

GOSHEN COMMON COUNCIL

Minutes of the May 2, 2022 Regular Meeting

Convened in the Council Chambers, Police & Court Building, 111 East Jefferson Street, Goshen, Indiana

Mayor Stutsman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Stutsman asked the Clerk-Treasurer to conduct the roll call.

Present: Megan Eichorn (District 4) Julia King (At-Large) Doug Nisley (District 2)
 Gilberto Pérez Jr. (District 5) Donald Riegsecker (District 1) Matt Schrock (District 3)
 Council President Brett Weddell (At-Large)
 Youth Advisor Adrian Mora (Non-voting) – Arrived at 6:06 p.m.

Absent: None

Approval of Minutes: Mayor Stutsman asked the Council's wishes regarding the minutes of the April 18, 2022 regular meeting. Councilor King moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilor Riegsecker seconded the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Aguirre said there was a misspelling of Councilor Nisley's first name on the first page of the minutes and that it had been corrected and revised minutes had been distributed. **The motion passed 7-0.**

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Stutsman asked the Council's wishes regarding the meeting agenda. Councilor Eichorn moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Councilor Pérez seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Privilege of the Floor:

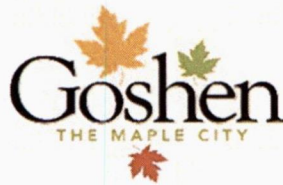
At 6:02 p.m., Mayor Stutsman invited public comments on matters not on the agenda.

Glenn Null of Goshen said he appreciated City staff picking up tree limbs and brush in his neighborhood and clearing sidewalks that had piles of yard debris. He said the City's work made his neighborhood look much better. Null expressed concerns about semi-truck-trailers driving through his neighborhood on two recent occasions. He said his road, Dewey Avenue, is not built for vehicles of that size and he would like to see more police enforcement. Null also said he and his wife are doing more walking and depending on the time of day, they have had to walk around vehicles parked across sidewalks, and that stepping onto Dewey Avenue can be dangerous.

There were no other public comments, either from those in the Council chamber or via Zoom, so Mayor Stutsman closed the Privilege of the Floor at 6:04 p.m.

1) Presentation: South Bend-Elkhart Regional Partnership annual report and updates

Mayor Stutsman introduced Bethany Hartley, chief strategy officer, of the South Bend-Elkhart Regional Partnership, who provided Councilors with a presentation using PowerPoint Slides, which were included in the Council packet. Hartley said the South Bend-Elkhart Regional Partnership is an economic development organization that focuses on catalyzing economic growth in Elkhart, Marshall, and St. Joseph counties in Northern Indiana and Berrien and Cass counties in Southwest Michigan. She said the organization operates through a committee structure.



Hartley said the Regional Partnership focuses on executing through its core values of “Do What We Say We Will Do, Inclusive Collaboration and Humility.” As a voluntary collaboration across five counties, the Regional Partnership has a Board made up of business, civic, community, education and government leaders and a 10-person staff.

Hartley said the Regional Partnership began in 2015 as a Regional Development Authority, which was formed to obtain and administer a \$42 million grant from the Indiana Regional Cities Initiative. Since then, she said it has further developed a regional development strategy, developed advisory committees, developed and launched new initiatives, obtained more grants and launched new programs.

Hartley said the Regional Partnership has five areas of focus in its Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS): Industry Growth, Education and Workforce, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Entrepreneurship and Talent Attraction and Development. She said detailed strategies are being used to pursue these goals.

Overall, **Hartley** said the Regional Partnership has a Prosperity Goal of “increasing per capita personal income in the South Bend–Elkhart Region to match or exceed the national average by 2030.” And she said all five of the partnership’s committees are focused on fulfilling this goal.

Hartley displayed PowerPoint slides showing the members of all five committees, the main goal of each, strategies that are being pursued and examples of successful programs. She summarized the committee work as follows:

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee goal: “To be in the top 20% of metro areas for minority income equality by 2030.” **Strategies:** Supporting Diverse Business Owners; Increasing Networking Opportunities for Minority Professionals and Students; and Increasing Minority Participation in Management Training. **Program:** Hustle SBE, “a program for Black, Indigenous, People of Color and Women business owners that already have a least a year in business and who are focused on exploring new solutions for their customers, generating new ideas, and shoring up current business practices to create a solid foundation upon which to grow.”

