

ALLEN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 21, 2013
8:30 AM

The Allen County Council met on Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 8:30 am in the Discussion Room at Citizens Square. The purpose of the meeting was for additional appropriations, transfer of funds in excess of the current budget, grants and any other business to come before Council.

Attending: Robert A. Armstrong, Larry L. Brown, William E. Brown, Roy A. Buskirk, Tom A. Harris, Kevin M. Howell, and Darren E. Vogt.

Also Attending: Tera Klutz, Auditor; Nick Jordan, Chief Deputy Auditor; Jackie Scheuman, Finance and Budget Director and Becky Butler, Administrative Assistant.

The meeting was called to order by President Darren Vogt with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

Darren Vogt: Good morning everyone. We are going to run straight through our agenda and we will have the discussion of CCP in the Discussion and Other Business to Come before Council. First on the agenda is the approval of the September 19th and October 17th meeting minutes. Are there any additions or corrections?

Roy Buskirk: Move to approve the minutes for September 19 and October 17.

Bob Armstrong: Second.

Darren Vogt: All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed, same sign. The motion passes 7-0. Financial Report, Auditor Klutz.

Tera Klutz: Good morning, Council. The revenues for 2013, through October, are tracking right on target and that is good news. I think we are going to be able to meet all of our budget expenses that we have budgeted and appropriated this year. Just a note, the Treasurer's kiosk did come in but unfortunately they were not able to get it installed and running before the November 12th tax due date. It looks so nice and fancy that they are going to have to make sure to keep kids from hanging on it and playing with it. I am sure that she is excited to get that going.

Darren Vogt: It is not a video game to play while you are waiting.

Tera Klutz: It does look like an arcade game. It has a few screens and a few inserts.

Darren Vogt: Are there any questions for the Auditor? Not hearing any, we will need a motion for the financial report.

Tom Harris: So moved.

Bill Brown: Second.

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Darren Vogt: We have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed, same sign. The motion passes 7-0. Nick, can you highlight the unemployment, please?

Nick Jordan: Good morning, Council. On your agenda you still see July and August. With the government shutdown, they have not released any figures since then. September was supposed to be reported with October and we are almost through November and I haven't seen anything yet. I am not sure when updated figures will come out.

Darren Vogt: A couple of days of shutdown created a major backlog. With that, we will move to Economic Development.

Nikki Liter: Good morning, Council, Nikki Liter of Economic Development. Once a year, we go over the formerly known as Tax Abatement Analysis Update. This year, I changed to name to Tax Phase-In. Basically I just go over last year's granting of the tax phase-ins and just go over the numbers. What we are looking at here is that as of 1982 through December of 2012, Allen County and the various smaller cities and towns have granted 290 tax phase-ins. We have looked at companies that have invested over \$2.55 billion in investment dollars. We are also looking at that the tax phase-ins are one of the most important forms of assistance to local businesses and businesses coming into the County. If you go through your report you can also see that tax phase-ins only account for 1.47% of all other total deductions in the County. In 2012, we only had eight companies file for tax deductions. Estimated investments in real improvements were just under \$7 million and equipment improvements are just under \$15 million. Of those eight that were approved last year, we had two in Hometown, one in New Haven, one in Monroeville and four others that were seen before you. Of those eight companies, they looked at retaining 506 jobs and creating 183 additional jobs. We also looked at and asked on the application for any voluntary contribution back for their savings. Companies can elect to contribute back from five to ten percent. That fund was established in 1992 and is voluntary. We had sixteen companies last year who received the deduction that had committed to contributing back and twelve of those companies sent their contribution in. We gained another \$57,935 into the Tax Abatement Development Fund and yes it is called Tax Abatement. The balance in that fund did go down. We were looking at a higher balance last year and November 1st it was \$76,030. That is because of the ongoing work for the Redevelopment Commission's Land Banking Program and with some work on the Bandalier Drain, we contributed \$420,500. In 2012, of the eight companies, we had two more elect to contribute their savings and so we will see that next year. If you have any questions for me, I will try to answer those.

