



City of Carmel

CARMEL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 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, Tony Green, and Deputy Clerk Jessica Komp were present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved 9-0.

INVOCATION

Seminarian Jerome Konopa of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church gave the invocation.

RECOGNITION OF CITY EMPLOYEES AND OUTSTANDING CITIZENS

The College Wood Elementary School Math Pentathlon team was recognized for earning the 2026 National Champion title. College Wood teacher and Math Pentathlon coach, Debbie Jernigan, spoke to Council about the Math Pentathlon program, the competition, and these amazing students.

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

July Sholly spoke to Council regarding the trash receptacles that are available to Carmel residents through our city's contracted waste management company, Republic. Ms. Sholly's 35-gallon receptacle broke, and she was told that it will be replaced by a 65-gallon receptacle. She does not understand why she cannot have a smaller trash bin and does not have room to store a much larger trash bin in her garage. Secondly, Ms. Sholly is concerned about crosswalks being too close to the roundabouts, particularly at the Carmel Drive and Rangeline Road roundabout. She suggests that future crosswalks be placed a few car lengths away from the roundabout, to allow drivers more time to stop for pedestrians and not be rear-ended by other drivers.

Kris Cadden spoke to Council about the drainage issue she has been experiencing with storm water collecting in her backyard. She stated that after each storm, her yard looks like a lake. Some of her neighbors have had flooded basements, and she fears she will also. The bottom of her utility shed has rotted due to the standing water. She believes French drains would help the issue.

Allie Missler also spoke to Council about the storm water issue. She has patiently waited 25 years for this problem to be addressed. She also believes the secondary access road that has been promised for Carmel Elementary School needs to finally happen. She is concerned about the proposed \$1.2

million fix for Lexington Blvd., including replacing concrete road with asphalt, and installing pavers designed to retain water, as she does not believe this will alleviate the storm water flowing into the neighborhood from higher ground. Ms. Missler shared photos of her flooded back yard.

Carrie Gonzalez next spoke to Council. She is one of the residents of Concord Village who is not in favor of the proposed Richland Avenue extension. She believes this access road will negatively affect the value of homes, replacing a quiet cul-de-sac with active traffic. She also shared photos of the severe drainage issues on her street, and believes that improving our infrastructure should not be tied to the extension of this road, which she does not want. She believes the removal of green spaces has amplified the flooding.

Jon Shapiro also spoke to Council about drainage issues in Concord Village, and the extension of Richland Ave. He believes there is a safety issue and an infrastructure issue. Carmel Elementary has a single point of access and does need another access road. In any large scale emergency, getting people out, while getting first responders in, will be a serious problem. Mr. Shapiro stated that the flooding issues in this part of town are also happening in other parts of town, due to our rapid growth. While it may not be flashy, we need to prioritize fixing these two issues for our citizens.

COUNCIL AND MAYORAL COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS

Matthew Donaldson, who just completed fifth grade at Cherry Tree Elementary, was Mayor Finkam's "Deputy Mayor" for this meeting. Carmel is working with ideasforchange.org on a new program called Civic Dialogues, which helps residents share ideas about how to support local businesses. Please check out ideasforchange.org/carmel if you'd like to join in. Carmel's Americana on Main celebration kicked off last week and will continue every Thursday evening through July 2nd. Each week has a special theme, so bring your family and friends to celebrate America's 250th birthday. The Carmel Clay History Museum had an event to bury a time capsule that will be opened in the year 2076. The city's Engineering and Technology teams have created a new project viewer that lets you see all projects happening in the city's right of way. You can see all of the work being done by going to City Projects on our website. Starting this week, you can see select FIFA World Cup matches on the Midtown screen.

Councilor Green shared that the "Veteran Stories" Event will take place at the Carmel American Legion on Friday, June 26th from 2 – 4 p.m. Mayor Finkam shared that there will also be a fundraiser to support veterans' mental health at the Carmel VFW on Saturday, June 27th, including great food, a live band and camaraderie. Part of this event will be the Rock N Ride for Hope, a motorcycle ride that begins at 10:00 a.m. Councilor Joshi reminded everyone about Carmel Pride, which will take place on Sunday, June 28th, from 1 – 8 p.m. at Carter Green. Councilor Aasen addressed the residents who came to speak about the storm water issues and the recent town hall meeting that many of these residents attended. He suggested we hold a publicly noticed meeting that all Councilors can attend, so that we are not violating open door law. Councilor Worrell stated that the Mayor has agreed to hold a public meeting on July 14th at the Carmel Clay Public Library at 5:30 p.m., where the storm water issues and the potential extension of Richland Avenue can be discussed. Our city engineer will present facts and data regarding the scope of the issues, and what

