

**JOINT WORK SESSION AND MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AND
GOSHEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD
MARCH 18, 2008
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 March 18, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. Presiding Officer was School Board President Robertson with Mayor Kauffman and all members of the Goshen Community School Board present. Members of the Council were present as follows:

PRESENT: COUNCILMAN RIEGSECKER, STUMP, STUTSMAN, THOMAS
COUNCILWOMAN GAUTSCHE, ROBINSON

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN LANTZ

CITY PROJECTS – CRESCENT STREET

GCS Superintendent, Dr. Bruce Stahly, expressed the school corporation's appreciation to the City for improving Crescent in front of Chamberlain School. Mayor Kauffman stated it was a joint project with LaCasa and the City used CDBG funds for the improvements.

REDEVELOPMENT

- **New industrial park – north of the City:** Utilities Administrative Engineer Dustin Sailor stated at this time the developer indicated the cost of the sewer services is too high.
- **South Peripheral Road – CR 40 – SR 15 to CR 27:** Director of Public Works Robert McCoige stated currently there is a bond issue in progress and a traffic study is being conducted with the findings of the study being presented to the Redevelopment Commission in 6 to 8 weeks.
- **River Race Area:** Redevelopment Director Mike Puro stated the area will have predominately housing with some commercial and almost all of the needed properties have been purchased. Further there is a bond issue in progress for funding to complete the projects.
- **Housing Development between Steury Avenue & Olive Street:** City Planner Joseph Hauflaire stated the developer is planning a new road with 32 to 36 housing units.
- **Professional Offices - North of Eisenhower on Dierdorff:** Mr. Hauflaire stated there is a rezoning in progress for a four lot subdivision of professional offices.

FIBER LINK PROJECT WITH CITY

Dr. Bruce Stahly stated there has been great cooperation between the school and the City on the project. Robert McCoige explained that New Paris Telephone has joined the effort and they are working on a proposal where New Paris Telephone will buy out the service while the City and school maintain use. Dr. Stahly and Mr. McCoige pointed out on a map the areas that have been reached with the fiber link.

SIDEWALKS – GRANT UPDATE

Executive director of secondary education Barry Younghans expressed the school corporation's appreciation for sidewalks and stated that the sidewalks help the school administration promote and encourage healthy initiatives for kids.

SIGNAGE ALONG HIGHWAYS FOR GOSHEN SCHOOLS

Executive director of secondary education Barry Younghans stated the school administration has researched placing signs to direct traffic to the schools from SR 15. City Administrative Engineer Mary Cripe informed the administration that because the high school is on a state route INDOT does not allow the directional signs. It was discussed that the school may decide to place the signs with the knowledge that the state could remove the signage at any time.

NEXT STEPS ON POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Dr. Bruce Stahly reviewed the upcoming planned school projects as:

- Addition at the high school moving the office and constructing a performing arts area;
- Small addition at the middle school of a lunch serving area;
- 5th and 6th grade intermediate school to be built at Plymouth Avenue and Greene Road – A hearing is scheduled for April 17 in front of the Property Tax Control Board and the school corporation will not award any bids before the administration knows the enrollment numbers for the next school year.

NATATORIUM

Mark Podgorski gave a presentation on the information gathered by a committee exploring what the construction of an aquatics center would mean for the local school systems, the City and the surrounding community. The presentation included the research for a facility that would include multiple pools and a fitness center at an estimated cost between 11 million and 13 million dollars with a potential location of the former Western Rubber site on 10th Street. The estimated cost of operating the center is \$883,000 annually with revenue of approximately \$1,000,000 annually. The committee requested a couple of the School Board Members and a couple of the Council Members to join their committee to further the research on a facility and ultimately bring the school, City and community together. School Board Members Jane Troup and Jon Jesse and Council Members Julia Gautsche and Jeremy Stutsman agreed to join the committee.

NEW SCHOOL AT PLYMOUTH & GREENE – INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES

Utilities Administrative Engineer Dustin Sailor stated he received a detailed storm water study conducted in west Goshen in 1986 from the Elkhart County Storm Water board meeting. Mr. Sailor will continue to review the study to see if anything can be learned from the previous study and before another study is conducted.

The meeting was adjourned by the presiding officer at 8:45 p.m.