Talent Attraction and Retention Committee goal: “Transform net migration from negative 2.13 persons per 1,000 per year to positive in-migration by 2030.” **Strategies:** Telling Our Story, People to Know and Places to Be.

Program: WE+YOU South Bend – Elkhart Region, an Asset Development Three-Part Video Series and a Toolkit for Employers and Post-Secondary Institutes.

Entrepreneurship Committee goal: “Establish 275 High Growth Startups by 2030.” **Strategies:** Attracting and Inspiring Entrepreneurs, Supporting Venture Acceleration and Increasing Access to Capital. **Program:** Founder Factory, a startup summit.

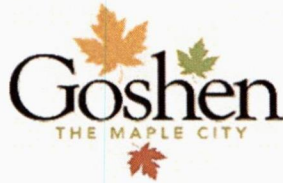
Education and Workforce Committee goal: “Increase postsecondary attainment from 35% to 50% by 2030.”

Strategies: Advancing high-quality Career Pathways, Enhancing Employer Engagement within Priority Industry Sectors and Increasing adoption of evidence-based and technology-enabled practices across Education-Workforce Ecosystem. **Note:** There are 11 colleges and universities in the region with about 44,000 students per year, many of whom leave the area after graduating.

Industry Growth Committee goal: “Grow share of employment in high pay traded industry sectors 20% by 2030.”

Strategies: Improving Company Access to Low-cost and Convenient Supply Chain Options, Accelerating Expansion of Employment and Profitability and Improving Infrastructure. **Program:** Accelerating Growth by Attracting and Growing New Economy Companies and Expanding Employment and Profitability at Existing Companies in Scale-up Clusters.

After concluding her presentation at 6:20 p.m., **Bethany Hartley** engaged in a discussion with **Mayor Stutsman** and **Councilors. Council President Weddell** and **Councilor King** asked about the Regional Economic + Acceleration Development Initiative (READI) grant and award process.



In response to a question from **Councilor King, Hartley** said that Indiana exports more college graduates every year than any other state. She said graduates leave the state for a variety of reasons, including the weather.

Councilor Pérez thanked Hartley for her presentation and the Regional Partnership's work. He noted that there didn't seem to be many committee members from Goshen, Nappanee or Middlebury. He asked what the Regional Partnership was doing to ensure representation from beyond South Bend and Elkhart. **Hartley** said conversations like this one with the Council help identify potential committee members. She added that the partnership is engaged in succession planning and also is seeking to expand its representation.

Mayor Stutsman noted that the City of Goshen provides about \$2,500 a year to the Regional Partnership and he praised its work.

2) Presentation: City of Goshen Community Relations Commission annual report

Community Relations Director: AJ Delgadillo presented the Commission's report for 2021 to the Council. Included in the Council's agenda packet was the Commission's 4-page annual report, which was submitted by Edwin Groff, CRC Secretary/Treasurer, and a one-page memorandum by Delgadillo about the report.

The 2021 annual report had summaries of the CRC's mission, principles, origin and background, its membership during 2021 and its activities, which the report stated "were curtailed by the COVID-19 Pandemic." The report included the following sections, each of which summarized the activities and outcomes of the following: Sundown Town Resolution and Marker, Elkhart County Juneteenth Celebration, Commissioners Retreat, Neighborhood Association relationships; and Middle and High School Essay Contest.

The report concluded with a section, titled "Looking Ahead," which noted that AJ Delgadillo began work in 2022 as the CRC's first full-time director, and ended with this summary:

"As part of the CRC's strategic planning, CRC will continue exploring opportunities to re-invigorate Community Conversations in forums suited to pandemic restrictions. The CRC is also interested in partnering with the Arts and Culture Committee of Goshen in initiating events for the City of Goshen. The CRC will continue to strengthen its network of connections through Neighborhood Associations, partnerships with Goshen businesses and educational communities."

In his memorandum accompanying the report, Delgadillo wrote that the CRC's efforts in 2021 "were directed at projects that allowed us to continue serving our neighbors and further the mission of the CRC in ways that were practical and safe in the midst of a changing pandemic."