can be done to address them. Councilor Ayers shared that prior to that meeting, there will be a meeting on July 7th in which residents can share their questions regarding drainage, sidewalks, and the road extension, so that the engineering department can prepare to address those at the July 14th meeting. Councilor Minnaar shared that the next neighborhood pop-up will take place on the Northeast side of town on Monday, June 22nd, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., at the Plum Creek Farms corn crib. Councilor Ayers congratulated the Carmel High School Girls' Track team and the Girls' Tennis team for winning the 2026 State Championships. This brings CHS's state titles up to 202. Council President Snyder clarified that he had shared a funding mechanism for storm water for the entire city at the recent town hall meeting. He sees the July 7th meeting as an opportunity for residents to share their desires for a solution, as we already know what the problems are. All are welcome at the meeting, from all sides of town. He also shared that yesterday was Flag Day, and it was the U.S. Army's 251st birthday.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes

1. June 1, 2026 Regular Meeting

Councilor Minnaar moved to approve the minutes. Councilor Taylor seconded. There was no further discussion. Council President Snyder called for the vote. Minutes were approved, 9-0.

b. Claims

1. Payroll - \$4,499,303.60
2. General Claims - \$2,211,903.20 and Purchase Card - \$39,222.35
3. Wire Transfers - \$2,062,219.88

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the claims. Councilor Minnaar seconded. There was no discussion. Council President Snyder called for the vote. Claims were approved, 9-0.

ACTION ON MAYORAL VETOES

There were none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Taylor shared that the Finance Committee met on June 9th to discuss Ordinance D-2823-26 and to change the name of the fund to "Public Infrastructure Insurance Recovery Fund", sending it back to Council with a positive recommendation. They also discussed Ordinance D-2824-26, dealing with excessive vehicle noise. That also returns to Council with a positive recommendation, with an amendment that accounts for Indiana's supremacy clause. Finally, the Finance Committee considered the current tax abatements and agreed that all are in compliance, and should be continued. Councilor Joshi shared that the Land Use and Special Studies Committee met on June 3rd to discuss two ordinances. Ordinance D-2826-26 regarding Right-of-Way permitting, which was again sent back to Council with a positive recommendation. Ordinance Z-707-26, regarding permitting fees, applications and violations, was also sent back with a positive recommendation.

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

Jason Adamowicz, CEO of the Carmel Christkindlmarkt, shared their 2025 financial report. Mr. Adamowicz covered the highlights of last year's market. There were 2,600 runners registered for the Glühwein Gallop – double the event's attendance two years earlier. We also received national recognition by being highlighted on NBC's Today Show feature "Merriest Main Street". We were named #1 holiday market by USA Today for the fifth time. 9,000 children did crafts during the market last year. The free shuttle service that was launched last year helped 11,000 riders attend the market, eliminating 3,000 cars from adjacent parking garages. Attendance has stabilized at about 300,000 over the last few years. We shoot for 30 operating days, but the actual number of days depends on when they fall on the calendar, as well as the weather. Last year we had 24 operating days. The market's net operating revenue was \$620,597.46. Those funds can be used to launch next year's market. Mr. Adamowicz also shared that they will be starting a contingency fund this year, which will help mitigate the risks going forward with an event whose success can be determined by the weather. Market vendor revenues were \$8.1 million last year, with the majority of those vendors being local. Ice rink revenue was over \$307,000. We estimate that one in six market guests stay in a local hotel, which boosts our local hotels, not to mention our restaurants and shops. Mr. Adamowicz also shared that he is very impressed with the Christkindlmarkt staff, specifically mentioning the leadership of Michael Nahmias and Julia Davis, and also thanking Maddie Augustus and Zac Jackson for their time serving on the board. Council President Snyder also thanked Zac Jackson for his measurable contributions to the market. Councilors Minnaar and Worrell were both impressed with the shuttle service, which the market hopes to expand on next year. Mayor Finkam also shared that the giving machine that was stationed near the market near the Hotel Carmicheal last holiday season was a huge success. In over three years, \$572,000.00 of goods and services has been donated to charitable organizations, including the Carmel Youth Assistance Program, Make-a-Wish, and more.