Darren Vogt: Council, are there any questions?

Roy Buskirk: Do you know offhand what two companies agreed to contribute?

Nikki Liter: I don't have my list with me but I think one of them might have been in New Haven. I think the other one might have been Parkview.

Darren Vogt: Councilman Harris.

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Tom Harris: There were sixteen in 2011 and it dropped to twelve in 2012. Is there a projection for next year?

Nikki Liter: Before the companies could elect to contribute back up to 20%, we changed that a couple of years ago so that they could elect five to ten percent and that is part of the reason that has gone down. We have seen it falling in the last few years. They do get points on the worksheet however the points aren't worth very much so I don't think it really sways a company to do that. Of the few that decide not to contribute back, it has been the same couple of companies since they received their approval years ago. What was the second part of your question?

Tom Harris: Just do you have any projections for next year?

Nikki Liter: So far in 2013, we have done fourteen applications. Of those fourteen, we have had six more volunteer the contributions.

Roy Buskirk: I think he was more interested in...

Tom Harris: Both pieces, Roy. I think it is interesting to see if we are growing economically but also the participation in this as well.

Darren Vogt: Council, are there any other questions? You don't need a motion to accept this, do you?

Nikki Liter: No.

Darren Vogt: This is just for our information.

Nikki Liter: Yes.

Darren Vogt: Okay, great. Appreciate it, thanks for coming. With that, we will move to the Sheriff's Department on their pension and supplement and benefit trust. As you recall, I personally asked that we hang onto this for one more month. I am through with my issues on it and feel that everything is fine with it. Sheriff, go ahead.

Ken Fries: This is just the restatement of our pension that the IRS requires every five years. It is due at the end of this month. If we could get that signed today, I will take it with me and put it in the mail to McCready & Keane so they can get it to the IRS and we don't fall into a taxable area.

Tera Klutz: Becky will get it to you as soon as we can get copies made.

Ken Fries: Can we get it today?

Tera Klutz: Yes, today.

Darren Vogt: It has to be in by the 31st, right?

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Ken Fries: Yes but with the holidays, we want to make sure they get it because it goes to McCready & Keane first.

Tom Harris: Sheriff, you mentioned last month that there were no changes.

Ken Fries: Right.

Darren Vogt: Council, are there any questions? Not hearing any, we need a motion.

Tom Harris: I will make a motion to accept the Allen County Police Department Pension and Supplemental Benefits Trusts IRS Restatement.

Bob Armstrong: Second.

Darren Vogt: We have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed, same sign. The motion passes 7-0. With that, we will move onto the Assessor's Office. Good morning.

Stacey O'Day: Good morning, Council. I am Stacey O'Day, Allen County Assessor. I am here to ask to transfer some funds from the Sales Disclosure Fund and Reassessment Fund. The Reassessment Fund is from some employees that have left and gone on to other employment. We would like to move them over for appeal purposes for consulting and appraisal fees.

Darren Vogt: Council, are there any questions? I will start with a question. How are the appeals going? What do you see trending going forward?

Stacey O'Day: We are going very well. I think this year is actually down half of what we were last year. I think that is the trend throughout the State of Indiana. The trending process is actually working and the system seems to be putting itself together and working well.

Darren Vogt: From a line item standpoint and budget standpoint, do you see the consulting services going down at some point in time?

Stacey O'Day: The dynamics have changed a little bit. As you know, we have reduced our staff over the last four years by nine people. We are doing much more with less. The items that are higher ticket items are the appeal issues because of the sense that we are now in market value. If we are approached with an appraisal from a taxpayer, we would normally have to meet with an appraisal and those are costly. The balance is a little bit different in the world today.

Darren Vogt: Okay, Councilman Armstrong.

Bob Armstrong: On the consulting, is there anyone in the office that can do that work or do we have to go outside for a consult?

