DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 22, 2015 DELAWARE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE AGENDA POSTED ROLL CALL

Present: Councilman Alexander, Councilwoman Chambers, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Lasater, Councilman Nemyer, Councilman Quakenbush, President Matchett, Auditor Craycraft, Recording Secretary Smith

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 25, 2015 MINUTES

MOTION: Councilman Jones motioned to approve August 25, 2015 minutes.

SECOND: Councilman Alexander Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tax Abatements-Mr. Brad Bookout, Director of Economic Development of Delaware County, presented a Tax Abatement for Mid-West Metal. Tax Abatement Board gave a favorable recommendation.

Mr. Chad Smith, CFO Mid-West Metal, said the new turret machine would be placed on the industrial side of Mid-West Metal, increasing current capacity for customers and growth.

MOTION: Councilman Jones motioned to approve Mid-West Metal, Resolution 2015-031, Resolution Approving Deduction from Assessed Value of New Manufacturing Equipment in an already Declared Economic Revitalization.

SECOND: Councilman Nemyer Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Bookout invited Council members to visit his new office located at 1208 White River Blvd., Muncie, Indiana.

MOTION: Councilman Nemyer motioned to approve August 20, 2015, Special Meeting minutes. The Special Meeting was held for introduction of East Central Indiana Regional Development Authority, Ordinance 2015-017.

SECOND: Councilman Alexander Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Appointments-Councilman Jones recommended that Council reconsider some appointments. When someone is appointed to a Board, it is their obligation to attend meetings and provide feedback to Council.

Insurance-NONE

Personnel-Mr. Rick Spangler, Human Resource Director, presented before Council, two employees for a 90 day increase.

MOTION: Councilman Jones motioned to approve the request, as presented, by Mr. Spangler.

SECOND: Councilman Nemyer Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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RESOLUTIONS

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A RESOLUTION OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE ACTIONS OF THE MUNCIE COMMON COUNCIL RELATING TO LOCAL OPTION INCOME TAXES

RESOLUTION 2015-032

MOTION: Councilman Jones motioned to adopt Resolution 2015-032, A Resolution of the Delaware County Council in Support of Actions of the Muncie Common Council relating to Local Option Income Tax.

SECOND: Councilman Nemyer

Councilman Jones stated he is in support of the resolution. The additional revenue will be useful to Delaware County.

Councilman Quakenbush said he cannot vote for the resolution knowing how much monies is collected for Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) and not knowing what the Commissioners are going to do with the collected money. Quakenbush likes the first half of the resolution but not the EDIT part.

Councilman Alexander said he does not support the resolution. This tax affects those that are least able to pay it, those without a job or income.

President Matchett said he believes since the county will receive monies, it merits a response from County Council. Matchett said his personal property taxes have gone down.

Councilman Nemyer said State of Indiana gave the tool to be used and LOIT is the second step.

Councilman Jones said Council recently considered Cum Capital Development (CCD) but CCD only affected a portion of the county's population. Nothing moved forward.

NAYES; Councilman Alexander, Councilman Quakenbush

ABSTAIN; Councilwoman Lasater

YEAS; Councilwoman Chambers, Councilman Jones, Councilman Nemyer, President Matchett Councilman Quakenbush said abstain is the same as a "no" vote.

RESOLUTION 205 - 22 OPIGINAL

A RESOLUTION OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE ACTIONS OF THE MUNCIE COMMON COUNCIL RELATING TO LOCAL OPTION INCOME TAXES

WHEREAS, units of local government in Delaware County, Indiana, including among others the Delaware County civil unit and the City of Muncie, have experienced severe fiscal challenges because of reduced revenues following the imposition of Indiana's circuit breaker property tax caps and other economic factors that have drastically reduced revenues needed to provide basic services to their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Muncie Common Council, on September 14, 2015, passed resolutions in the forms attached hereto voting in favor of County Income Tax Council ordinances (the "Ordinances") to impose an additional County Option Income Tax rate for public safety and an increase of the rate of the County Economic Development Income Tax; and

WHEREAS, the City of Muncie holds a majority of votes on the County Income Tax Council and therefore any action by the Delaware County Council (the "County Council") either in favor of or in opposition to the Ordinances will not affect the adoption of the Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the County Council nevertheless desires to express its support of the Ordinances;

now therefore, be it resolved by the delaware county council as follows:

- 1. The County Council hereby finds that the actions proposed by the Muncle Common Council to impose an additional County Option Income Tax rate for public safety and an increase of the rate of the County Economic Development Income Tax are necessary measures to counteract the loss of local revenues following the imposition of Indiana's circuit breaker property tax caps and other economic factors that have drastically reduced revenues needed by local governmental units in Delewere County to provide basic services to their citizens.
 - 2. The Council Council hereby confirms its support of the Ordinances.
 - This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Adopted this 22 day of Spiten by 2015.