OLD BUSINESS

Twenty-fourth 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. **Remains in the Finance, Utilities and Rules Committee.**

Fourteenth 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. **Remains in the Land Use and Special Studies Committee.**

Resolution CC-05-18-26-05; A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, approving a transfer of funds between the General Fund (#101) and the Public Infrastructure Insurance Recovery Fund (#927); Sponsor(s): Councilor(s): Taylor and Snyder. This item was held over from the last Council meeting, when it had returned from the Finance, Utilities and Rules Committee with a positive recommendation. Being that this fund was properly re-noticed with the changed name, it just needs to be voted on. Councilor Minnaar moved to approve the resolution.

Councilor Taylor seconded. Council President Snyder called for the vote. **Resolution CC-05-18-26-05 approved, 8-0.** (Snyder not present.)

Second Reading of Ordinance D-2826-26; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Amending Chapter 8, Article 65, Section 8-65 of the Carmel City Code; Sponsors: Councilors Ayers, Joshi, Minnaar, Snyder. Councilor Joshi explained that this item amends the excavation, right of way disturbance, permitting, maintenance, and restoration requirements, as well as amending penalties for violation. This item returns from the Land Use and Special Studies Committee with a positive recommendation after amending the application fee from \$150 to \$50, and cleaning up some verbose language. There are two new fees, \$500 for street cuts and \$200 for path cuts. The language around punitive measures was tightened up to make enforcement easier, and an appeal process has been added. Councilor Taylor moved to amend the ordinance accordingly. Councilor Joshi seconded. Council President Snyder called for the vote. **Motion to Amend approved, 9-0.** Councilor Joshi motioned to approve the ordinance as amended. Councilor Taylor seconded. There was no discussion. Council President Snyder called for the vote. **Ordinance D-2826-26 approved as amended, 9-0.**

Second Reading of Ordinance D-2827-26; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Adding Chapter 6, Article 5, Section 6-85 to the Carmel City Code and Amending Chapter 3, Article 2, Section 3-58; Sponsors: Councilors Minnaar, Taylor, Joshi, Worrell, Aasen. Councilor Taylor stated that this ordinance addresses excessive vehicle noise, and it returns from the Finance, Utilities and Rules Committee with a positive recommendation. Councilor Aasen pointed out that the language regarding muffler modifications may conflict with existing state code, so Mr. Grechukhin addressed amending the ordinance to avoid a procedural argument of preemption. Councilor Aasen made a motion to amend the ordinance accordingly. Councilor Joshi seconded. Council President Snyder called for the vote. **Motion to Amend approved, 9-0.** There was additional discussion regarding noise generated from "classic cars" and police officer discretion. Councilor Minnaar made a motion to approve the ordinance as amended. Councilor Taylor seconded. Council President Snyder called for the vote. **Ordinance D-2827-26 approved as amended, 9-0.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Third Reading of Ordinance D-2823-26; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Authorizing and Approving an Additional Appropriation of Funds from the City Asset Repairs and Maintenance Fund (Fund #927); Sponsors: Councilors Taylor and Snyder. This item was re-noticed for public hearing under a new fund name "Public Infrastructure Insurance Recovery Fund." Councilor Taylor moved to amend the ordinance to change the name of the fund accordingly. Councilor Green seconded. Council President Snyder called for the vote. **Motion to Amend approved, 9-0.** Council President Snyder then opened up the public hearing at 7:36 p.m. Seeing no one who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed at 7:36:30 p.m. Councilor Taylor moved to approve the ordinance as amended. Councilor Green seconded. There was no discussion. Council President Snyder called for the vote. **Ordinance D-2823-26 approved as amended, 9-0.**

Second Reading of Ordinance Z-707-26; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Establishing Fees Related to Zoning and Development Applications and Violations in the Unified Development Ordinance for the City's Engineering Department and Amending the UDO Fees to Comply with HEA 1001; Sponsor: Councilor Ayers. This item returns from the Land Use and Special Studies Committee with a positive recommendation as amended to exempt single family homeowners from engineering inspection fees if their property is less than one acre. Director Pease explained that this will exempt the majority of Carmel homeowners. There was also an amendment to change the engineering PUD ordinance review fee from \$675 to \$750, and to change the engineering PUD ordinance amendment review fee from \$300 to \$400. Councilor Taylor moved to amend the ordinance according to these changes. Councilor Green seconded. Council President Snyder called for the vote. **Motion to Amend approved, 9-0.** Council President Snyder then opened up the public hearing at 7:40 p.m. Seeing no one who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed at 7:41 p.m. Councilor Joshi moved to approve the ordinance as amended. Councilor Green seconded. Council President Snyder called for the vote. **Ordinance Z-707-26 approved as amended, 8-1.** (Locke opposed.)