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Stacey O'Day: It depends on the appeal that we are dealing with. I think the cost comes in when the attorneys get involved and then we actually have to have an attorney on our side as well.

Darren Vogt: Councilman Buskirk.

Roy Buskirk: The consultants, are they on staff almost year-round doing work for you or is it just on particular cases?

Stacey O'Day: No. They are only on particular cases, when we need expertise. If we have a special use building and we don't have the expertise for and there is an appraisal before us, we have to match the expertise that is in front of us. We would hire a consultant that could give us those answers.

Roy Buskirk: We recently had settlements with Glenbrook and GM, are there other properties that we are working on now and have the disputes with?

Stacey O'Day: For appraisals, exactly, or what?

Roy Buskirk: For the assessed value.

Stacey O'Day: Yes, we have several appeals that we are still working on this year.

Roy Buskirk: Okay, thank you.

Darren Vogt: Council, are there any further questions? I do have one question when we are done with this, about PTABOA.

Stacey O'Day: We have one other line item too.

Tom Harris: I have one other question and that would be that you mentioned that the trend is down for the appeals. Can you explain that a little bit? Does that mean that we have gone through the change in the assessment process?

Stacey O'Day: Yes, I believe so. The change in the system is working and the assessors are reaching a better level of market value with the tools that are available to us.

Tom Harris: Okay, thank you.

Darren Vogt: Do you want to go ahead and take the next one?

Stacey O'Day: Yes. The other line item is from our Sales Disclosure Fund. We have one employee that is funded out of there and this is simply to cover the two percent raise.

Darren Vogt: Are there any questions on that, Council? That is from Fund 296 and we will need to clarify that in the motion.

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Tom Harris: I will make a motion for the transfer within the Reassessment Fund 261 from Sale & Market Analyst, \$32,000, and Senior Sales Disclosure Analyst, \$36,000 to Consulting Services for a total of \$68,000. Do you want me to make the other motion as well? Transfer within Sales Disclosure Fund 296 with \$605 from Travel to Residential Appraisal Deputy.

Roy Buskirk: Second.

Darren Vogt: We have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed, same sign. The motion passes 7-0. On the PTABOA Board, can you explain to us what is happening to that and the appointments that are on that? It will be part of our discussion later and I want us to be clear on that.

Stacey O'Day: The PTABOA Board is appointed by the Council and the Commissioners each year. We do have a very good PTABOA Board right now with two MAI Appraisers and a Recorder on there. We are looking for a Level Three Assessor as part of the qualifications. We are rounding up some good candidates, as we speak.

Darren Vogt: So it is one that has to be a Level Three?

Stacey O'Day: It has to be a Level Two but we are looking for a Level Three.

Tera Klutz: When do you have to make that appointment?

Darren Vogt: That appointment has to be done by the end of the year.

Stacey O'Day: We are looking and it is very hard to find a Level Three Certified Assessor and Appraiser. The only reason that they have them is if they are working for a tax rep or an assessor. It is very hard to find good and qualified people.

Darren Vogt: If we can't find one, what will we do? Will we use a Level Two? We will need to know that and so if you could work with me on that, I would appreciate it.

Stacey O'Day: Okay.

Roy Buskirk: The current appointees that we have on the Board are Level Two?

Stacey O'Day: Yes.

Darren Vogt: Thanks, Stacey. We are on to the Cooperative Extension.

Vickie Hadley: Vickie Hadley, Health and Human Science Educator and County Extension Director, Purdue Extension in Allen County. I am here to do a transfer which is typical at this time of year. I need to move funds from our Gas line and Office and Computer Equipment into Bookkeeper, FICA and PERF because of the retirement that we had and the unexpected vacation that we had to pay out. Also, our Office Supplies is currently in a deficit. It is an equal move of \$943.

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Darren Vogt: Council, are there any questions?

