

## Hancock County Council Minutes September 8, 2021

The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana met in the County Commissioner's Court in the Courthouse Annex located at 111 American Legion Place Greenfield, Indiana 46140 on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021 at the hour of 8:33 AM in accordance with the rules of the Council.

Councilmembers William Bolander, James Shelby, Kent Fisk, Jeannine Gray, Mary Noe, Robin Lowder, Keely Butrum, Auditor Debra Carnes, Financial Administrator, Mary Bowmer and County Attorney Scott Benkie were present.

*President Bolander opened the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance" followed by a moment of silence.*

### **Public Hearing: Tsuda Abatement Request**

- Councilmember Bolander opened the public hearing at 8:34 AM for Tsuda USA Corporation. Randy Sorrell, Executive Director of Hancock County Economic Development Council along with Tsuda requested confirming resolution for tax abatement. Councilmember Bolander asked for public comments then closed the public hearing at 8:34 AM.
- Councilmember Shelby made a motion to pass Resolution 2021-9-1 a resolution confirming the designation of an economic revitalization area and qualifying that area for tax abatement for Tsuda USA Corporation. Councilmember Fisk seconded the motion. **Motion carried 7-0.**

### **Budget Meeting Update**

Councilmember Shelby reported the Budget Committee and County Council reviewed all the county fund balances and no problems were reported.

### **Council Minutes**

Councilmember Noe made a motion to approve the August 11, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Lowder seconded the motion. **Motion carried 7-0.**

### **Estimated Tax Levy Limits & Estimated Reductions Due to Circuit Breakers**

The Councilmembers reviewed estimated tax levy limits and estimated reductions due to circuit breakers for all taxing units. The Council approved minutes will be distributed to all taxing unites per IC 6-1.1-17-3.6.

### **Target Fund Balance Resolution**

Councilmember Shelby made a motion to accept the changes to the Target Fund Balance Resolution 2021-9-6. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. **Motion carried 7-0.**

### **Public Hearing: GDI Holdings, LLC**

- Councilmember Bolander opened the public hearing at 8:45 AM for GDI Holdings, LLC. The attorney for GDI confirmed all legal steps have been completed and requested confirming resolution for tax abatement. Councilmember Bolander asked for public comments then closed the public hearing at 8:45 AM.
- Councilmember Butrum made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-9-2 a resolution confirming the designation of an economic revitalization area and qualifying that area for tax abatement for GDI Holdings, LLC with the modified abatement schedule of 80, 80, 80, 70, 65, 50, 35, 25, 15 and 5 for ten years with the understanding there may be a change. Councilmember Shelby seconded the motion. **Motion carried 7-0.**

#### **Public Hearing: Additional Appropriations**

- Councilmember Bolander opened the public hearing at 9:08 AM for Resolution 2021-9-3 for Fund 1138 Cumulative Capital Development (Superior 1). Councilmember Bolander asked for any comments; with no comments; the public hearing closed the at 9:08 AM.
- Councilmember Noe made a motion to pass Resolution 2021-9-3 to additionally appropriate \$3,000 for Fund 1138 Cumulative Capital Development for \$3,000 for Superior 1. Councilmember Fisk seconded the motion. **Motion carried 7-0.**

#### **Public Hearing: Additional Appropriations**

- Councilmember Bolander opened the public hearing at 9:09AM for Resolution 2021-9-4 for Fund 1235 for LIT PSAP \$60,000 for E-911. Councilmember Bolander asked for any comments; with no comments; the public hearing closed the at 9:09 AM.
- Councilmember Lowder made a motion to pass Resolution 2021-9-4 to additionally appropriate \$60,000 for Fund 1235 LIT PSAP for E-911. Councilmember Noe seconded the motion. **Motion carried 6-0.**

#### **Public Hearing: Additional Appropriations**

- Councilmember Bolander opened the public hearing at 9:09 AM for Resolution 2021-9-5 Fund 9119 DNR Next Level Trails Grant for \$ 670,802.50. Councilmember Bolander asked for any comments; with no comments; the public hearing closed the at 9:09 AM.
- Councilmember Gray made a motion to pass Resolution 2021-9-5 to additionally appropriate \$670,802.50 for Fund 9119 DNR Next Level Trails Grant for \$670,802.50. Councilmember Fisk seconded the motion. **Motion carried 6-0.**

#### **Hancock County Mutual Aid Association**

- A representative for the Hancock County Mutual Aid Association discussed funding for local fire departments.
- Councilmembers suggested the fire departments apply for ARP grant and return to Council for capital needs.

