

Minutes of the Work Session Meeting of the Indiana Borough Council held July 19, 2022, at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers of the George E. Hood Municipal Building.

Present: Council President Broad, Presiding: Councilmembers Collazzo, DeBuyser, Ford, Herring, Kratsa, Lancaster, Newell, Smith (online), Steelman, Taylor, Warnock; Solicitor Dougherty (online); Chief of Police Schawl; Manager Sipos; Communications & Grants Coordinator Mudry; Recording Secretary Busovicki; Pat Cloonan, Indiana Gazette; Josh Widdowson, Renda Broadcasting; Members of UWUA Local 580, two (2) members of the public and five (5) virtual attendees.

President Broad asked for a Roll Call: 12 Councilmembers were present.

There was one addition to the agenda: 1) Executive Session moved to the end of the meeting.

There was no Public Comment.

The following action occurred during Committee Reports:

- The Community Development Chairman Ford reminded colleagues about Third Thursday July 21, 2022 and mentioned the First Commonwealth Bank Taste & Tour event is also taking place Thursday. Details of the event are listed on the bank's website.

The following action occurred during Personnel Reports:

- Sipos stated an ARP budget meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 26.
- Chief Schawl said June 2022 calls for service were similar the numbers for June 2019.
- There will be a police escort for the parade as part of Starlit Night 2022 from Summit Church to Mack Park on July 29th.
- The Italian Festival is taking place on August 14th from noon to 7pm.

The following action occurred during Elected Official Reports:

- Broad said Sara King, president of Friends of White's Woods, wanted to meet with him and any other Councilors that would like to join them Thursday, July 21st at 2pm.

There was no action that occurred during Old Business.

The following action occurred during New Business:

- Newell presented the findings and recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee regarding municipal reapportionment. Newell remarked that 7 is the most common number of Borough Councilmembers across the state. The Committee recommended the Council consider the proposed options for an At-Large or Two-Ward system. Kratsa and Lancaster remarked that the current presentation is incorrect and they'd fall in the Central Ward under a Three-Ward System. The majority of the Ad Hoc Committee decided the Three-

Ward System is also viable with this change and included it in the list of proposed options. The question of how Committees and meetings would be arranged was brought up. Newell responded that the best strategy to move forward is to determine the wards and number of Council members, then to decide on the structure of Committees at a future date. The timeline and legal process for making a decision was then discussed. The Solicitor must draft two separate Ordinances if Council wishes to maintain the Ward system and only one Ordinance if the Council wishes to go At-Large. All votes need to be finalized before the end of the year regardless of which decision Council chooses. Smith remarked that Council may be moving too quickly on a decision and asked for additional public input before the next public meeting. Newell stated a survey or additional hearing could be scheduled if the majority of Council felt it was necessary.

Council adjourned for executive session for legal matters at 8:11pm.

Council reconvened into Regular Session at 8:28pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm upon a motion by Taylor.

A recording of the full meeting can be viewed and downloaded by clicking the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LsJgkejzJiY>