Roy Buskirk: I will make a motion for the transfer from Gas and Office and Computer Equipment to Bookkeeper/Secretary, FICA, PERF and Office Supplies in the amount of \$943.

Tom Harris: Second.

Darren Vogt: All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed, same sign. The motion passes 7-0.

Vickie Hadley: I gave to you the 4H Program from their annual meeting. I brought it so that you could see the recognition that they provided for their volunteers and 4H members and all of the projects that they do throughout the year. I also include a Make a Difference sheet highlighting just three of our programs throughout the year. One is our Master Gardner Youth Program. We have surveyed those that have been involved over the last 15 years to see if it made a difference in their lives. The Ag industry has worked hard to have the certification to apply their chemicals safely and we surveyed them to see if it was beneficial to get the additional continuing education. We also highlighted our after-school programs that we do with youth. When we did our budget appeal, you indicated that our appeal was not granted and that you felt we could do a fundraiser to make up the deficit. You have the information on our poinsettia sales fundraiser. Thank you very much.

Darren Vogt: Thank you. That moves us onto the Department of Planning Services with a transfer within the General Fund.

Kim Bowman: Good morning, Council. Kim Bowman, Department of Planning Services. The request before you today is to transfer funds to cover a payroll discrepancy that I think we discussed with our 2014 budget. The Auditor's Office identified this to clean up the 2013 discrepancy. With that, I can answer any questions.

Tom Harris: I will make a motion to transfer from Contractual and Travel, \$4,467 to Secretary, FICA and PERF.

Larry Brown: Second.

Darren Vogt: We have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed, same sign. The motion passes 7-0. Next is the request by the Commissioners. They are looking for two salary ordinances.

Chris Cloud: Good morning, Chris Cloud, Executive Assistant for the Board of Commissioners. What we are doing today is changing the allocation split that we do with the Highway Department. There is no net increase in these salary ordinances. We have two positions in our office that are split between accounts. Part of this is a holdover from the old, old days when Highway used to actually be located in the Commissioners' Office. Out front receptionist, now Administrative Assistant position, would actually act as their receptionist and have the salary split. That doesn't really make a lot of sense anymore. We want to fund our Administrative

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Assistant position 100% out of the Commissioners' budget because they don't really have much interaction with Highway other than an occasional stray call. Our Legislative Liaison does a lot of work on behalf of Highway and Constituents. The bulk of our constituent complaints tend to be roads. As you can imagine, with 1,400 miles of roads, we have a lot of road issues to deal with. We want to change the allocation so that more of her salary comes out of Highway and none of the AA salary comes out of Highway. There is zero net difference. We are just changing the split.

Darren Vogt: Does everyone understand that? Council, are there any questions?

Tera Klutz: I just want to make one note that on the one that you are splitting among three funds; you have flexibility with that but some must be paid from each fund.

Chris Cloud: Absolutely. Where this really came up is from Highway and Commissioner, if there is a step increase, we are both doing part of the step increase. We are cleaning up and making life easier for everyone.

Tera Klutz: I agree. I love the flexibility. It does require you to at least pay a dollar.

Tom Harris: There is no change in the dollars overall?

Chris Cloud: No.

Darren Vogt: Do you happen to have something in front of you?

Tom Harris: I do. With that, I will make a motion for consideration of a salary ordinance amending the pay of the Administrative Assistant, OSS 4/4, at \$34,605. The second one is consideration of a salary ordinance amending the pay of the Legislative Liaison, EXEC, at \$54,713.

Darren Vogt: Do we need to read the split of the funds?

Tera Klutz: It is up here.

Tom Harris: For the Administrative Assistant, the line item is 100-4001-411. For the Legislative Liaison, it is 100/250/776-4001-411.

Bob Armstrong: Second.

Darren Vogt: Councilman Buskirk, I think you had a question.

Roy Buskirk: What is the split then? I thought you had it on that sheet there, Tom.

Tom Harris: I do not have that.

Darren Vogt: That is okay.