Delgadillo continued, "In many ways, the work and makeup of the CRC were characterized by change. The CRC was still rebuilding from 2017, grappling with new realities of public meetings from the COVID-19 pandemic, and adjusting to having a director on staff. Adjusting to new elements inside and outside of the Commission, we found our footing to make strides toward our mission: [to serve] Goshen by developing programs and policies that aim for a city without racism or discrimination of any kind, and [build] capacity for creative problem solving, resiliency, understanding, and compassion among the diverse people in our community."

Delgadillo provided additional details and context for the 2021 activities and projects, including the proposed Sundown Town marker, participation in the county Juneteenth event, and the CRC retreat, which helped establish priorities for 2022 and beyond, including "hold effective conversations about hard topics; build a robust volunteer team; and build a funnel for recruiting commissioners." He also discussed the CRC's work with neighborhood associations and its successful essay contest in which youth were invited to reflect on the CRC's principles.



Delgadillo ended his memorandum with the following summary statement: "In a year characterized by many 'new' things, we acted where it was practical and set ourselves up for stronger opportunities where we could. As conditions continue to change, I look forward to continue building and serving with the CRC."

Delgadillo began his brief oral presentation to the Council by noting some CRC highlights over the past year, including the essay competition.

In response to a question from **Councilor King**, **Delgadillo** said the essays can be read online and are accessible from the CRC's Facebook page. **Mayor Stutsman** said the essay contest was a great success and that many students and their family members attended the award ceremony in the City Council chambers on April 12. **Delgadillo** said the event helped boost the CRC's social media outreach.

Council President Weddell asked about the results of the CRC's proposed Sundown Marker survey for which about 608 responses were received. **Delgadillo** explained how the poll was conducted and said the results were posted on the CRC's City website. He said 90% of respondents liked the idea of a marker and 10% didn't like the idea. In addition, **Delgadillo** said 80% favored the text proposed for the market and 20% were not affirming.

Mayor Stutsman noted that this is **Delgadillo's** first year as full-time CRC director and that he has used his time well and has helped the commission build forward momentum. He said the City has tried to grow the CRC's reach for many years and it is finally happening. **The Mayor thanked Delgadillo for his work.**

Councilor Eichorn said the CRC's meetings have improved over the past six months and that things are headed in the right direction. She also said the essay competition was "incredible" and she hopes it will become an annual event. **Eichorn** said the students wrote powerful and heartfelt essays.

Delgadillo said the CRC plans to make the essay an annual event. He added that working full time has allowed him to provide continuity of direction for the CRC and increased the security that events can be repeated and have a greater impact on the community.

Councilor Eichorn agreed and said there has been an improvement since **Delgadillo** assumed a full-time role.

Council President Weddell underscored the importance of **Delgadillo's** last statement. **Mayor Stutsman** again thanked **Delgadillo**.

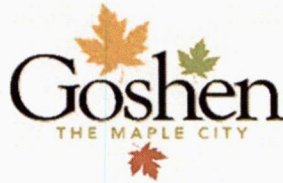
3) Planning Department: Ordinance 5119 - Amend Ordinance 3011 by Rezoning Real Estate Hereinafter Described, and Commonly Known as 1815 Reliance Road, from Residential R-1 District to Commercial B-3 District

Mayor Stutsman called for the introduction on first reading of Ordinance 5119, Amend Ordinance 3011 by Rezoning Real Estate Hereinafter described, and Commonly Known as 1815 Reliance Road, from Residential R-1 District to Commercial B-3 District. **Council President Weddell** asked the Clerk-Treasurer to read Ordinance 5119 by title only, which was done.

Weddell/Eichorn moved to approve Ordinance 5119 on first reading.

City Planning and Zoning Administrator Rhonda L. Yoder discussed the request before the Council and explained the basis for the recommendation that the Council approve Ordinance 5119.

Yoder said the Goshen Plan Commission met on April 19, 2022, in regular session and considered a request for a rezoning from Residential R-1 District to Commercial B-3 District for the subject property, which is generally located 1815 Reliance Road, with the following outcome: The matter was forwarded to the Goshen Common Council with a favorable recommendation by a vote of 5-0.



