



City of Carmel

CARMEL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026 - 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS/CITY HALL/ONE CIVIC SQUARE

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Matthew Snyder; Council Members: Shannon Minnaar, Anita Joshi, Adam Aasen, Ryan Locke, Rich Taylor, Jeff Worrell, Teresa Ayers, and Deputy Clerk Jessica Komp were present. Councilor Tony Green was not present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved, 8-0.

INVOCATION

Council Chaplain Teresa Ayers delivered the invocation.

RECOGNITION OF CITY EMPLOYEES AND OUTSTANDING CITIZENS

There were none.

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Jack Feldman shared his thoughts on the micromobility ordinance. He believes it is progressing well, but there is still room for improvement. He would like Council to look into Springfield, Missouri's micromobility ordinance, which has been quite successful. Springfield has minimal issues with e-moto devices, due to the structural enforcement system that's been put in place. Mr. Feldman would like to see any reference to a dismount zone entirely removed from Carmel's ordinance. He is hoping that Carmel can learn from other cities who have already been successful with micromobility regulations.

Allie Missler shared her concern regarding Carmel's new parking enforcement system. She would like to know where residents can find the official map or ordinance listing every street and block in the designated school zones, and when those restrictions will apply. Ms. Missler would also like clear guest parking rules and enforcement hours, and an assurance that creating a mandatory Passport account gives Passport no additional rights to residents' personal information beyond administering Carmel's parking program. She believes all of the new procedures should be clearly published before citations begin.

COUNCIL AND MAYORAL COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS

Banks Piller, a 5th grade student at Mohawk Trails Elementary School, gave the Deputy Mayor report. Last week the Carmel International Arts Festival took place, with more than 130 artists from

all over the world. We also had our last neighborhood pop-up of the season, at Sophia Square. We celebrated Carmel's 50th birthday and Sophia Square's 15th. Carmel hosted a special homecoming pep rally at Midtown last Thursday. On Friday, we welcomed the start of fall at Carmel's annual Oktoberfest at Carmel City Center. Thank you to all of the businesses that stayed open late to help make the event fun for everyone. Please join us this Saturday, October 10th, from 4:30 – 9:30 p.m. for Carmel's annual Diwali celebration at Carter Green. Bring your family and friends to enjoy food, music and activities, and be sure to stay for the amazing cold spark fireworks finale.

Councilor Joshi invited everyone to come enjoy the Diwali celebration this Saturday. She also shared that there will be extra time to work on the micromobility ordinance, as the Land Use Committee will be postponing this Thursday's regularly scheduled meeting to the following Thursday, October 15th. Councilor Aasen shared that Hamilton County is still having one-stop shops for anyone still dealing with the aftereffects of flooding. This is at the Hamilton County fairgrounds, in the Bicentennial Building, this Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Councilor Taylor announced that the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Senior Living is holding its annual conference, "Intergenerational Day for Seniors Conference" at University High School, on Friday, October 16th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Council President Snyder stated that the Council will attend an informational meeting on Flock Cameras, so they may better answer questions posed by residents. He reiterated that the Council will never have access to Flock Camera data.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes

1. September 21, 2026 Executive Session
2. September 21, 2026 Regular Meeting

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the minutes. Councilor Joshi seconded. There was no further discussion. Council President Snyder called for the vote. **Minutes were approved, 8-0.**

b. Claims

1. Payroll - \$4,408,616.19 and CFD Bonus Payroll - \$9,716.84
2. General Claims - \$5,349,299.50

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the claims. Councilor Minnaar seconded. There was no discussion. Council President Snyder called for the vote. **Claims were approved, 7-1.** (Councilor Locke opposed.)

ACTION ON MAYORAL VETOES

There were none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Joshi shared that the Land Use and Special Studies Committee will meet on Thursday, October 15th at 6:30 p.m. at the Carmel Public Library. Councilor Taylor shared that the Finance, Utilities and Rules Committee met today to discuss Ordinance D-2847-26, which approves

Brookshire Golf Course's 2027 fees and rates. This item returns from committee with a positive recommendation for approval. The Finance Committee will meet next on Monday, October 19th, prior to the next Council meeting.