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Chris Cloud: I want to say that in general it is about 40% Highway, 50% County General and 10% from Allen County Onsite Waste.

Darren Vogt: We have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed, same sign. The motion passes 7-0. With that, we are onto Youth Services. We have an appropriation in the Per Diem Fund 737.

Chris Dunn: Good morning, Chris Dunn, Youth Services. We are requesting permission to use \$12,790 out of the 737 account to repair the roof on our gym. It is a separate building from our main office. All of the work here has gone through Dan Freck and the Maintenance Department. He collected all of the quotes. Are there any questions?

Tom Harris: Chris, in terms of the timeline for working on that are we still in the season or is it going to happen?

Chris Dunn: The work has actually already been done. We were in a time rush. We had already approved the repair to the school next door and while they were up there they noticed that this needed to be done.

Tom Harris: That makes sense. In this case you are simply moving the funds to pay for this.

Chris Dunn: Correct.

Tom Harris: With that, I will make a motion for the appropriation in Youth Services Per Diem Fund 737 for Building Upkeep in the amount of \$12,790.

Bob Armstrong: Second.

Darren Vogt: Is there any further discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed, same sign. The motion passes 7-0. Circuit Court in Adult Probation Fund 230.

Eric Zimmerman: Eric Zimmerman, Director of Court Services for Allen Circuit Court and also Chief Adult Probation Officer. I am here to request an appropriation out of our Probation User Fee Funds, Group Health Insurance for \$14,000. I was instructed by the Auditor's Office that we were short in that account and so I am here to request the \$14,000 to make up for that. This is for insurance for employees that are paid out of the User Fees. The second part of that request is for \$12,000 for drug testing. In Adult Probation, we do a lot of drug testing and this will pretty much cover us for the fourth quarter of the year. As you may recall, generally, over the last couple of years we have tried to estimate how much our urine drug testing would be based on our previous years and it just hasn't worked out. We have needed more money at the end of every year just to do that. Part of what is driving this is our Hope Program. It is a joint program between Allen Superior and Allen Circuit Courts for offenders that are in Judge Davis' caseload and Judge Felts' caseload and we do a lot of instant drug screens. Those numbers have grown significantly over the last twelve to fourteen months. With that, I will entertain any questions.

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Tom Harris: I would like to thank you for the expenses that you are incurring and are being picked up from this program. That is a good direction for the County.

Roy Buskirk: I have a question. On the \$12,000 for drug testing, about how much does a drug test run?

Eric Zimmerman: Normally it depends if it is positive or negative. On average, it runs from \$18 to \$22. About 80% of the drug tests are negative and 20% are positive. If we have a negative drug test it is only \$13. If we have a positive, it is \$26.50. We pass those costs onto the offenders and do the best we can to collect those fees.

Roy Buskirk: So that is actually where most of these funds for \$12,000 come from, the offenders.

Eric Zimmerman: Yes.

Darren Vogt: I have one other question, as I am looking at this. Maybe I am looking at this wrong but it says the current fund balance is negative \$6,259 and we are appropriating \$26,000. I am confused.

Jackie Scheuman: They collect their own fees and send it over to us once a month. It is just a matter of timing.

Darren Vogt: Just making sure we are on the same page.

Tera Klutz: As of the end of October, they had a \$21,000 cash balance.

Darren Vogt: Okay.

Tera Klutz: They also have an amount left for appropriation of \$92,000. Their revenue is tracking slightly under but there will be enough to cover it. It is just a timing difference.

Eric Zimmerman: And for the Council's general knowledge, we moved the Probation Department from West Berry Street to the eighth floor of the Edwin Rousseau Centre and in that timing, we haven't balanced for the month of October.

Darren Vogt: Are there any other questions? Councilman Howell.

Kevin Howell: On the drug testing, do you use a local company for that?

Eric Zimmerman: We use a company out of California called Redwood. They primarily have the State contract for the Department of Corrections and we have kind of pigtailed onto that so that we get the best per-unit pricing.