Yoder said the Plan Commission's recommendation was based on the following:

1. The subject property is adjacent to existing B-3 District zoning on the north, west, and east.
2. The rezoning is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, including: Community Services & Facilities, Goal C-13: Match land uses with existing or potentially available utility services.
3. The B-3 District requirements are able to be met, including all requirements adjacent to residential zoning/land use.

Yoder said that prior to the Plan Commission meeting, and its meeting, no comments/questions were received. She added that the .46-acre property will be added to the Elkhart County court site at 1905 Reliance Road.

Mayor Stutsman asked if there were any questions or comments from City Council members. **Councilor King** said she still didn't like how the project was handled by the Elkhart County Council and the inadequate public input.

At 6:33 p.m., **Mayor Stutsman** opened a public hearing on Ordinance 5119 - Amend Ordinance 3011 by Rezoning Real Estate Hereinafter Described, and Commonly Known as 1815 Reliance Road, from Residential R-1 District to Commercial B-3 District. No one asked to speak.

There were no other questions or comments from Councilors and they indicated they were ready to vote.

On a roll call vote, Councilors approved Ordinance 5119 on first reading by a 7-0 margin, with all Councilors present voting "yes" at 6:34 p.m. Youth Adviser Mora also voted "yes."

Mayor Stutsman called for the introduction on second reading of Ordinance 5119, Amend Ordinance 3011 by Rezoning Real Estate Hereinafter described, and Commonly Known as 1815 Reliance Road, from Residential R-1 District to Commercial B-3 District. **Council President Weddell** asked the Clerk-Treasurer to read Ordinance 5119 by title only, which was done.

Weddell/Eichorn moved to approve Ordinance 5119 on second and final reading.

There were no other questions or comments from the public or Councilors, who also indicated that they were ready to vote.

On a roll call vote, Councilors approved Ordinance 5119 on second and final reading by a 7-0 margin, with all Councilors present voting "yes" at 6:34 p.m. Youth Adviser Mora also voted "yes."

Elected Official Reports:

Mayor Stutsman said he had updates to provide as well as questions he wanted to address.

Ceiling fans for the Council chamber: The **Mayor** said ceiling fans are being installed to improve air flow and lower temperatures when the audience is large.

Redistricting Committee: **Mayor Stutsman** said four meetings have been scheduled with the first in a few weeks.



After the four redistricting meetings, **Mayor Stutsman** said there will be an assessment about the need for additional meetings. He said the meetings will be held in the City Council chamber.

Proposed ordinance changes regarding City employee benefits: Mayor Stutsman said he has been working with **City Attorney Bodie Stegelmann** and **Human Resource Director Rita Huffman** on a proposal headed to the City Council that would offer improved benefits for newer employees.

Proposed ordinance regarding City electrical and mechanical licenses: Mayor Stutsman said an ordinance is being developed to remove the Board of Works and Safety from the review and approval process for City electrical and mechanical licenses. He said an increased number of license requests have been coming to the Board and none have been denied. So, under this the proposal, the approval of electrical and mechanical licenses would be by the City Building Commissioner, but the appeal of any denial would be reviewed and decided by the Board. Mayor Stutsman added that this would allow for a faster review and approval of license requests.

Clerk-Treasurer Aguirre said the need for the proposal could be illustrated by the volume of requests for electrical and mechanical licenses. Aguirre said two such requests were considered by the Board of Works and Safety last week, seven today and 50 requests are pending. He said contractors sometimes visit the Building Department as projects are starting and ask for immediate license approvals. He said this proposal would speed the process. Asked by **Councilor King** if the Building Department has the capacity to take on this role, **Mayor Stutsman** said the Building Department already reviews license requests and recommends approvals to the Board of Works. He said this new process will be good for the Building Department and for the business community.

Results of sale of surplus City vehicles and equipment: In response to a question before the meeting from **Councilor Nisley**, **Mayor Stutsman** reported on the outcome of the recent silent bids for surplus City vehicles and equipment. The Mayor said the sales brought in roughly \$114,000. The Mayor said it's unknown if more money would have been raised from a live auction. However, he said if it had been a live auction there may have been fewer bids and not as many people might have been able to attend a live auction. He added that City of Goshen taxpayers paid for vehicles and he believed they should have gotten the chance to purchase the used vehicles.

Asked by **Councilor Riegsecker** the frequency of such sales, **Mayor Stutsman** said they take place yearly, but this was the largest-ever sale because sales were suspended because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Mayor said normally five or six vehicles are sold at a time – and five or six are already available for sale. He also commented on the value and cost savings of hybrid vehicles.

Update on gang activity: **Mayor Stutsman** said he also wanted to address questions he has been asked in recent weeks by Councilors and community members about gang activity in the City. The Mayor said, "One question I get asked often is, 'Why is the City of Goshen ignoring the gang issue? That's the further thing from the truth. 'We've talked about it in several public meetings. We've had ordinance changes in our cemeteries because of some of the issues we're seeing. The Police Department has been actively working on this for quite some time now, and we've even gone as far as setting up meetings with some religious leaders in the area to see if we can find different ways to reach out to some of these kids that are in the gangs. And we're actually setting up some more meetings that are going to be more and larger public meetings here in the near future.'"

Mayor Stutsman said it's true that the City Police Department doesn't have a gang unit, but that doesn't mean that officers aren't working hard on the issue. "When you create a unit, it pulls people away from all the other pieces, and we don't have that big of a force," he said.



Mayor Stutsman continued, "The chiefs and I talked about this this afternoon before lunch quite extensively. **Councilman (Matt) Schrock** was there as well. We're in a scenario where we have a small-city budget, but we're starting to see some of the big-city issues.

"But I have full confidence in our Chief and the Police Department that they're working to try and figure out how to take care of these issues. And then others of us need to be thinking about what changes in the community, what resources in the community, can we offer to help get ahead of these issues. So, I just want to be clear that we are working very hard on it. Nobody's ignoring it. And we've just got to keep moving forward as a community to try and figure out how to get ahead of those issues."

Mayor Stutsman also said he also wanted to respond to concerns about the adequacy of the Police Department's budget. The Mayor said that in 2016, the Police Department's general fund budget was \$5.7 million and for 2022, \$7.8 million was budgeted. "We have increased that significantly. That includes bringing in some more special police officers and adding additional officers." He added that the City has also purchased new police cars and improved the department's training facilities and equipment.

Councilor Nisley said he spoke about the gang unit issue with Police Chief José Miller but wondered if it would be possible to combine forces with other law enforcement agencies and to begin planning for a joint gang unit.

"I know we don't have the manpower, I understand that. And I've talked with the (Elkhart County) sheriff about the same thing, and he's in the same boat. He thinks it's a great idea to do, but the manpower is just not there to give one or two guys to that," Nisley said. "So, my thing would be to move towards that, put that in a goal that we can move towards that, and maybe do some hiring in that direction to help fill that up. I just feel that we have to put that foot forward to stop it, because even Sheriff (Jeff) Siegel said that it looks like it's going to get worse this summer before it gets better. So, I think we need to be ready for that."

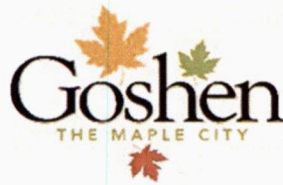
Mayor Stutsman responded that he couldn't disagree, but said that many law enforcement agencies are still struggling to return to normal staffing levels. "So, being able to add another unit, it's not a bad idea at all. It's a good idea," the Mayor said. "But getting there is the tough part. And even without an official (gang) unit, there is a lot of intergovernmental communication between all of the departments. They're all operating and working together to try to figure things out."

Mayor Stutsman said other local police agencies have stopped sending officers to respond to less serious crimes, such as bicycle thefts. The Mayor said Goshen Police respond to many such crimes and it would save time to stop responding personally, but ceasing such responses would eliminate many connection points with community members. That strategy isn't being pursued, Mayor Stutsman said, but other options are being explored.

Councilor Schrock endorsed **Councilor Nisley's** suggestion and discussed the meeting earlier in the day with Goshen Police leaders, which he endorsed.

