved to approve the minutes, second Ms. Wiles, five aye, one abstention. Mr. Johnson abstained.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Wiles moved to approve the agenda as presented, second Mr. Hampton, six aye.

**PETITIONS OR COMMENTS BY CITIZENS WHO ARE PRESENT**

There were no petitions to speak.

**MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Mayor Ditslear stated on February 14<sup>th</sup> he attended a ribbon cutting for Sports Clips in Pebble Brook. On February 15<sup>th</sup>, he was interviewed by the local National Public Radio (NPR) affiliate about the AT&T FirstNet program. Mayor Ditslear noted Riverview Health has recognized February as National Heart Month, and he helped promote the cardiology department. He stated on February 17<sup>th</sup> Prevail held its annual Bowl-a-Thon, which the City won. He stated City buildings were closed on February 19<sup>th</sup> in observance of Presidents Day. On February 19<sup>th</sup> he attended the ribbon cutting for the new Boys and Girls Club. He noted two Noblesville businesses and Hamilton County Tourism were recently honored as a Best Place to Work by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. He also attended the first meeting of the strategy committee for Accelerate Indy, a regional economic development initiative by the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. O'Connor stated the Finance Committee met on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. He stated the major topic of discussion is on tonight's agenda: an ordinance re-establishing the Cumulative Capital Development (CCD) Fund tax rate. He stated other upcoming ordinances concern a re-appropriation of CCD funds, mileage reimbursement for employees, and appropriation of park and road impact fee funds. He stated they discussed the Controller's recent banking realignment for City funds, and monthly meetings to educate departmental finance officers. He stated the committee recommends approval of the claims and adoption of Ordinance #03-02-18.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

Mr. O'Connor moved to approve the claims as submitted, second Mr. Johnson, six aye.

**NEW ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION**

#02-02-18 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #02-02-18, AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES (EVELYN LEES)

Mr. Johnson moved to introduce Ordinance #02-02-18, second Ms. Wiles. Ms. Lees stated during the year as ordinances and resolutions are adopted, she sends them to American Legal Publishing for codification. She stated online codification is updated throughout the year, but

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now the hard copy supplements have been delivered. She stated this ordinance is the Council's official act to adopt these ordinances into the City code. Mr. O'Connor moved to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance #02-02-18 on first reading, second Ms. Wiles, six aye. Ms. Wiles moved to approve Ordinance #02-02-18, second Mr. O'Connor. The following roll call vote for Ordinance #02-02-18 was taken:

AYE: Wil Hampton, Roy Johnson, Greg O'Connor, Mary Sue Rowland, Megan Wiles, and Christopher Jensen.

Six aye, motion carries.

#03-02-18 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #03-02-18, AN ORDINANCE TO RE-ESTABLISH CUMULATIVE FUND TAX RATE (JEFFREY SPALDING)


Mr. Johnson moved to introduce Ordinance #03-02-18, second Mr. O'Connor. Mr. Spalding stated this ordinance will re-establish the CCD Fund tax rate back to the original rate adopted by the Council. He stated this is necessary because state law reduces the tax rate over time, which must be corrected by the local fiscal body. Mr. O'Connor stated the Council budgeted for \$0.05 per \$100.00 of Assessed Value (AV) for 2018, but the current tax rate is \$0.043. He stated this change will not go into effect until 2019. The current rate is so low because it has not been re-established since 2013. Ms. Wiles noted that this is not a new tax, but only restoring the rate to what was previously approved. Mr. Spalding noted that often there are good reasons for state law, but this is one that makes no sense. Mr. Howard noted at the next meeting there will be a public hearing, which has been advertised. He stated if the Council does not re-establish this rate, the City's share of Local Income Tax (LIT) revenue distributed by the County will dwindle. Mr. Spalding added the amount is approximately \$100,000.00, which would be distributed to the other taxing units in the County if this ordinance is not adopted. Ms. Rowland questioned uses for the fund. Mr. Howard replied the statutory allowable uses for the fund are listed in the ordinance, but the revenue is appropriated during the budget process. Ms. Rowland asked if a similar discussion might be held concerning the Cumulative Fire Fund tax rate. Mr. Hampton asked if Mr. Spalding would be willing to attend a meeting of the Public Safety Council Committee to discuss that rate. Mr. Spalding replied he would be willing to meet with the committee.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mr. Hampton saluted the late Eddie Mode, whose funeral was held this morning. He stated Mr. Mode lived in his district and spoke to him during his campaign for Council. He stated Mr. Mode's influence reached not only Noblesville and the surrounding area, but around the world. He will be greatly missed. Ms. Rowland stated he was a true patriot. Mr. O'Connor added that he also made very good spaghetti.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Common Council this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018, Mr. O'Connor moved to adjourn, second Ms. Wiles, six aye.

  
CHRISTOPHER JENSEN, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

  
EVELYN L. LEES, CLERK