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Tom Harris: With the fact that it is paying for itself, I will make a motion for the appropriation in Adult Probation Fund 230 for \$14,000 in Group Insurance-Health and \$12,000 in Drug Testing.

Larry Brown: Second.

Darren Vogt: We have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed, same sign. The motion passes 7-0. Parks and Rec has a transfer from Gas and Propane to Equipment Purchase.

Jeff Baxter: Jeff Baxter, Allen County Parks and Recreation Superintendent. If I might, I have two externs that have been working with my department for the entire month, Eli and Juliette. They are taking Business Management at Brown Mackie and have been learning the bizarre side of business management.

Darren Vogt: Real world, is that what you are saying?

Jeff Baxter: Yes. They came today to see how County Council works. We are asking for a transfer from our Gas and Propane line in our non-reverting operating fund into the Equipment Purchase line. We are going to purchase a small tractor with a mowing deck and a brush for the front of it. It is all part of the Deer Run property that we are taking over this year. Superior Court ran that program for many years and they had a lot of equipment. Some of the equipment was to stay with them and it is much better use to us if we could keep that equipment. They needed a small tractor to maintain things at their building. We said why should you go through all of the process of trading in equipment and trying to get a tractor and us going to buy used equipment to do the same thing. My Board approved it last week at their meeting, to go ahead and purchase the equipment for them and then do a trade between departments.

Darren Vogt: You are keeping what you have out there and this is actually going to go to...

Jeff Baxter: It is the simplest way to do it.

Tera Klutz: Jeff had mentioned that he could get a great deal on a small tractor and they are going to do a like-kind exchange.

Roy Buskirk: So this one will end up at the Juvenile Center?

Jeff Baxter: Yes. It will be much better suited to their needs. It works out to almost an even wash.

Tera Klutz: That is why we allowed them to do that because the Park Fund can only be spent on Parks.

Bill Brown: Having said all of that, I will make a motion to approve the transfer from Gas and Propane to Equipment Purchase for \$12,000.

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Bob Armstrong: Second.

Darren Vogt: We have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed, same sign. The motion passes 7-0.

Bill Brown: One quick question, are you planning on an open house or something someday at Deer Run?

Jeff Baxter: At some point, but we are still working out the details on how we are going to operate it and maintain it. We took it so that it would be a revenue neutral process. Anything that we expend out there, hopefully we are going to take in enough money to cover that. To do that with the staffing that I have, we are working out a contractual agreement with a firm to operate and maintain the facility. Those are all discussions that are going on right now. We had hoped to be a little bit further along than what we are right now.

Bill Brown: Maybe sometime next year?

Jeff Baxter: Probably in the spring, maybe. The facility is going to be operated as a different type of facility than what we had. It won't be one of those that are open every day.

Darren Vogt: Can you explain a little bit about what it is?

Jeff Baxter: Superior Court ran a very good program and put a lot of work into the property. It is a challenge course with a ropes course and a zip-line. There are areas where you can camp in small cabins. It has a shower facility. It is an excellent facility for doing team building types of things. It is great for companies, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, schools and colleges. Right now, there is not another facility exactly like that one anywhere close and so people have to travel if they want to do that. We have someone on staff that is leaving our employment at the end of the year and will be working for this company. We are hoping that we can build a program. At first, it will be slow because we don't want to bite off more than we can handle or expend too much money. We are in the process of getting the place cleaned up. Superior Court had not used it as much as they would have liked to and there are some areas that fell into disrepair. We have pretty much gotten those cleaned up right now. We have a laundry list of things to do.

Darren Vogt: Great.

Roy Buskirk: It will primarily not be what you think as a park and open daily for the general public.

Jeff Baxter: Right. It will be more for programs.

Roy Buskirk: More or less, a lease type of arrangement to companies to use it.

Jeff Baxter: Right, they would sign up for a program.

