



## **Minutes of the Goshen Common Council Regular Meeting of March 16, 2021**

6:00 p.m. Council Chambers, Police & Court Building, 111 East Jefferson Street, Goshen, Indiana

Presiding Officer Brett Weddell called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Megan Eichorn (District 4), Julia King\* (At-Large), Jim McKee (District 1),  
Doug Nisley (District 2), Gilberto Pérez, Jr. (District 5), Matt Schrock (District 3),  
Council President Brett Weddell (At-Large), Youth Advisor Hazany Palomino (Non-voting)

\*Present electronically

Absent: None

Clerk-Treasurer Adam Scharf made the following statement: "We begin this meeting during a declared public health emergency covering all of the State of Indiana. Council members King is participating in this meeting by electronic communication pursuant to Governor Holcomb's Executive Orders 20-04, 20-09, and 20-47, as well as guidance from Indiana Public Access Counselor Luke Britt. Additionally, Mayor Stutsman's Executive Order 2021-02 has directed that public meetings for the City of Goshen, including this one, be conducted with virtual public access and in accordance with the Rules for Virtual Meetings issued by the administration. Council members McKee, Eichorn, Nisley, Pérez, Schrock and Weddell are physically present in council chambers as we begin this meeting."

Approval of Minutes

**King/Eichorn moved to approve the minutes of March 2, 2021. PASSED 7-0**

Approval of Agenda

**King/Pérez moved to add Mayor Stutsman's memorandum (*Attached as Exhibit A*) and approve the agenda. PASSED 7-0**

Privilege of the Floor

Glenn Null, Goshen, shared that he picks up litter while walking his neighborhood; encouraged others, including City, to do same.



### Elected Official Reports

Clerk-Treasurer Adam Scharf: Shared handout on American Rescue Plan allocations (Attached as Exhibit B); commented that new Grants Manager Greg Imbur will be valuable in helping City apply for and manage many related grant opportunities.

McKee: County Courts Complex rezoning heard at Plan Commission

Nisley: Teased the council as to upcoming news from Board of Aviation Commissioners, thanked Police Dept.

Eichorn: AJ Delgadillo as new CRC Director, River District Committee Update

Pérez: Thanks to Fire Dept. for response to both near home and Forest River facility

King: Disc golf course now open. Asked Chief Sink about Forest River fire investigation, especially chemical and air quality concern.

Director of Public Works Dustin Sailor reported that he was not aware of air quality monitoring, and does not know what chemicals were on site. Said he and Stormwater Coordinator Jason Kauffman were on site of fire monitoring. Pumping flow exceeded 5000 gallons per minute, large amounts of black water flowed into Horn Ditch. Said IDEM and Elkhart County Health Department were on site the day after the fire.

Weddell: Redevelopment Commission is selling 2601 Woodland Drive, downtown vault program

### Special Presentations

Finance Manager / Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Jeffery Weaver presented on the 2020 Annual Financial Report.

Stormwater Coordinator Jason Kauffman and Stormwater Specialist Mattie Lehman presented on plastics and microplastics pollution concerns in Goshen waterways. (*Slides attached as Exhibit C*)

Resolution 2021-10      Authorization to Apply for Certification of the Goshen Arts & Culture District

### **Nisley/Pérez moved for passage of Resolution 2021-10**

Redevelopment Project Manager Becky Hutsell and Adrienne Nesbitt of Eyedart Studio presented designation background and benefits, online map, branding and banners, public input/surveys, etc.

### COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Including expected changes of more activities, retail openings, potential "Air Bnb" package experiences. Schrock asked why district does not extend north to Pike. Hutsell and Nesbitt replied that signage might get lost along Pike, entry experience is clearer, area is walkable.

**Voice Vote to pass Resolution 2021-10: PASSED 7-0**



Resolution 2021-11 Concerning the Purchase of a Compact Wheel Loader

**Nisley/McKee moved for passage of Resolution 2021-11.**

City Attorney Bodie Stegelmann introduced the resolution.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

**Nisley/McKee moved to find that the compact wheel loader specified is not manufactured in the United States in reasonably available quantities. PASSED 7-0**

**Voice Vote to pass Resolution 2021-11: PASSED 7-0**

Ordinance 5077 Amending Ordinance 3828 Governing Public Purchasing

**Nisley/Pérez moved for passage of Ordinance 5077 on first reading.**

Stegelmann introduced the resolution. Discussed 1933 federal act from which definition of "Manufactured in United States" was borrowed.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

King requested reports to council when Board of Works makes this finding. Fleet Manager Carl Gaines suggested quarterly. Scharf suggested avoiding special item report, but rather integrating into public records indexing.

