



Minutes of the Goshen Common Council Regular Meeting of May 4, 2021

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

Mayor Jeremy Stutsman 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)

*Attended remotely

Absent: None

King/Schrock moved to approve the minutes of April 20, 2021. PASSED 7-0

Eichorn/King moved to approve the agenda as presented. PASSED 7-0

Privilege of the Floor

Glenn Null, Goshen, reported he has been walking more in his neighborhood. Commented on crossing signals, mosquitoes in catch basins, city brush pickup.

Receipt of Redevelopment Commission Annual Report

Community Development Director Mark Brinson outlined the report contents and opened to questions.

Councilor King commented that the itemized expenditures would be more meaningful if categorized.

Resolution 2021-15 Authorizing the Filing of an Application for a Community Development Block Grant

Weddell/McKee moved for passage of Resolution 2021-15.

Community Development Specialist Meaghan Bylsma presented the packet memo.

Voice Vote to pass Resolution 2021-15: PASSED 7-0



Clerk's note: Ordinance 5082 was mis-numbered in the meeting agenda as 5078, but was correctly numbered in the ordinance document included in the packet. Mentions of the number 5078 during the discussion have been edited here to 5082.

Ordinance 5082

Additional Appropriations for Fund 203: MVH-Restricted and Fund 495: OCRA Sensory Trail Grant

Weddell/King moved for passage of Ordinance 5082 on first reading.

Mayor summarized Sensory Trail project.

King asked about cameras filming people without their knowledge. Mayor said cameras would be labeled.

Schrock asked if Sensory Trail project would be harmed if ordinance was not passed. Mayor said if ordinance does not pass, project is not funded.

Nisley asked of both appropriations need to be together in the same ordinance. Scharf said council could amend ordinance. Stegelmann commented on process options.

Scharf noted that new fund for the federal grant would also need to be created, which is a council action.

McKee asked what budget line has been reduced for the \$400,000. Scharf said this is an appropriation ordinance. McKee replied it had to come from somewhere. Scharf explained the money is in the Motor Vehicle Highway – Restricted Fund.

Discussion about grouping appropriations versus separate ordinances.

Weddell asked what \$400,000 would be used for. Mayor said one possibility is matching funds for Community Crossings grant. Said he and staff were not requesting full amount and don't plan on spending it; could build this fund up for projects like Wilson Avenue reconstruction.

Nisley asked if funds were "protected," would spending need to return to council. Mayor said if appropriation is made money can be spent.

Scharf pointed out SBOA guidance document included in packet, which describes uses of fund. Described legislative purpose of fund, expectation to generally spend down as much or more than MVH-Regular. Current cash balances are about \$1.4M for MVH-Restricted and \$65k for MVH-Regular.

Weddell asked if cash was currently in MVH general fund and we are transferring it to MVH-Restricted. Additional discussion on cash balances, funds, appropriations.

Nisley asked if county or city maintains bridges. Director of Public Works Dustin Sailor said city has maintained pedestrian bridges. Plan is for county to take over Madison Street Bridge after reconstruction. Said \$150-200k per year over next few years for bridge maintenance.



Scharf said that if Mayor was not recommending additional appropriation, as per statute, the item should be amended out. Mayor said it should not have made it this far if that were the case. Recommended \$200,000 to use for Community Crossings grant local match.

Weddell/Nisley moved to amend Ordinance 5082 by reducing the MVH-Restricted/Capital Projects appropriation amount from \$400,000 to \$200,000.

Voice vote to amend Ordinance 5082 as above. PASSED 7-0

Voice vote to pass Ordinance 5082 on first reading. PASSED 7-0

Downtown Economic Improvement District (EID) Board Appointments

Mayor provided some background and typical council practice.

Scharf asked how many ballots were received. No number forthcoming. Stegelmann and Mayor said participation has dwindled over the years. Further discussion on balloting process.

Mayor commented on generational change in downtown participation, EID involvement. Said 5-member board must have minimum of 3 building owners. Said he is happy with the way the group is functioning.

McKee said he is in favor of waiting in order to see whether other interested parties could be identified. Eichorn asked whether anything would be accomplished by waiting.

Weddell said it is self-imposed tax and council has never gone against EID recommendations.

Mayor mentioned EID is contributing 1/3 of arch design cost. Commented on creation and extension process for the EID itself.

Pérez/King moved to appointed Kare Anderson and Justin Bell to the Downtown Economic Improvement District Board. PASSED 7-0

Elected Official Reports

Schrock: Announced Chamberlain Neighborhood Garden Party (Flyer attached as *Exhibit A*)

Nisley: Raised concerns about Ordinance 5067 with respect to Central Garage pay. Mayor asked Stegelmann about clarifying full year pay as intent. Stegelmann indicated language could be read different ways. Scharf said if verbal guidance is provided that intent was full year, will proceed will full year. Mayor said intent was full year; thought Teamsters contract specified pay in December. Stegelmann said Teamsters contract was silent on that item. Scharf provided some considerations for biweekly, including that same amount of money is being paid sooner, all other Teamsters and employees are paid biweekly. Nisley said it is important for morale, has been done this way for many years. Exchange noted 3 city employees would be affected. King asked whether this is micromanagement. Pérez commented on channels of communication. Further discussion.

Pérez: Announced walk-in COVID-19 clinic at St. John's Catholic Church. School system comments.



Mayor: Announced expansion of Board of Works from three to five members. Will maintain political balance.

Said Green Oakes assisted living facility will be returning for request to increase their bonding capacity to the maximum of \$25M.

King/Eichorn moved to adjourn. PASSED 7-0

Meeting Adjourned 7:09 p.m.

Exhibit A (2 pgs): Event notice for Chamberlain Neighborhood Garden Party

APPROVED:

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

Jeremy P. Stutsman, Mayor of Goshen

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Scharf", is written over a horizontal line.

Adam C. Scharf, Goshen City Clerk-Treasurer

GARDEN INFORMATION
INFORMACIÓN DEL JARDÍN



VEN A CRECER CON NOSOTRAS

104.3 FM
RADIO
HORIZONTE

You are invited to the community Garden Party!

¡Estás invitado a la fiesta comunitaria
en el jardín!

FREE PRIZES
PREMIOS GRATIS

KIDS ACTIVITIES
ACTIVIDADES PARA NIÑOS

@ 501 CENTER ST.
CORNER OF CENTER
AND 8TH STREET

8 DE MAYO DE 2011
MAY 8 2011

1-5 PM



CHAMBERLIN COMMUNITY GARDEN NEED LIST

1.
LOCKED TOOL SHED
2.
TOOLS, RAKES, SHOVELS, WHEELBARROWS, ETC, ETC
3.
CEMENT BLOCKS AND STAKES
4.
COMPOST
5.
GARDEN HOSE REEL & HOSE
6.
FENCING
7.
MATERIALS FOR RAISED STAGE FOR EVENTS

THANKS

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SAMANTHA

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