First Reading of Ordinance D-2825-26; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, authorizing and approving an additional appropriation from the Ambulance Capital Fund (#102); Sponsor: Councilor Aasen. Councilor Aasen moved to introduce the item into business. Councilor Taylor seconded. Councilor Aasen presented the item to Council. Zac Jackson explained that this appropriation matches up with the \$24,997.00 transfer of grant funds from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security to the Ambulance Capital Fund in the New Business section of this agenda. The public hearing was opened up at 7:43 p.m. Seeing no one who wished to speak, Council President Snyder closed the public hearing at 7:43:30 p.m. Councilor Aasen made a motion to suspend the rules and act on this tonight. Councilor Taylor seconded. There was no discussion. Council President Snyder called for the vote. **Motion to Suspend the Rules approved, 9-0.** Councilor Taylor moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Green seconded. Council President Snyder called for the vote. **Ordinance D-2825-26 approved, 9-0.**

First Reading of Ordinance D-2828-26; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, authorizing and approving an additional appropriation from the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund (MVH) (#201); Sponsors: Councilors Aasen, Joshi and Minnaar. Councilor Minnaar moved to introduce the item into business. Councilor Taylor seconded. Councilor Minnaar explained that this appropriates funds to cover grant eligible expenses in the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund. Zac Jackson explained that this money will be transferred by a resolution on this agenda to move \$1 million from the grant fund over to the MVH fund. This grant came from the INDOT Community Crossings program. Council President Snyder opened the public hearing at 7:44 p.m. Seeing no one who wished to speak, he closed the public hearing at 7:44:30 p.m. Councilor Aasen made a motion 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, 9-0.** Councilor Aasen moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Minnaar seconded. Council President Snyder called for the vote. **Ordinance D-2828-26 approved, 9-0.**

First Reading of Ordinance D-2831-26; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, authorizing and approving an additional appropriation of funds from the ERP Implementation Fund (Fund #928); Sponsor: Councilor Aasen. Councilor Aasen moved to introduce the item into business. Councilor Minnaar seconded. Councilor Aasen explained that this ordinance appropriates \$2,000,000.00 to support the ERP implementation costs. Zac Jackson explained the ERP system that the city has chosen to implement, Workday. This system will modernize the city's core financial and administrative systems, increasing efficiencies and cybersecurity. Mr. Jackson detailed the licensing costs for the separate programs currently used versus the cost of Workday, over the next ten years. Councilor Joshi asked about the rationale for choosing Workday versus other options. Mr. Jackson shared that Workday is a highly intuitive system with incredible reporting capabilities. It will be implemented in a way that offers maximum usability while requiring minimal training of our staff. It is also one of the few systems that offers the flexibility to firewall off Utilities, the Bond Bank, and Parks from the rest of the city. Councilor Aasen asked about the continued use of ADP. Mr. Jackson stated that we intend to use Workday's payroll solution and not integrate ADP into Workday. Council President Snyder opened the public hearing at 8:01 p.m. Seeing no one who wished to speak, he closed the public hearing at 8:02 p.m. **Ordinance D-2831-26 was sent to the Finance, Utilities and Rules Committee for further review.**

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution CC-06-15-26-01; A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, approving a transfer of funds between the Grant Fund (#900) and the Ambulance Capital Fund (#102); Sponsor: Councilor Aasen. Councilor Aasen moved to introduce the item into business. Councilor Taylor seconded. Councilor Aasen presented the transfer of \$24,997.00 from the Grant Fund into the Ambulance Capital Fund. The appropriation was approved previously, this is the corresponding transfer action. Councilor Aasen moved to approve the resolution. Councilor Taylor seconded. There was no discussion. Council President Snyder called for the vote. **Resolution CC-06-15-26-01 approved, 8-0.** (Joshi not present.)