Discussion on delegation to Board of Works, reporting and council awareness, purchase logistics and timing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Glenn Null, Goshen, supports reporting to public and council.

Further council discussion, including clarification that 50% of cost (definition of manufactured) allows staff to determine whether board exception is needed.

**Roll call vote to pass Ordinance 5077 on first reading. PASSED 6-1 as:**

Eichorn:	Yes
King:	Yes
McKee:	Yes
Nisley:	No
Pérez:	Yes
Schrock:	Yes
Weddell:	Yes



**Pérez/Eichorn moved to adjourn. PASSED 7-0**

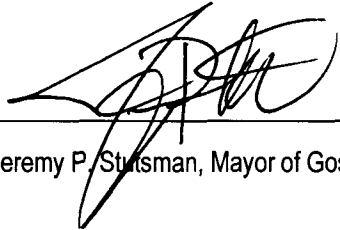
*Meeting Adjourned 7:53 p.m.*

*Exhibit A (2 pgs): Mayor Stutsman memo on agenda items in lieu of attendance*

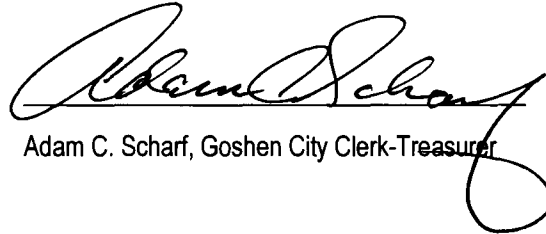
*Exhibit B (1 pg): American Rescue Plan Metro City Allocation Projections*

*Exhibit C (22 pgs): Stormwater Dept. Plastics in Waterways Presentation Slides*

APPROVED:

  
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Jeremy P. Stutsman, Mayor of Goshen

ATTEST:

  
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Adam C. Scharf, Goshen City Clerk-Treasurer



**Jeremy P. Stutsman, Mayor**

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March 15, 2021

Council President Weddell and Council Members,

I am writing to let you know that I will not be able to attend our March 16 meeting of the Goshen Common Council. Several weeks ago, I accepted an invitation from our Police and Fire Chaplains to join them for the International Conference of Police Chaplains Region 4 Awards night.

I do however want to give a bit of information to a few items that will be in front of you tomorrow evening;

1. **Plastics Concerns in Goshen Waterways** – Our stormwater department has done an excellent job not only discovering the issues at hand but also putting together a great presentation with the appropriate data and research. It should make us all think about how we handle our plastic waste and byproducts. We are all adding to this issue in one way or another. It can be as simple as using soaps with micro plastic beads that are meant for exfoliating purposes or wearing clothes made with plastic materials.
2. **Resolution 2021-10, Goshen Arts and Culture District** – This is a designation that we have been working toward for a few years now. Having this local designation will help our community show its many talented artists and helps to put us in a good position to receive the official designation from the State. Staff and consultants have been working hard on the State application to be recognized as an Arts and Culture District. If we receive this honor it will be one more important piece to spreading the word about what our community has to offer. We would be the 11<sup>th</sup> community in Indiana to receive this designation. I would appreciate your support on this vote.
3. **Resolution 2021-11 and Ordinance 5077, Purchasing** – Bodie Stegelmann will be introducing this resolution. It deals with making purchases in a world where fewer and fewer companies manufacture their products completely in our country. We by no means want to remove this decision-making power from the City Council, we are just trying to work a bit quicker and keep what may become a standard need for approval from having to always come back to the council. After a discussion with Councilwoman King, I do think it would be prudent for the council to request the Board of Works to submit in writing each instance this has been approved. This will insure the council has the knowledge of how this change is being used. That way the council can make further adjustments in the future if you are not satisfied with the implementation by the BOW.
4. **Finally, Due to the fact that we will not have another council meeting until April 20<sup>th</sup>, (April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting was canceled due to Spring break,) I will be asking for a special council**



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meeting to be set on March 30th. We will have one item at this meeting which will be our salary ordinance. I will have a presentation and request for changes to the following: Goshen Police Department 2021 wages (Goshen has had 4 officers resign for the private sector in two weeks), add certification pay to the First Deputy of the Clerk Treasurer's Office, clean up an issue with pension secretaries for both GPD and GFD, and clean up an issue that has arisen with our holiday pay. I will be working to have all of this out to the public and council within the next week. One important note: the additional pay to the GPD officers will result in the need for an additional appropriation. The general purpose of the pay increase is to remove Goshen from being the lowest paid police department in the area and to help stop officers from wanting to move to the private sector. All of this will be explained when the memo and draft changes go out to the council in the near future.

5. Finally, there is more and more talk about the American Rescue Act. Goshen has been notified that we are expected to receive \$6.8 million dollars. We are still working to better understand how this money needs to be utilized. I will be presenting a plan to the council that I believe will help relieve some stress locally, shore up some tight fund budgets, and set a stage for the future of Goshen to have another fund that can help add a consistent funding source for future needs.

Thank you all for your time. This will be one of the few meetings I have missed since first being elected in 2007. Thank you for continuing to work together so we are able to provide our community with a better tomorrow.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JP Stutsman", written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Jeremy Stutsman

# 3-16-21 Council Minutes - EXHIBIT B

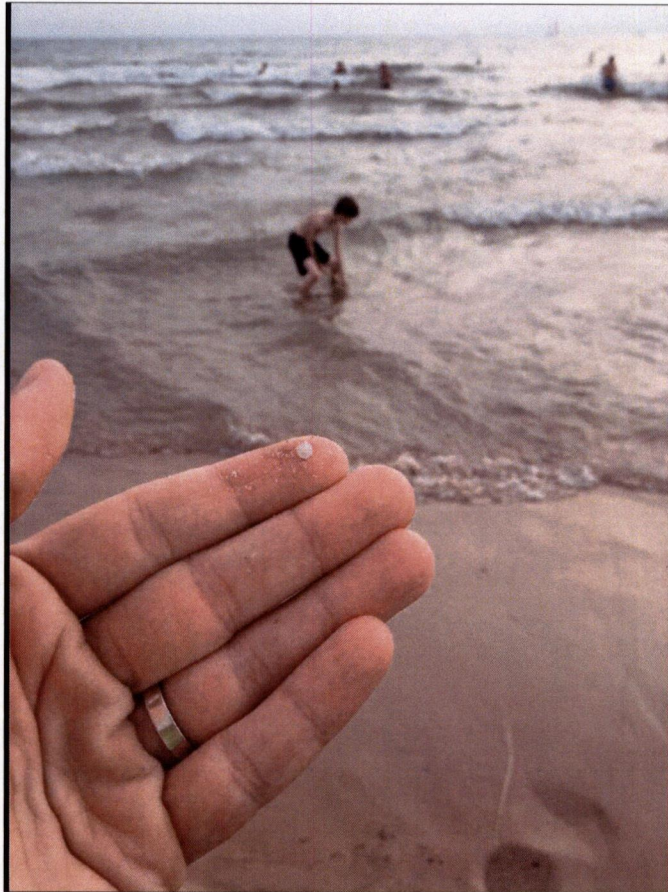
## Metro City Allocation Projections, 03.08.21

(all totals in millions)

*Note: Estimates use FY2020 HUD data to identify populations eligible for assistance, and may not include localities that relinquished their CDBG allocation in that year. Funding to localities on this list would be reduced to the extent that such cities apply for and receive funding as a metro city under this proposal.*

State	Name	Allocation
Indiana	Anderson	23.20
Indiana	Bloomington	22.27
Indiana	Columbus	7.79
Indiana	East Chicago	33.38
Indiana	Elkhart	18.98
Indiana	Evansville	67.49
Indiana	Fort Wayne	50.73
Indiana	Gary	83.66
Indiana	Goshen	6.80
Indiana	Greenwood	8.95
Indiana	Hammond	53.27
Indiana	Indianapolis	237.36
Indiana	Kokomo	20.63
Indiana	La Porte	11.69
Indiana	Lafayette	16.70
Indiana	Michigan City	16.73
Indiana	Mishawaka	11.96
Indiana	Muncie	31.77
Indiana	New Albany	16.83
Indiana	South Bend	63.19
Indiana	Terre Haute	38.23
Indiana	West Lafayette	11.13

3-16-21 Council Minutes - EXHIBIT C






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## When It Comes To Microplastics, Some Seafood May Be Riskier


Liz Allen Contributor @ Science  
Liz writes about the ocean and its protection.



How much plastic?

E340 DIGEST  
DECEMBER 11, 2020

## Mussels Sold in Grocery Stores Around the World Contain Microplastic Particles



Mussels sold in grocery stores contain between 0.12 and 2.46 microplastic particles per gram of meat.


Plastics

## Clothes washing linked to 'pervasive' plastic pollution in the Arctic

Polyester fibres that injure marine life were found in sea water across region

Damian Carrington  
Environment editor  
@dpcarrington  
Tue 12 Jan 2021 11:00 EST

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▲ A study has found microplastics in 96 of 97 sea water samples taken from across the polar region. Photograph: Natalie Thomas/Reuters

The Arctic is "pervasively" polluted by microplastic fibres that most likely come from the washing of synthetic clothes by people in Europe and North America, research has found.