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Ms. Donna Patterson, Settlement Clerk read aloud requests.

MOTION: Councilman Nemyer motioned to approve Courts 138 for \$2300.

SECOND: Councilman Quakenbush Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Councilman Nemyer motioned to approve Emergency Medical Service for \$6000.

SECOND: Councilwoman Lasater

Mr. Jason Rogers, Emergency Management Director, said this is in response of utility shortfall.

Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Councilman Alexander motioned to approve Auditor for \$2327.50.

SECOND: Councilman Nemyer Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER

MOTION: Councilman Nemyer motioned to approve EMS Capital Improvements for \$6000.

SECOND: Councilwoman Chambers
Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Councilman Jones motioned to approve Jury Fee Fund for \$12,000.

SECOND: Councilman Alexander Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Councilman Nemyer motioned to approve Metropolitan Planning Organization 4913 for

\$20,000.

SECOND: Councilman Quakenbush Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Councilman Nemyer motioned to approve Tax Sale Administration 4923 for \$11,480.

SECOND: Councilman Alexander Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TRANFERS

OTHER

MOTION: Councilman Nemyer motioned to approve transfer of Highway (see below).

SECOND: Councilman Jones

Mr. Spangler explained that Ms. Shelly Landers left the Bookkeeping position and was paid out from time accumulated, a new hire then filled the Bookkeepers position. This is happening too often. Clarification is needed for proper procedure.

Councilman Quakenbush said the amount of request is unbelievable and it has already been paid before Council finds out about it is a problem. Based on the handbook, Quakenbush is not sure how this much can be accumulated. Quakenbush would like this investigated. Commissioners need to look at the union contract. Departments are hiring before the money part is worked out. An ordinance needs to be passed that would not allow this to happen. Council would need to approve the line item before anyone new would be hired.

Mr. Steve Craycraft, Auditor, said \$60,000 of new monies have already been appropriated in 2015, due to someone being hired the same day that the employee leaving gets paid out. Two employees are being paid at the same time. What is the emergency to fill the position? This is costing the county.

Ms. Sherry Riggin, Commissioner, said she thinks it odd that payroll has to be turned in before the week is complete. Human Resources do not review payroll and Commissioners do not sign off on payroll until the Tuesday or Wednesday before checks are paid on Wednesday. Some of this should be reviewed and stopped. Mr. Spangler should be reviewing payroll.

Mr. Spangler said employees need to be severed or terminated to get them off of health insurance.

Mr. Jason Rogers suggested giving authority to Human Resource Director to say start dates/end dates of the line items and this would solve a lot of the problems.

Council continued discussion and asked about eligibility of time accrued, payout, what is in the handbook, bringing information to Council before rehiring.

Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Councilman Nemyer motioned to approve transfer of Statewide 911 (see below).

SECOND: Councilman Alexander Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNTY GENERAL

MOTION: Councilman Alexander motioned to approve transfers of Communications Centers 124 (see

below).

SECOND: Councilman Nemyer Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Councilman Nemyer motioned to approve transfer for Coroner's Office (see below).

SECOND: Councilman Jones

Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Councilman Alexander motioned to approve transfer for Jail (see below).

SECOND: Councilman Nemyer Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Councilman Nemyer motioned to approve transfer for Public Defenders Office, (see below),

Department #139.

SECOND: Councilman Alexander

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MOTION: Councilman Nemyer motioned to approve transfer, as amended for Public Defenders Office

(see below), Department #139. SECOND: Councilman Alexander Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Councilman Jones motioned to approve transfer for County Council (see below).

SECOND: Councilman Nemyer Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Councilman Nemyer motioned to approve financial, transfers, and addendums with like

reductions and to amend salary ordinance.

SECOND: Councilman Alexander Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Jones said as he received an email in which the Commissioners approved the Interlocal elimination for entities insurance and extended it until June 2016. Jones wondered how much monies would be anticipated.

Mr. Spangler said the overall savings is 5-10%. This is a small amount but it is the elimination of risk. Delaware County will get a better rate by eliminating the risk. Delaware County is the insurance company up to \$200,000. Having more people on the policy is old thinking and changed with ACA. Instead of huge groups being the cheap way to go, it the underwriting of risk and eliminating as much risk as possible. Billing entities was considered, but Delaware County is the only party substantial enough to pay the claim. Spangler said the ability for entities to stay on until June 30, 2016 will make those employees subject to two deductibles in one calendar year. The City will have open enrollment for health insurance in November and December should they want to contact them direct over insurance. Apex has offered help to any Interlocal employee regarding their insurance. The cost of high deductible or PPO is the same for Delaware County; the savings is to the employee.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Councilman Jones motioned to adjourn until October 27, 2015.

SECOND: Councilwoman Chambers Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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