OTHER REPORTS – (at the first meeting of the month specified below):

Henry Mestetsky, Director of the Carmel Redevelopment Commission, first gave the Carmel Redevelopment Authority's report. He shared that our CFO, Zac Jackson, led us through refunding and refinancing this year. The CRA met to approve all of the recommended items. He then gave an update on CRC activities over the last month. Great progress is being made at Monon Square North. Magnolia is now working on their last two buildings. At Hamilton Crossing the hotel continues to be built. Demo at the Proscenium III site is moving along quickly. The 3rd Ave Residences are well on their way to being constructed at the AT&T site. Ardan Plaza is looking great. Heron Club continues its design, and North End Phase II is making great progress. Councilor Aasen asked about the completion of sidewalks at Icon on Main. Director Mestetsky shared that there will be a nice wide trail wrapping around this site when it's done. Councilor Taylor asked if Proscenium III has closed on their financing yet. Director Mestetsky replied that the developer is probably going to privately fund the podium garage, and then proceed with lenders for the vertical on top of the garage. As such, we probably won't get to those closings for a few months. Council President Snyder asked about the closing on Heron Club. Director Mestetsky shared that the developer is speaking with different equity partners, but he does not have a specific date for a closing. President Snyder then asked about the start time for the new marketplace at Gramercy. Director Mestetsky replied that the developer, Buckingham, has been working to move various tenants out of that retail plaza so that demolition can begin. President Snyder then stated the importance of MOT standards (Maintenance of Traffic).

Next, Sam Burgess of Indiana Landmarks gave the Carmel Historic Preservation Commission's quarterly report to Council, covering July – September of this year. CHPC chairperson, Emily Erghott, attended the statewide preservation conference last week. The commission remains engaged in seeking a solution for the Blue School building at 106th and Haverstick. The CHPC has maintained its compliance with certified local government status, which is the highest status a historic preservation commission can achieve. Staff has completed a working draft of conservation district guidelines for a prospective North Rangeline Road Conservation District. A conservation district is aimed at limiting demolition of structures that contribute to the historic integrity of a district. It is not focused on regulating alterations to properties. Next steps include holding a couple of community engagement sessions with property and business owners in the proposed district. Indiana Landmarks serves as contract staff for the CHPC, and due to staffing changes there, Mr. Burgess is now the defacto administrator for the commission. This change will be addressed later in the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Thirtieth Reading of Ordinance D-2772-25; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Adopting a New Article 8 Under Chapter 2 of the Carmel City Code; Sponsor(s):

Councilor(s) Aasen, Ayers, Minnaar, Snyder and Worrell. **This item remains in the Finance, Utilities and Rules Committee.**

Twentieth Reading of Ordinance D-2795-25; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Establishing Public Areas of City Hall; Sponsor: Councilor Snyder. **This item remains in the Land Use and Special Studies Committee.**

Fourth Reading of Ordinance D-2843-26; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana Amending Carmel City Code Chapter 8, Article 4, Section 8-44, Chapter 3, Article 2, Section 3-58, and Chapter 8, Article 4, Section 8-40; Sponsors: Councilors Aasen, Minnaar, Snyder, Taylor, Worrell. **This item remains in the Land Use and Special Studies Committee.**

Second Reading of Ordinance D-2847-26; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Approving and Adopting Brookshire Golf Course Fee Schedule and Rate Structure for Calendar Year 2027; Sponsors: Councilors Aasen, Minnaar, Taylor, and Worrell. Councilor Taylor shared that this item returns from the Finance, Utilities and Rules Committee with a unanimous positive recommendation for approval. He also stated that Brookshire Golf Course is expected to achieve 100% cost recovery for the first time. Councilor Taylor moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Worrell seconded. There was no discussion. Council President Snyder called for the vote. **Ordinance D-2847-26 approved, 7-1.** (Councilor Locke abstained.)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

First Reading of Ordinance D-2848-26; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Establishing the Appropriations for the 2027 Budget; Sponsors: Councilors Snyder and Taylor. Councilor Taylor moved to introduce the item into business. Councilor Minnaar seconded. Councilor Snyder stated that this is the city's budget for 2027. He opened up the public hearing at 6:38 p.m. Seeing no one who wished to speak, he closed the public hearing at 6:39 p.m. **This item was held at the dais until the next Council meeting.**

First Reading of Ordinance D-2853-26; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Authorizing and Approving an Additional Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund (Fund #101) to the Human Resources Department 2026 Budget; Sponsor: Councilor Taylor. Councilor Taylor moved to introduce the item into business. Councilor Worrell seconded. Councilor Taylor presented the item to Council. Council President Snyder opened up the public hearing at 6:39 p.m. Seeing no one who wished to speak, he closed the public hearing at 6:40 p.m. Councilor Taylor moved to suspend the rules and act on this tonight. Councilor Minnaar seconded. There was no discussion. Council President Snyder called for the vote. **Motion to Suspend the Rules approved, 8-0.** Zac Jackson then explained this request for an appropriation of \$416,000.00 to cover costs in the Human Resources 2026 budget. \$336,000.00 of this is the anticipated shortfall in the worker's comp fund. The remaining \$80,000.00 fills a few other gaps with wages after some personnel fluctuations this year. Councilor Taylor moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Locke seconded. There was no discussion. Council President Snyder called for the vote. **Ordinance D-2853-26 approved, 8-0.**