#### **Enterprise Lease Vehicles**

- Commissioner Spalding discussed the Prosecutor and Drug Courts need for a replacement vehicle along with one additional vehicle for backup when vehicles are down. Derek Williard, Senior Strategy Manager was present for questions.
- Councilmembers noted vehicle leases for Prosecutor and Drug Courts will need to be additionally appropriated in January of 2022. Councilmembers discussed paying out of F&B Miscellaneous if vehicles arrive in 2021.
- Councilmembers approved advertising additional appropriation and additional line items for Prosecutor and Drug Court to pay for lease vehicles. Additional appropriation be appropriated in 2022.
- Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve leasing of vehicles for Prosecutor, Drug Court and allow Auditor to make additional line items as needed. Councilmember Noe seconded the motion. **Motion carried 7-0.**

#### **Abatement Request: Al Neyer**

- Al Neyer representatives and their attorney requested approval for tax abatement.
- Councilmember Shelby made a motion to introduce Declaratory Resolution 2021-9-7 qualifying Al Neyer for tax abatement. Councilmember Fisk seconded the motion. **Motion carried 7-0.**
- A public hearing was scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM.

#### **Abatement Request: Exeter (3826 W 300 N)**

- Attorney for Exeter (3826 W 300 N) requested approval for tax abatement.
- Councilmember Shelby made a motion to introduce Declaratory Resolution 2021-9-8 qualifying that area for tax abatement for Exeter at 3826 W 300 N. Councilmember Fisk seconded the motion. **Motion carried 6-1.** Councilmember Butrum voted no.

#### **Abatement Request: Exeter (McCordsville)**

- Attorney for Exeter McCordsville requested approval for tax abatement.
- Councilmember Bolander made a motion to introduce Declaratory Resolution 2021-9-9 qualifying that area for tax abatement for Exeter McCordsville. Councilmember Shelby seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-2.** Councilmember Gray and Councilmember Noe voted no.

#### **Abatement Request: VTRE Development LLC**

- Randy Sorrell, Executive Director of Hancock County Economic Development Council along with VTRE Development LLC representatives requested approval for tax abatement.
- Councilmember Noe made a motion to introduce Declaratory Resolution 2021-9-10 qualifying that area for tax abatement for VTRE Development LLC. Councilmember Fisk seconded the motion. **Motion carried 7-0.**

#### **Community Corrections**

- Wade Kennedy, Executive Director Community Corrections requested to transfer \$1,000 from part-time fund to full-time to allow for a lateral move for an officer.
- Councilmember Noe made a motion to approve Community corrections to transfer \$1,000 from part-time to full-time. Councilmember Fisk seconded the motion. **Motion carried 7-0.**

#### **Economic Development Update**

Randy Sorrell, Director of Hancock County Economic Development Council provided Colliers reports and updated Council on Economic Development.

*Councilmember Gray leaves the meeting at 11:06 AM.*

#### **ARPA Steering Report**

- Councilmember Butrum updated Councilmembers on the ARPA meeting.
- Councilmember Butrum discussed premium pay for county employees. Also talked about doing a flat rate \$1,500 for each county employee. Commissioners did not want to move forward with this recommendation.
- Discussed projects of interests; 40% for infrastructure, 25% for nonprofits, 25% mental health/addiction and reserve 10% for revenue loss.
- The infrastructure deadline was extended and is not due in 2024. Infrastructure for Charlottesville discussed. The first step for Charlottesville would be schematic design and Food & Beverage could be used.
- Councilmember Shelby passed a resolution to support a study for eastside sewer/water infrastructure project to be reimbursed from ARPA and paid from Food & Beverage. Councilmember Fisk seconded the motion. **Motion carried 6-0.**
- Councilmember Fisk made a motion Council is in favor of Commissioners allowing Community Foundations effort to pay for a study on the old jail. Councilmember Butrum seconded the motion. **Motion carried 6-0.**

- Councilmember Noe amended the prior motion and made a motion for \$15,000 to be allocated for structural review of the Prosecutors Office and reimbursed by the GO Bond. Councilmember Fisk seconded the motion. **Motion carried 6-0.**

**Sheriff's Department**

- Sheriff Burkhart discussed the lease program and issues with obtaining vehicles. Board of Commissioners were supportive of purchasing 20 vehicles from Kelly Chevrolet.
- Councilmembers agreed to additionally appropriate \$800,000 if needed to allow the Sheriff to purchase 20 vehicles from Kelly Chevrolet if needed.

**Public Hearing for 2022 Budgets**

Reminder public hearing in Commissioners Courtroom for 2022 Budgets on September 29, 2021 at 8:30 AM. Commissioner Fisk requested an email reminder.

**Adjourned 11:50 PM**

Councilmember Shelby made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Fisk seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

**Approved this day:**

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William Bolander

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Mary Noe

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James Shelby

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Robin Lowder

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Kent Fisk

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor