

**JOINT WORK SESSION AND MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AND
GOSHEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD (JANUARY 16, 2007)
613 E. PURL STREET, GOSHEN, INDIANA**

The Common Council of the City of Goshen, Indiana, met in the Administration Center of Goshen High School with the Goshen School Board for a joint work session and meeting on January 16, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. Presiding Officer was Council President Thomas with Mayor Kauffman and all members of the Goshen Community School Board present. Members of the Council were present as follows:

PRESENT: COUNCILMAN BLOSS, GRIMES, LANTZ, SCOTT, THOMAS
COUNCILWOMAN GAUTSCHE

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN PURO

ORDINANCE NUMBER 4409

Councilwoman Gautsche moved to hear Ordinance Number 4409 entitled "ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF GOSHEN, INDIANA OF ITS ADJUSTABLE RATE DEMAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS SERIES 2007 (LMA-HUF DEVELOPMENT, LLC PROJECT) FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF AN 87,500 SQUARE FOOT MANUFACTURING FACILITY IN GOSHEN, INDIANA TO BE LEASED TO NAPPANEE WINDOW, LLC FOR THE MANUFACTURE AND PROCESSING OF ALUMINUM EXTRUSION; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION DELIVERY AND PERFORMANCE OF A LOAN AGREEMENT, A TRUST INDENTURE AND RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO SAID BONDS; AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS IN RESPECT THERETO" on first reading. Motion seconded by Councilman Lantz and motion passed unanimously.

City Attorney Larry Barkes stated the Economic Development Committee approved the confirmation of the Ordinance at their meeting. Attorney Barkes further stated the Plan Commission found the Ordinance to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan of the City. Attorney Barkes also stated the issuance of the bonds does not cause any pledging of assets by the City as the borrower has sole indebtedness for the bonds.

Attorney Charlie Zurker of Kindig and Sloat, Nappanee stated the proceeds will be used to equip and construct an 87,500 square foot manufacturing facility to be leased to Nappanee Windows.

Councilman Bloss questioned when production was expected to begin in the facility.

Attorney Zurker responded that Nappanee Windows was hoping to begin production sometime in April.

Councilman Grimes questioned the interest rate benefit amount to the borrower by receiving the economic development bond issue.

Attorney Zurker responded the benefit is an interest rate about 3% lower to the borrower. Attorney Zurker expressed his appreciation to the Council for their consideration of the Ordinance at their meeting tonight.

Glenn Null, 319 Dewey Ave, stated he had just received a copy of the large packet of paperwork for the bond issue and questioned the Council Members as to if they had read the packet in it's entirety.

A few Council Members responded that they had not read the entire packet word for word but reviewed specific portions of the documents.

Mr. Null asked how citizens have a chance to react to the Ordinance if the Economic Development Commission just approved it tonight also. Mr. Null stated he is not against the issuance of the bonds or hearing the Ordinance on first reading tonight but requested the Council table the Ordinance to the next regular Council meeting for second reading.

Mayor Kauffman stated the Economic Development Commission only meets when they have this type of request therefore it is not abnormal for them to meet on the same evening as the Council. Mayor Kauffman also stated these types of bond issues are not usually controversial.

Councilman Scott stated the Council knew this was coming as it was discussed and voted on previously at a Council meeting.

Councilwoman Gautsche stated the City is not at risk with the bond issue as the borrower is just using the name of the City to receive a better interest rate.

Councilman Grimes agreed the City is not at risk or liable with the issuance.

Council President Thomas stated his son-in-law is a minority owner in Nappanee Windows and although the Legal Department assured him that his vote would not be a conflict of interest, he is choosing not to vote on the Ordinance to avoid any appearance of impropriety.

By a 5-0-1 (ABSTAIN THOMAS) vote of the Council, Ordinance Number 4409 passed on first reading.

Council President Thomas asked for unanimous Council consent to consider the Ordinance for passage during one meeting. As there were no objections, Council President Thomas declared that the Ordinance would be heard on second reading.

Councilman Scott moved to hear Ordinance Number 4409 on second reading. Motion seconded by Councilman Lantz and motion passed unanimously.

By a 5-0-1 (ABSTAIN THOMAS) vote of the Council, Ordinance Number 4409 passed on second reading.

(ORDINANCE NUMBER 4409 DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16TH DAY OF JANUARY 2007.)

STUDENT PRODUCED COMMERCIALS

ENL Teacher, Ms. Eberly, showed a video presentation of student produced commercials created by students in her ENL class.

COOPERATION TO BRIDGE GAP BETWEEN SIDES OF DIVERSITY ISSUE

Mayor Kauffman stated he placed this issue on the agenda to offer cooperation to the School Corporation regarding the division of the community.

Councilman Lantz stated the Community Relations Commission is working to bridge the gaps in the community with gatherings such as the conversation cafés that are held.

ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES AS IT RELATES TO SCHOOL WALKING ROUTES AND CITY-FUNDED SIDEWALKS

Councilman Grimes placed the issue on the agenda to question if the School Corporation would label sidewalks in the area of a school as walking zones if the school was constructed outside of the City limits.

Goshen Community School Superintendent Dr. Bruce Stahly stated there may not be many children walking where walking zones would need to be established but the school would hope to have sidewalks in the area of the school.

SCHOOL STREET CLOSING

Dr. Bruce Stahly stated he placed this issue on the agenda to as the School Corporation has purchased two properties to extend Chamberlain Elementary playground and will be requesting the closure of School Street to allow the extension.

ADDITIONAL NEED FOR SIDEWALKS IN SCHOOL ZONES

Mayor Kauffman stated he placed this issue on the agenda to discuss the newly constructed sidewalks in the school walking zones as the City completed a significant project with the sidewalks and further how the sidewalks could help decrease the use of bus transportation.

Dr. Bruce Stahly stated the School Corporation is pleased with the sidewalks and expressed their appreciation to City Administrative Engineer Mary Cripe for her hard work and dedication in the design and planning of the sidewalks.

FEASIBILITY TASK FORCE

Dr. Bruce Stahly stated the School Corporation is looking at how to institute a full day kindergarten program. Dr. Stahly also stated the statistics are showing a steady increase in kindergarten enrollment.

SAFETY ISSUES/TRAFFIC/POLICE/FIRE COOPERATION

Mayor Kauffman placed the issue on the agenda to discuss any needs for further cooperation from the City or the School.

JOINT CITY/SCHOOLS PROGRAMMING

DARE/GANG RESISTANCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING (GREAT)

Councilwoman Gautsche stated she placed the issue on the agenda to discuss if DARE is still the best way to educate about drug resistance and if other programs are available.

Mayor Kauffman stated the benefits of the DARE program cannot be quantified as we do not know what Goshen would be like if the School Corporation and Police Department did not have the program.

Mr. Clendening stated the School Corporation appreciates the partnership between the school and the City and the teachers have observed that the DARE program makes a difference thru student conversations and discussions.

Police Chief Gary Penland stated the GREAT program teaches like the DARE program where officers are sent to a school to learn the program. At this time the Police Department does not have an additional officer to send to the school. Chief Penland continued that funding may be made available to the Department in 2007 but it would not be guaranteed to be available in 2008. Chief Penland further stated statistics show that 65 of the 82 counties in Indiana have gang issues to contend with.

SRO K-9 PROGRAM

Mayor Kauffman stated he placed the item on the agenda to discuss if the School Corporation desired any changes in the program or using the officers in a different way.

Mr. Barry Younghans stated the School Corporation is very pleased with the program as it is a positive program and a great opportunity for the children. Mr. Younghans further stated the School Corporation would be interested in including a K-9 option to the program.

CROSSING GUARDS

Mr. Barry Younghans had positive comments about the crossing guard program and stated the School Corporation's appreciation for the lighted carts that the crossing guards use as they can be easily seen by oncoming traffic.

GANG ABATEMENT COOPERATION

Councilwoman Gautsche stated she placed the item on the agenda to discuss gangs, drugs and guns and how the City looks to the schools for assistance with decreasing

gang activity contributing to safety in the City. Councilwoman Gautsche stated these issues were discussed earlier in the DARE/GREAT discussion.

Glenn Null, 319 Dewey Ave, stated gang activity and drugs are illegal and if a child is taught safety with guns, then guns should not be an issue in a safe city.

COLLEGE AVENUE WIDENING

Council President Thomas stated he placed the item on the agenda for everyone to receive an update on the project.

Mayor Kauffman stated the costs of the project escalated significantly. Mayor Kauffman further stated Goshen College has requested the project begin after graduation this year and be completed before school would begin in the fall.

Director of Public Works Robert McCoige stated College Avenue is a major artery of the City and the widening has been designed to now extend to 15th Street.

INFORMATION NETWORKS – SCHOOLS, GOVERNMENT & BUSINESS

Councilwoman Gautsche stated she placed the issue on the agenda to state that the City is ready to move forward with capabilities and questioned if the school is willing to help with the funding.

Dr. Bruce Stahly stated the School Corporation is interested in joining a cooperation with the City, School and possibly the hospital.

Director of Public Works Robert McCoige stated the City is currently calculating pricing to get the capabilities to the Park Department and then to the Middle School with the intent being to work cooperatively and share labor costs to have the capabilities at all of the schools and some of the Cities buildings.

EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE

Mr. Kirkton gave a presentation showing charts comparing Goshen Community Schools with other area schools to give a better understanding than the statistics of the State's regarding how Goshen Schools perform.

Dr. Bruce Stahly stated the School Corporation is concerned about statistics of the 'drop-out' or 'undetermined' student as even if the student moves to a different state they are counted as a drop-out.

CELEBRATE AMERICA

Mr. Clendening stated several students are going to Washington D.C. on a scholarship and further wanted to acknowledge Councilman Lantz for his work on the committee.

NATATORIUM

Mr. Barry Younghans stated the School Corporation would like to continue discussing options available for a joint facility.

Utilities Engineer Dustin Sailor stated he has preliminary ideas and drawings using the old Western Rubber site for a facility.

Mr. Scott Garvin, Goshen High School's Head Swimming Coach, stated the high school's pool is 45 years old, practices and meets have been difficult due to repairs needed to the pool. Mr. Garvin further stated a joint venture toward the construction of a natatorium and aquatic center would bring community attractiveness to the City and eventually the facility would pay for itself.

Council President Thomas advised Mr. Garvin to bring a plan for the facility to break even to area service clubs to request assistance with the funding. School Board Member Catherine Cripe suggested Fairfield School Corporation be included to find out if they wanted to be included in the joint venture.

The meeting was adjourned by the presiding officer at 9:15 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Mayor, Allan Kauffman
Goshen, Indiana

ATTEST: _____
Tina M. Bontrager
City Clerk-Treasurer