First Reading of Ordinance D-2854-26; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Authorizing and Approving an Additional Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund (Fund #101) to the Carmel Fire Department 2026 Budget (#1120); Sponsor: Councilor Taylor. Councilor Taylor moved to introduce the item into business. Councilor Minnaar seconded. Councilor Taylor presented the item to Council. Council President Snyder opened up the public hearing at 6:44 p.m. Seeing no one who wished to speak, he closed the public hearing at 6:44:30 p.m. Carmel Fire Department Chief Joel Thacker explained that \$350,000.00 of this appropriation covers two main projects, HVAC replacement and HVAC repair at two fire stations. The remaining \$1.6 million is for overtime. There was lengthy discussion over assessing staff levels and the cost efficiency of paying overtime versus hiring more firefighters, as well as who is actually taking the overtime – new hires versus senior staff. Chief Thacker shared that there have been seventeen retirements this year, and we currently know of 9 more expected in 2027. He also spoke about rules in place to ensure no firefighter works more than a specific maximum number of hours. Councilor Taylor moved to suspend the rules and act on this tonight. Councilor Locke seconded. There was no discussion. Council President Snyder called for the vote. **Motion to Suspend the Rules approved, 6-0.** (Councilors Worrell and Aasen were not present.) Councilor Taylor moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Locke seconded. There was no discussion. Council President Snyder called for the vote. **Ordinance D-2854-26 approved, 6-0.** (Councilors Worrell and Aasen were not present.)

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution CC-10-05-26-01; A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Approving a Transfer of Funds within the Carmel Fire Department Budget (#1120); Sponsor: Councilor Taylor. Councilor Taylor moved to introduce the item into business. Councilor Minnaar seconded. Councilor Taylor presented the item to Council. Zac Jackson explained that the \$158,000.00 transfer is for increased gas and diesel expenses. Councilor Taylor moved to approve the resolution. Councilor Minnaar seconded. There was no discussion. Council President Snyder called for the vote. **Resolution CC-10-05-26-01 approved, 6-0.** (Councilors Worrell and Aasen were not present.)

Resolution CC-10-05-26-02; A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, to Limit the Rate for Taxes Payable in 2027 and Authorize Necessary Temporary Borrowing Among City Funds; Sponsor: Councilor Taylor. Councilor Taylor moved to introduce the item into business. Councilor Minnaar seconded. Councilor Taylor presented the item to Council. He explained that the key to this resolution is to direct the Department of Local Government Finance that regardless of where the levies come in, our tax rate is not going to increase, and remain the same at 0.7783 cents per \$100,000.00 of assessed value. **This item was sent to the Finance, Utilities and Rules Committee** for further discussion.

First Reading of Ordinance D-2849-26; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees of the Carmel City Court for the Year 2027; Sponsors: Councilors Snyder and Taylor. Councilor Taylor moved to introduce the item into business. Councilor Minnaar seconded. Council President Snyder presented the item to

Council. **This item was held at the dais until the next Council meeting.**

First Reading of Ordinance D-2850-26; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Fixing Salaries of Appointed Deputies and Employees of the Carmel City Clerk for the Year 2027; Sponsors: Councilors Minnaar, Snyder, Taylor and Worrell. Councilor Taylor moved to introduce the item into business. Councilor Minnaar seconded. Council President Snyder presented the item to Council. **This item was held at the dais until the next Council meeting.**

First Reading of Ordinance D-2851-26; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Carmel, Indiana, for the Year 2027; Sponsors: Councilors Snyder and Taylor. Councilor Taylor moved to introduce the item into business. Councilor Minnaar seconded. Council President Snyder presented the item to Council. **This item was held at the dais until the next Council meeting.**

First Reading of Ordinance D-2852-26; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Fixing Salaries of Elected Officials of the City of Carmel, Indiana, for the Year 2027; Sponsors: Councilors Snyder and Taylor. Councilor Taylor moved to introduce the item into business. Councilor Minnaar seconded. Council President Snyder presented the item to Council. **This item was held at the dais until the next Council meeting.**

OTHER BUSINESS

Approval of Carmel Historic Preservation Commission Administrator Appointment;

The appointment of Sam Burgess as the new Administrator for the Carmel Historic Preservation Commission was **approved, 7-0.** (Councilor Worrell was not present.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Snyder adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



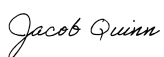
Jacob Quinn, Clerk

Approved,



Matthew Snyder, Council President

ATTEST:



Jacob Quinn, Clerk