Resolution CC-06-15-26-02; A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, approving a transfer of funds between the Grant Fund (#900) and the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund (Fund #201); Sponsors: Councilors Aasen, Joshi and Minnaar. Councilor Minnaar moved to introduce the item into business. Councilor Taylor seconded. Council President Snyder stated that this is a transfer just like the previous resolution. Councilor Worrell moved to approve the resolution. Councilor Minnaar seconded. There was no discussion. Council President Snyder called for the vote. **Resolution CC-06-15-26-02 approved, 8-0.** (Joshi not present.)

First Reading of Ordinance D-2829-26; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Amending Article 4, Section 2-132 of the Carmel City Code; Sponsor: Councilor Aasen. Councilor Aasen moved to introduce the item into business. Councilor Taylor seconded. Councilor Aasen presented the ordinance to Council, which amends city code to establish a non-reverting ERP implementation fund. **Ordinance D-2829-26 was sent to the Finance, Utilities and Rules Committee for further review.**

Resolution CC-06-15-26-03; A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, approving a transfer of funds between the General Fund (#101) and the ERP Implementation Fund (#928); Sponsor: Councilor Aasen. Councilor Aasen moved to introduce the item into business. Councilor Taylor seconded. Councilor Aasen presented the item to Council, which transfers \$2,000,000.00 from the General Fund into the ERP Implementation Fund. **Resolution CC-06-15-26-03 was sent to the Finance, Utilities and Rules Committee for further review.**

First Reading of Ordinance D-2830-26; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, adding Article 4, Section 2-156 of the Carmel City Code; Sponsors: Councilors Taylor and Snyder. Councilor Taylor moved to introduce the item into business. Councilor Minnaar seconded. Councilor Taylor presented the item to Council, which establishes the Non-Reverting Capital Projects Fund. Councilor Taylor made a motion to suspend the rules and act on this tonight. Councilor Aasen seconded. There was no discussion. Council President Snyder called for the vote. **Motion to Suspend the Rules approved, 9-0.** Councilor Aasen moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Taylor seconded. Council President Snyder called for the vote. **Ordinance D-2830-26 approved, 9-0.**

Resolution CC-06-15-26-04; A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Amending Resolution CC-11-17-25-03 Previously Adopted by the Council; Sponsor: Councilor Ayers. Councilor Ayers moved to introduce the item into business. Councilor Minnaar seconded. Councilor Ayers presented the item to Council, which amends the prior Council Resolution amending and approving the US-31 Subarea Plan. Adrienne Keeling, Planner with the Department of Community Services, clarified that these amendments are simply clarification edits from the Plan Commission to make the document as clear as possible. Councilor Locke then explained a change to the language about the buffer zone, where “measured from the adjacent residential property line” was added, as well as the other edits. Councilor Locke moved to amend the resolution to accept these suggested changes. Councilor Joshi seconded. Ms. Keeling explained that this is the final back and forth between the Plan Commission and the Council. There was additional discussion about the language regarding amendments to existing PUD’s. Council President Snyder then called for the vote. **Motion to Amend approved, 9-0.** Councilor Aasen moved to approve the resolution as amended. Councilor Joshi seconded. There was no discussion. Council President Snyder called for the vote. **Resolution CC-06-15-26-04 approved as amended, 9-0.**

AGENDA ADD-ON ITEMS

There were none.

OTHER BUSINESS

Property Abatements/Compliance with Statement of Benefits

1. Alliance for Cooperative Energy Services Power Marketing, LLC (ACES)
2. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (MISO)
3. Schlage Lock Company, LLC
4. ZP Investments, LLC and Zotec Partners, LLC

These abatements return from the Finance, Utilities and Rules Committee with a positive recommendation to continue, as they were all found to be in compliance. Councilor Taylor moved to approve their continuation. Councilor Minnaar seconded. There was no discussion. Council President Snyder called for the vote. **Continuation of Property Abatements approved, 9-0.**

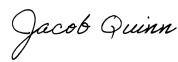
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Taylor shared that the Carmel Police non-emergency number is (317) 571-2580. Councilor Minnaar reminded everyone of the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Housing meeting on Thursday, July 9th at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Snyder adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



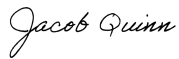
Jacob Quinn, Clerk

Approved,



Matthew Snyder, Council President

ATTEST:



Jacob Quinn, Clerk