

Be it Remembered that the Common Council of the City of Plymouth, Indiana, met in special session on April 20, 2016. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers of the City Building, 124 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth, Indiana. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Senter led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Delp offered prayer.

Mayor Senter presided for Council Members Cook, Culp, Delp, Ecker, Fonseca, Grobe and Houin. City Attorney Surrisi and Clerk-Treasurer Xaver were also present.

The following legal notice was advertised in the Pilot Newspaper on April 9, 2016:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>116 Legals</b></p> <p>2705 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth, IN (574)936-2115 March 29, April 2, 9, 2016 PN1462 hspax/p</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of the City of Plymouth, Marshall County, Indiana that the proper legal officers of the Common Council at their regular meeting place of the Council Chambers of the City Building, 124</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>116 Legals</b></p> <p>North Michigan Street (Garro Street entrance), Plymouth, Indiana at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 20, 2016, will meet in special session to consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year.</p> <p><u>Fund Name:</u> Cumulative Capital Improvement</p> <p><u>Major Budget Classification:</u> Capital Outlays</p> <p><u>Amount:</u> \$ 164,000.00</p> <p><u>Fund Name:</u> Cumulative Capital Improvement</p>	<p><u>Major Budget Classification:</u> Capital Outlays</p> <p><u>Amount:</u> \$165,000.00</p> <p><u>Fund Name:</u> Cumulative Capital Improvement</p> <p><u>Major Budget Classification:</u> Other Services and Charges</p> <p><u>Amount:</u> \$ 25,000.00</p> <p>Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>116 Legals</b></p> <p>The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken. Handicapped citizens needing special accommodations for the meeting, please call the ADA Coordinator, 574-936-2948. Jeanine M. Xaver Clerk-Treasurer April 9, 2016 -P April 9, 2016 PN2503 hspax/p</p>
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Councilman Delp and Councilwoman Fonseca moved and seconded to open the public hearing for additional appropriations. The motion carried.

City Attorney Surrisi presented Resolution No. 2016-687, Additional Appropriations Resolution. This appropriation is requesting \$164,000.00 from the Cumulative Capital Improvement Fund and \$165,000.00 from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund be appropriated for the Tennis Court Project.

Councilman Houin asked if these monies are in addition to the \$750,000.00 that have already been appropriated and if the project would then be fully funded after this appropriation. Surrisi clarified that this is in addition to the \$750,000.00 already appropriated. The Plymouth School Corporation has committed \$500,000.00 to the project and the Tennis Committee has raised \$132,777.00. Surrisi also noted that in the future there will be additional public hearings to appropriate this money as well.

Park Board President Dave Morrow addressed the Council with a history behind the project. He noted that currently there is continual maintenance to the tennis courts due to cracking of the concrete. He informed the Council that the new plan includes the installation of reinforced concrete, which will cut down on the maintenance of the facility. He also noted that the Park Board's 5-year plan includes improvements to the shelter and restroom area located east of the tennis courts.

Councilman Grobe asked for clarification in the large change in the cost of the project between the original estimate and the current cost of the project, which is roughly \$600,000 more than originally thought. Surrisi noted that the design engineers attribute some of this cost to the market. Additionally, the

original design was to have the tennis courts moved to the north into the open field at Centennial Park due to the current court being in the floodplain. This plan had the courts being constructed with asphalt, not concrete, which is a less expensive material. After it was determined that the current court could be moved out of the floodplain, engineers encouraged the courts to be rebuilt using reinforced concrete rather than excavating a large amount of land to allow for asphalt. This additional ground work in addition to the continued maintenance of asphalt did not seem as cost effective as reinforced concrete with little to no maintenance.

Councilman Delp discussed some additional research he did on the reinforced concrete versus asphalt. A subcontractor informed him that reinforced concrete should not need any maintenance for 10 to 15 years and will have a 20-year warranty. Delp noted that he feels this additional cost upfront will be worth it long-term.

Councilman Cook asked about the potential grant with the United States Tennis Corporation. Sarah Smith stated that this grant is no longer a possibility due to the delay from the City of Plymouth. Ms. Smith expressed her support for the project and the need to upgrade these facilities that so many people outside of the community come to and want to enjoy.

Councilman Grobe asked if the plan included a storage building for equipment. Park Superintendent Hite stated that it does not and a storage building will need to be constructed. There was also discussion regarding an additional four courts being added adjacent to the current location. Delp noted that this cost is \$170,000.00 and at this time is a separate project.

Councilman Houin asked about ways to cut down on the cost such as the lighting and roadway/parking lot reconstruction. Hite stated that the current lighting design is the most cost effective solution. Surrisi noted that the roadway must be moved due to the floodplain, so at this point there is not any way to cut down on this cost as redesigning the roadway would incur additional engineering design cost.

Councilman Ecker asked for explanation regarding the Plymouth Community School Corporation's additional \$250,000.00 donation. Dave Morrow explained that he and School Superintendent Tyree met to discuss terms. Morrow asked for an additional \$250,000.00 that was needed to complete the project and in return the school's contracted payments to the City of Plymouth for services to facility maintenance on the baseball diamond and other facilities used by the school will be reduced by \$10,000.00 per year for 25 years. The payment due to the City of Plymouth will incrementally go up every 3 years over the 25-year period.