"We should support these men and women any way we can, even if that includes getting the public involved. If there's a way to do that, and not have it cost any money, minimal money, that might open up something. You might be surprised who would volunteer to assist in gang-type stuff, at least as far as feeding information to the Police Department. I think there are a lot of people who want to remedy the problem, as far as the public is concerned."

Mayor Stutsman responded, "And I would just say that just because you don't hear, don't assume things like that aren't happening because there's a lot of stuff the Police Department does that they don't want everyone to know about happening. So, there's a lot that is happening."



Councilor Pérez said that there can be effective community-based initiatives to address the gang issue. He said it might make sense to create a gang unit, but it also would be good to involve community organizations to work on gang prevention. Pérez said in larger cities, this is often the case and that it would be good to explore partnerships in Goshen.

In response to the comments by **Councilor Perez**, **Chief Miller** said, "When it comes to the law enforcement end, with the gangs, a lot of our dealings are more responding to the situation that happened. And when it gets to the prevention end, I think it is a community issue versus just a City issue, because a lot of times the calls we go to, there's a lot more information that they know that they don't tell us because of whether they don't trust the police, or whether they're afraid of retaliation. So, a lot of that comes down to even safety for them that they don't know nothing or see anything and that really makes it difficult for us to do our job. So, I think community intervention in that aspect would be hugely beneficial."

Mayor Stutsman said he and **Chief Miller** are having conversations with school officials, church leaders and others to connect and bring information together.

The Mayor said, "I am, and I know the chief has, too, had conversations with Goshen Schools, several churches in the area, and also **Kevin Deary at the Boys & Girls Club** has been a great resource, too, to help try and connect and bring information together. But to **Councilman Pérez's** point, maybe we do need to try and create a more pointed committee that would be community-wide that could really lay some groundwork to hopefully eliminate the need for what the police are responding to in the future."

Councilor Pérez noted that the City has a Community Relations Commission and the gang issue is a community relations situation. He said that perhaps the CRC can connect with a community group and maybe a grant could be secured to help address the issue.

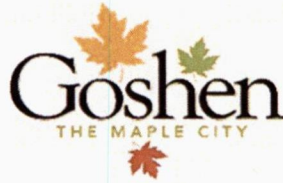
Councilor Nisley added that it has been suggested that perhaps police officers could be allowed to use police cars while off duty and even be reimbursed for the cost of the gasoline. Nisley said there would be value in having more police cars out in the community, to stop criminal activity, adding that officers are on duty at all times and that reimbursing them for the cost of gas would be justified.

Mayor Stutsman said several police officers live outside city and they raised this idea in response to the rising gas prices before it was instituted by **Chief Miller**.

Council President Weddell asked if the City of Goshen was in the process of buying some Ford Lightning electric pickup trucks. **Mayor Stutsman** responded that he isn't sure. The Mayor said the City placed a pre-order for some of the trucks, but it's unknown when or if they will arrive.

Asked by the **Council President** whether they would be used by Goshen Police, **the Mayor** said the first one would be for the Street Department, the second for the Environmental Resilience Department and the third for the City Building Inspector. Still, **Mayor Stutsman** said he didn't know if a purchase could be completed this year. **Council President Weddell** said the Ford Lightning is expected to be a very popular truck with a very high cost, and he wouldn't want to have the City purchase the trucks at a premium cost.

Mayor Stutsman agreed and pointed out that the City is dealing with a similar issue with three dump trucks it purchased in April and September 2021. The Mayor said the City was informed about a month ago by the supplier that there would be a per-truck surcharge because of price increases for the trucks. The trucks are now available, and the company is demanding \$6,900 more per truck. Mayor Stutsman said the company signed a contract and guaranteed the price, so City staff is trying to work through those issues with the company because it doesn't want to pay excessive costs for the dump trucks.



Council President Weddell said he asked **City Attorney Bodie Stegelmann** to provide guidance to Council members about attending neighborhood meetings and complying with the state's Open Door Law, especially when a voting majority of the Council is present. He has asked for written guidelines. **Councilor King** affirmed the idea and said perhaps the guidelines could also be made available to the public.

City Attorney Stegelmann said that if Councilors have specific questions, they should send him an email with those questions so that they can be answered. He said the state's public access counselor, Luke Britt, has prepared a handbook that answers many of the common questions about the law. He added that the handbook is a good resource for elected officials.

