

Minutes of the Independence City Commission's August 24, 2017 Meeting

The Independence City Commission met on August 24, 2017 at 5:30pm in the Veterans Room at Memorial Hall. Commissioner Leonhard Caflisch, Commissioner Fred Meier and Commissioner Gary Hogsett were present. Others present included:

City Staff

Craig Whitehead, City Manager
Kelly Passauer, Assistant City Manager
Michael Borovetz, Director of Finance/City Clerk
David Cowan, Public Safety Director
Jeff Chubb, City Attorney
Terry Lybarger, Director of Utilities
Shawn Wallis, Fire Chief
April Nutt, Housing Authority Director
Barb Beurskens, Director of Parks & Zoo
Don Cushing, Building Inspector
Jerry Harrison, Police Officer

Visitors

Jerry Bright	Dean Hayse
Mallory Byrd	John Koschin
Charlotte Caflisch	Larry McHugh
Clayton Volker	Amanda Williams
Debbie Miller	

Call to Order

Mayor Meier called the meeting order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

Adoption of the Consent Agenda

- A. Appropriations**
 - 1. A-1797**
 - 2. P-1763**
- B. Consider approving June 8, June 15 and June 22, 2017 minutes.**
- C. Consider authorizing replacement of a portion of the Airport Pump House roof.**
- D. Consider approving Astra Arts Festival to utilize the downtown sidewalks during the September 29, 2017 Art and Pub Crawl event.**
- E. Consider a resolution exempting the City from GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) requirements.**

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- F. Consider setting the date of September 14, 2017 at 2 PM to receive bids for a utility vehicle for the Park and Zoo Departments.**
- G. Consider quotes for asbestos removal for 1300 W. Locust, 1304 W. Locust, 321 S. 14th and 505 N. 2nd.**
- H. Consider amending the proposed North Penn Neighborhood Revitalization Plan(s) to be considered at the September 28, 2017 public hearing.**
- I. Consider renewing health insurance with Blue Cross/Blue Shield.**
- J. Consider adopting an ordinance assessing nuisance costs for mowing.**
- K. Consider approving a one-day liquor license for a Friends Helping Friends Benefit.**

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Caflisch, the commission approved the Consent Agenda.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

Public Hearings

A. Previously adjourned Public Hearings to consider condemnation of the following structures as dangerous and unsafe:

- 1. 223 W. Main Street**

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing. The Building Inspector recommended adjourning the public hearing. After no comments from the public, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Meier, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the commission adjourned the public hearing for 223 W Main to resume on the November 9th meeting.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

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2. 725 N. Penn Avenue

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing. The Building Inspector stated that the new owners were making progress on repairs to the structure and recommended adjourning the public hearing. Debbie Miller, citizen, stated she was concerned about the garage and wanted to know if repairing it was part of the plan. The Building Inspector informed the Commission that repairs to the garage is part of the plan. After no further comments from the public, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Caflisch, the commission adjourned the public hearing for 725 N Penn to resume on the November 9th meeting.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

3. 809 N. 9th Street

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing. The Building Inspector stated that all repairs had been made and recommended rescinding condemnation of the property. After no comments from the public, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Motion:

On the motion of Commission Caflisch, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the commission adopted a resolution rescinding condemnation of 809 N 9th.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

4. 1228 N. 6th Street

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing. The Building Inspector told the Commission that a new contractor had been hired by the owner and repairs at the property has resumed and recommended adjourning the public hearing. Clayton Volker, attorney representing Arvest Mortgage, stated that the bank is working with the owner and Building Inspector to get the repairs made and was very appreciative of the time that has been allowed to get the repairs completed. After no further comments from the public, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

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Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Caflisch, the commission adjourned the public hearing for 1228 N 6th to resume on the November 9th meeting.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

The Building Inspector will review each structure at the public hearings. After each public hearing is closed the Commission has the following options:

- To adopt a resolution condemning the structure(s) as dangerous and unsafe and providing 30 days to diligently pursue repair or removal;
- Adjourn the public hearing to a date and time specific; or
- Take no action, which would require starting the process over if the property was to be considered again for condemnation.

Items for Commission Action

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A. Consider naming of Riverside Park and Ralph Mitchell Zoo streets.

Motion:

On the motion of Commission Caflisch, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the commission approved naming the Riverside Park and Ralph Mitchell Zoo Streets as presented and purchasing the necessary street signs not to exceed \$2,000.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

B. Consider authorizing staff to set the date for removal of 624 N. 17th Street previously condemned as dangerous and unsafe.

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Meier, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the commission authorized City staff to set the date for removal of 624 N. 17th Street previously condemned as dangerous and unsafe.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

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Reports

A. City Board Minutes

1. June 5, 2017 Park Board
2. July 10, 2017 Park Board
3. July 19, 2017 Library Board of Trustees

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Hogsett asked Barb Beurskens about the tress downtown. Buerskens said that eight trees had died and Sears doesn't want theirs back so seven new trees will be replanted this fall.

Public Concerns:

There were no Public Concerns for this meeting

Executive Session:

There were no Executive Sessions for this meeting

Adjournment

Motion:

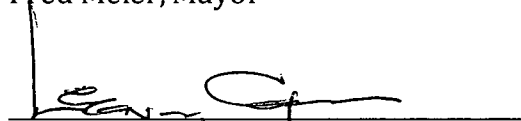
On the motion of Mayor Meier, seconded by Commissioner Caflisch, the commission adjourned the meeting.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

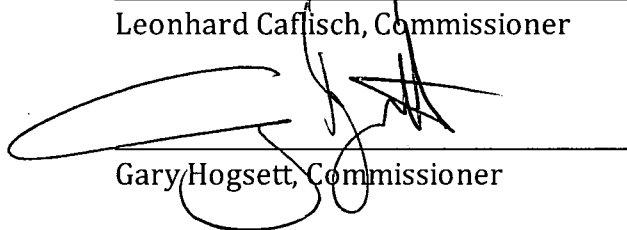
Nay: None



Fred Meier, Mayor

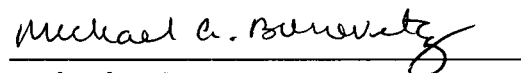


Leonhard Caflisch, Commissioner



Gary Hogsett, Commissioner

Attest:



Michael A. Borovetz

Director of Finance/City Clerk