Councilwoman Fonseca asked how much access the public would have to courts outside of school practices and tournaments. Superintendent Hite stated that the public would have the same access as they do today.

Councilman Grobe asked about the timeframe for construction. Hite noted that pending approvals and the signing of contracts, the hope is to begin construction in early June 2016. Depending on the weather, construction could continue through Labor Day weekend, but that is unknown at this point. Surrisi explained that several timeframes were priced out and the one chosen had the contractors

working up until the Blueberry Festival, cleaning up and securing the area, then resuming construction after the festival is over.

Mayor Senter introduced Resolution No. 2016-688, Additional Appropriations Resolution, which is the request already voted on by the Council to give \$25,000.00 to the Marshall County Blueberry Festival out the General Fund. Senter noted that several Councilman have voiced their opinion on the matter and asked for anyone else to provide their input as they see fit.

Councilman Houin stated that he voted in favor of the contribution due to his concern over the relationship between the City of Plymouth and the Marshall County Blueberry Festival Committee. He feels it is imperative to have a working relationship the Blueberry Festival and treat that relationship as a symbiotic partnership moving forward.

Councilman Grobe noted that he was not in favor of the donation and maintains that decision because it was not appropriated in the 2016 budget and he feels other projects are more important than the fireworks display.

Councilman Cook reiterated that had he been present at the meeting he also would have voted no because he to feels other City projects need that money.

Councilman Delp stated that he was in favor of the donation and continues that stance. He feels this one-time donation is worth the fifty years that the Blueberry Festival has continued its operation in the City of Plymouth.

Councilman Culp noted that the Blueberry Festival has brought so much business to the City of Plymouth and its business owners that this one-time donation is warranted.

Mayor Senter stated that both resolutions within the public hearing have been discussed. He offered the privilege of the floor to the Council and public.

There being no additional comments, Councilmen Houin and Grobe moved and seconded to close the public hearing. The motion carried.

City Attorney Surrisi presented Resolution No. 2016-687, Additional Appropriations Resolution for the CCI and CCD Funds.

Councilman Cook and Culp moved and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2016-687, Additional Appropriations Resolution for the CCI and CCD Funds. It passed by roll call vote.

AYES: Cook, Culp, Delp, Fonseca, Houin  
NAY: Ecker, Grobe

City Attorney Surrisi presented Resolution No. 2016-688, Additional Appropriations Resolution for the General Fund.

Councilman Delp and Houin moved and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2016-688, Additional Appropriations Resolution for the General Fund. It passed by roll call vote.

AYES: Culp, Delp, Ecker, Fonseca, Houin  
NAY: Cook, Grobe

City Attorney Surrisi presented Resolution No. 2016-689, A Resolution in Support of Establishing a County Economic Development Income Tax or Local Option Highway User Tax to Benefit Community and Economic Development in Marshall County.

Councilman Delp and Culp moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 2016-689, A Resolution in Support of Establishing a County Economic Development Income Tax or Local Option Highway User Tax to Benefit Community and Economic Development in Marshall County.

President of the Marshall County Commissioners, Kevin Overmyer, addressed the Council. He stated that this is not binding, it is just support for establishing either LOHUT or CEDIT tax. The towns of LaPaz, Bourbon, and Culver have already passed this resolution showing their support. The proposed LOHUT tax would include a wheel tax of \$25/vehicle and the surtax would be up to \$40/trailer. The taxes would be enforced through the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the tax money shared between the County and all taxing entities within Marshall County.

Jerry Chavez of the Marshall County Economic Development Council addressed the Council. He explained that Marshall County and all the taxing communities would contract separately with the MCEDC. The purpose of this is to have oversight of the projects and what the money is being used towards so goals of the county can be met. Councilman Grobe voiced his support of the taxes, noting it will be vital to our community. Councilman Houin reiterated that this is not a binding resolution, simply a document showing support from the City of Plymouth's Common Council should the Marshall County Council ultimately decide to adopt this tax.

Councilman Delp amended his motion in favor of option 3, support for adopting both the CEDIT and LOHUT taxes. Councilman Culp seconded the amended motion. It passed by roll call vote.

AYES: Culp, Delp, Ecker, Fonseca, Grobe, Houin  
NAYS: Cook

City Attorney Surrisi asked the Council's permission for Rick Gaul to apply for a FHWA (80/20) grant to make improvements to Hoham Drive in Fiscal Year 2021. The request to MACOG is the construction of a center turn lane on Hoham Drive from North Michigan Street to approximately 400 feet west of Western Avenue. This includes intersection improvements at North Michigan Street and Western Avenue. The project will improve access to the existing industrial areas to the south along Western Avenue, access to the existing/developing commercial areas on Pilgrim Lane, and access to the developing western commercial areas along Hoham Drive. The required documentation has a deadline submission date of May 2, 2016. The total project cost is approximately \$3.3 million or lower, which equates to approximately \$600,000 in local match.

Councilman Ecker and Houin moved and seconded to allow City Engineer Rick Gaul to submit the request for the FHWA (80/20) grant application. The motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Ecker and Councilwoman Fonseca moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

S/Jeanine M. Xaver  
Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED

S/Mark Senter, Mayor