Mayor Stutsman said it's the responsibility of Councilors, and not the public, to understand and obey the law. He added that it's fine for a majority of Councilors to attend a community meeting as long as they don't discuss how the Council should address an issue and how they should vote.

Council President Weddell said that he had just used an internet-connected device to locate the handbook online and joked that it "was only 70 pages long." **Councilor King** and **City Attorney Stegelmann** said the public access counselor does respond to questions.

Council President Weddell noted that **Glenn Null** is a member of the Community Relations Commission. He asked if other CRC members were present tonight. **Councilor Eichorn** said that Ed Groff was also present.

Youth Adviser Adrian Mora commented on the possible purchase of Ford Lightning trucks. He pointed out that the City purchased a Tesla several years ago and that it has retained its value and could now be sold for more than its original purchase price.

Mora also said he would be attending a youth forum this Saturday and he would be making a 10-minute presentation about his experience as the Council's youth adviser and his internship with the Mayor's Office.

Councilor Pérez thanked **Mayor Stutsman** and **AJ Delgadillo** for their community work in relation to a recent burglary. He also commended the Goshen Police Department for how well officers handled the situation.

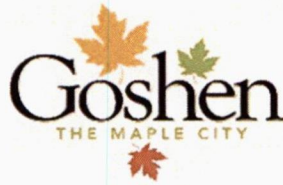
Youth Adviser Mora also commented on the City's Arbor Day celebration. He said it went well. Mora said he also won some trees in the raffle and planted them Sunday. **Councilor Schrock** agreed that the Arbor Day celebration was a great event with good involvement by children and even NIPSCO.

Councilor King said staff from the Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG) have held meetings with Goshen residents to seek input on new trolley routes. **Mayor Stutsman** said new routes were proposed at the end of 2019, but implementation was delayed. So changes to the routes will be proposed, the Mayor said.

Councilor King said that it appears the City needs more funding for the trolley. **Mayor Stutsman** clarified the amount of funding for the service.

Councilor Schrock said many people from his district attended a recent MACOG meeting. He said two MACOG representatives attended that meeting and plan to return in June to show the proposed new route maps.

Councilor Riegsecker commended **Chief Miller** and the Police Department for the way a recent pursuit for a motorcycle driver was handled. Riegsecker said he never felt anyone was endangered by the chase. He also said he didn't know the cause of the chase or its outcome, but the case was handled very well.



Mayor Stutsman said that new video cameras have been installed around the City for the Police Department and have already benefitted the department and the City. He also noted that some new stop signs also have been installed around town to reduce driving speeds.

Clerk-Treasurer Aguirre said that perhaps Chief Miller could discuss an upcoming event.

Chief Miller said the Goshen Police Department will be conducting a memorial service in front of the Police Department in observance of National Police Week. It will begin at 3 p.m. on May 15, and the public is invited.

Mayor Stutsman said the annual Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 30, 2022. He also said National Firefighters Day will be celebrated on May 4.

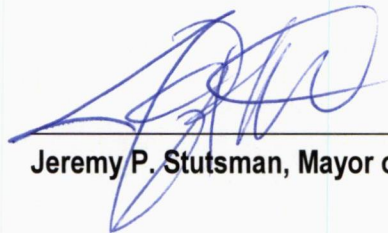
Councilor Eichorn added that this week is Teacher Appreciation Week.

There were no further comments by the Mayor or by Councilors.

Councilor Nisley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Councilor Schrock. On a voice vote, Councilors voted to adjourn the meeting by a 7-0 vote, with all members present voting "yes."

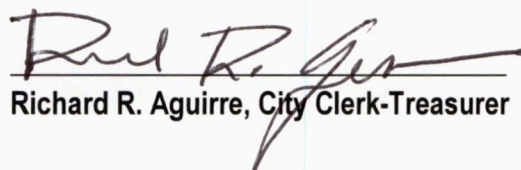
Mayor Stutsman adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

APPROVED:



Jeremy P. Stutsman, Mayor of Goshen

ATTEST:



Richard R. Aguirre, City Clerk-Treasurer