

## **Westfield City Council June 11, 2012**

The Westfield City Council met in regular session Monday June 11, 2012 at the Westfield City hall. Members present were John Dippel, Steve Hoover, Bob Horkay, Bob Smith, Cindy Spoljaric and Rob Stokes. Also present were Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Teresa Skelton, Mayor Andy Cook and Legal Counsel Brian Zaiger with Krieg DeVault, LLC.

Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. before turning the meeting over to President Bob Horkay.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Steve Hoover made the motion to approve the May 14, 2012 minutes as submitted. Bob Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carried.

### **Claims:**

There was a question on an invoice from Rob Stokes. Chief Administrator of Operations Todd Burtron and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Teresa Skelton will get more detail from the invoice tomorrow and notify the Council before checks are mailed.

Bob Smith moved to approve the Claims as presented with the exception of the invoice in question. Rob Stokes seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

*Resolution 12-104: Library Issuance of Bonds*

*Council Introduction – May 14, 2012*

*Public Input – June 11, 2012*

*Adoption Consideration – June 11, 2012*

Brian Zaiger introduced Attorney Ron Wright representing the library. Mr. Wright presented the Resolution to the Council. He introduced Cheryl Sollars, Director of the Westfield Library. Ms. Sollars announced that there was a letter to the Council with 650 signatures in support of Resolution 12-104.

President Horkay announced that the Council will be hearing from the Public tonight, although not required.

Greg Silcox thanked the Council for serving this Community and expressed his support for this Resolution 12-104.

Erin Thomas, Noah Thomas and Sandra Rowland all expressed their support for Resolution 12-104.

Steve Reitmeyer, Past President, of the Westfield Library Board spoke in favor of Resolution 12-104.

President Horkay announced that there were no other cards but if anyone did want to speak please approach the podium.

President of the Westfield Chamber of Commerce Eric Lohe shared information from various businesses as well as residents in Westfield. He is not supporting or opposing this Resolution but sharing information from the Chamber's members.

Michael Lux moved to Westfield for the purpose of living and working in a community such as Westfield. He is a potential home buyer and is in support of Resolution 12-104.

Vicki Parker, Joshua Drake and Don Hawes also spoke in support of Resolution 12-104.

President Horkay again gave anyone an opportunity to speak.

Jean Rogers and Ann VanCamp expressed their support for Resolution 12-104.

Steve Hoover and Bob Horkay voiced their concerns for not being involved earlier in this process to explore other alternatives. An example of an alternative could be private money raised by fund raising efforts.

Rob Stokes asked to hear from someone from the library on the longevity of this project and fund raising efforts moving forward. Mike Thomas, President of Westfield library, said that the library was meeting with Fund Raising experts for opportunities in the future. This particular project was developed with long term in mind.

Cindy Spoljaric has not received any direct negative comments against this Resolution. She is a supporter and understands that resources and infrastructures are necessary.

John Dippel complimented the library. He feels that this is a best bargain for the buck. He has concerns with the limited parking.

Bob Smith has concerns with updating the technology and realizes the importance. He feels that Fund Raising is more suitable for programing.

Mayor Cook asked to say a few words. In the event of a Council tie he would be the tie breaker. He is concerned with the impact of the business community and feels that this is the best solution for the entire community and would support this if given the opportunity to vote.

Attorney Ron Wright made some closing comments.

Bob Smith moved to approve Resolution 12-104 as presented. Cindy Spoljaric seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-1 (Bob Horkay).

There was some discussion on delaying this until the next meeting. It was determined that a motion and a second were on the table. Hearing no withdraws. Motion carried.

*Ordinance 12-15: Additional Appropriations – Greenspace Beautification Fund to Greenspace Fund:*

*Council Introduction – May 14, 2012*

*Second Reading – June 11, 2012*

*Adoption Consideration – June 11, 2012*

Brian Zaiger introduced Ordinance 12-15 to the Council. He explained that there are two actions for this ordinance.

Parks Director Melody Jones described the two action items as:

1. Transferring from one line item number to another within the budget.
2. There also needs to be an approval to authorize the spending of that money.

Cindy Spoljac moved to approve the transferring of money and authorizing the spending of that money as designated in Ordinance 12-15. John Dippel seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

*Hamilton County Interlocal Agreement – Monon Trail Over 146<sup>th</sup> Street*

*Council Introduction – June 11, 2012*

*Adoption Consideration – June 25, 2012*

Brian Zaiger presented this Interlocal Agreement to Council for consideration. He gave an explanation of the collective effort to cooperate for a project.

Melody Jones shared some information and statistics in the share of the project.

After some discussion on who is signing off and some of the maintenance of the bridge the Council decided to vote on this agreement now instead of waiting until June 25, 2012.

John Dippel moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement as presented. Steve Hoover seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carried.

*Ordinance 12-16: Bond Ordinance Amending and Restating Ordinance 11-23 – Union Street Flats*  
*Council Introduction – June 11, 2012*  
*Second Reading – June 25, 2012*  
*Adoption Consideration – June 25, 2012*

Attorney Jim Crawford of Krieg DeVault, LLC presented this Ordinance to the Council with a brief explanation.

There was some discussion on details and how payments are made.

*Ordinance 12-17: Additional Appropriation – General*  
*Council Introduction – June 11, 2012*  
*Second Reading – June 25, 2012*  
*Adoption Consideration – June 25, 2012*

Chief Administrator of Operations Todd Burtron introduced Ordinance 12-17 to the Council. This is a release of funds for expenditures.

*Ordinance 12-18: Home Rule Ordinance*  
*Council Introduction – June 11, 2012*  
*Second Reading – June 25, 2012*  
*Adoption Consideration – June 25, 2012*

Brian Zaiger introduced Ordinance 12-18 to the Council.

**City Council Comments:**

- Cindy Spoljaric updated the Council on the exploration of a more precise recording of City meetings. She will provide a summary at the next meeting.
- Steve Hoover explained that the weed ordinance passed a year ago is in the process of being looked at for minor revisions on wording.
- Bob Smith had concerns with Fireworks not being able to be enforced. This will be researched and brought back to the Council>

**Mayor Comments:**

- Announced that the renderings for Grand Junction are about three weeks away from presenting.
- The "Yellow Tie Ball" was a success again this year
- There was a meeting with the DWNA and WWCC on filing downtown business vacancies

Bob Smith moved to adjourn. Rob Stokes seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

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Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

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President