The most comprehensive study to date found the microplastics in 96 of 97 sea water samples taken from across the polar region. More than 92% of the microplastics were fibres, and 73% of these were made of polyester and were the same width and colours as those used in clothes. Most of the samples were taken from 3-8 metres below the surface, where much marine life feeds.

## Microplastics revealed in the placentas of unborn babies

Health impact is unknown but scientists say particles may cause long-term damage to foetuses



# Plastics and Microplastics in Goshen Waterways



Tree Fall in Kauffman Park  
October 10, 2020







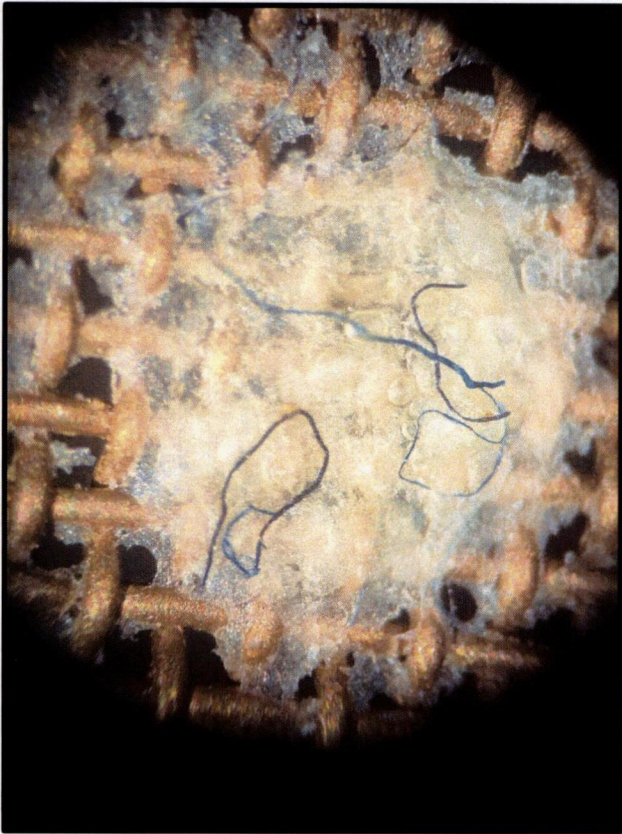








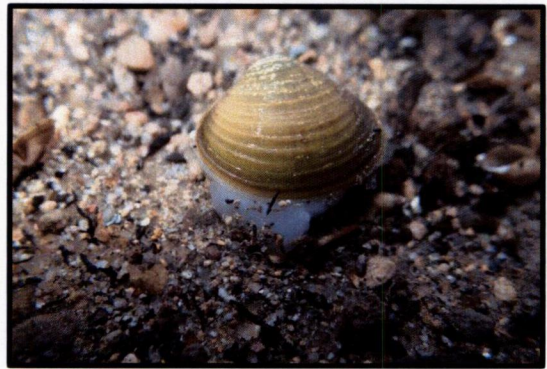




*Image Credit: Photo from similar study in Muncie, Indiana by Drew Holloway and Grace Walker*

### Microplastics Asiatic Clam Survey

- ❖ Conducted by Daragh Deegan – City of Elkhart  
Aquatic Biologist
- ❖ Nine sites surveyed in Rock Run Creek, the  
Elkhart River, and the St. Joseph River
- ❖ All 9 samples contained microplastic fibers



*Image Credit: Photo by Tommy Hui  
<https://earthlingnature.wordpress.com/2020/02/14/friday-fellow-asian-clam/>*

Where do these plastics come from and how do they get into Goshen's waterways?









What can be done to reduce the impact of plastics on Goshen's waterways?



Image Credit: <https://www.tentree.com/products/guppyfriend-washing-bag>



Image Credit: <https://mightyneat.com/collections/waste-free-grocery-shopping>

### Example Solutions



Image Credit: <https://www.amazon.com/Compostable-Containers-3-Compartment-Eco-Friendly-Biodegradable/dp/B07XV8KDKD>







Image Credit: An automatic retractable screen prevents trash from entering a storm drain in Valley Glen, CA. (File photo by Dean Musgrove/Staff Photographer, Los Angeles Daily News) accessed: <https://www.dailynews.com/2017/04/21/capturing-stormwater-and-planning-for-californias-future-bob-hertzberg/>



Image Credit: FleXstorm Full Trash Capture Inlet Filter – accessed: <https://www.inletfilters.com/products/full-trash-capture-ftc>





Image Credit: City of Kwinana, Australia, accessed <https://ajpecstjnsengineering.com/australian-city-uses-drainage-nets-to-stop-waste-from-polluting-waterways>



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