Tom Harris: This dates back to the Ken Watson days, is that right?

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Jeff Baxter: Yes, the property has been with the Commissioners for at least fifteen years. The covenants of the deed say that it should be used for the youth of Allen County. The Commissioners have had discussions with the Lincoln and the Community Foundation who were involved in the beginning. We can use the property and not only serve the youth of Allen County but hopefully their families too. Maybe we can keep some of those kids from ending up in the Juvenile Center.

Tom Harris: I had the opportunity to see that facility a number of years back and it is a beautiful facility.

Jeff Baxter: It can be an excellent program. It may seem that we are moving slowly but we want to make sure that we are doing it right.

Bill Brown: One more quick point on that. I was fortunate enough to work on the project in the beginning with Ken as my electrical business donated quite a bit of effort there. What this illustrates, with what Jeff is doing here, is another example of adaptive reuse of a piece of real estate that was built out and developed with foundation money to the tune of over \$1 million. Here we have a facility for all of the reasons that Jeff just mentioned and can add a lot of value to the community in many ways. The effort of the Commissioners, Parks and Courts to get this into a new use is excellent and I commend you for that.

Jeff Baxter: Thank you.

Darren Vogt: Thanks, Jeff. With that, we are onto Community Corrections. We have a transfer from Equipment Machinery to Contractual.

Nick Jordan: Council, I told Jeff Stevens that I would bring this before you. Last month you approved a Rainy Day Fund loan for their computer upgrade and it was appropriated in the 200 Series and 400 Series. We need \$1,200 in the 300 Series for some installation costs. We are transferring from the 400 Series, Capital, to the 300 Series.

Darren Vogt: Great. Council, are there any questions on that?

Tom Harris: With that, I will make a motion to transfer within the Rainy Day Fund 736 in Equipment and Machinery to Contractual in the amount of \$1,200.

Bob Armstrong: Second.

Darren Vogt: All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed, same sign. The motion passes 7-0. Thank you, Nick, for handling that. Next is the Board of Health with a salary ordinance and an appropriation.

Mary Rian: Good morning, Mary Rian, Allen County Compensation Specialist.

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Mindy Waldron: Mindy Waldron, Administrator of the Fort Wayne Allen County Department of Health.

Mary Rian: We are hoping to reclassify what is currently the Healthy Home Director, PAT 6 and we want to change the title to Assistant Director of Vector Control and Environmental Services. That will be a PAT 5 and the position is currently open.

Mindy Waldron: I can explain why, if you would like.

Darren Vogt: Go ahead.

Mindy Waldron: We had a person leave for a private position and it gave Dr. McMahon and me the opportunity to look at our service provision in the area of Healthy Homes. Healthy Homes encompasses our Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program about lead paint and radon and fall risks and a lot of other things that go into a healthy home program. Some of that was grant-funded but is no longer. What we decided to do was merge a bit. There are two parts of that program that is more medically based which is case management and that is required by State law for children that are lead poisoned. We decided to combine that staff with our other case management staff at the Medical Annex. With the growth in Vector Control, which is the Rodent Program, Mosquito Program and all of the environmental nuisances with housing, they do a lot of the Healthy Homes Programs anyway. We had a bit of duplication and crossover and it was probably the time to separate the environmental side from the medical side. We physically moved those medical case management staff to the other building and put them under a different supervisor. We felt it was the time to take this position and downgrade it a bit to make it an Assistant Director to a division that is growing. They will also be doing the new hotel and motel inspections that starts January 1. That is the reasoning for it. We are not increasing anything and in fact are taking a position down one step. It would assist in a division where we need it instead of just filling the position that we had.

Darren Vogt: Great. Council, are there any further questions on that? Councilman Howell.

Kevin Howell: In the lead poisoning, it is for adults but also for kids, right?

Mindy Waldron: It is mainly for kids. The State law addresses kids at only a certain amount of micrograms in their blood. Adults generally don't have as many issues. It is more of a developmental issue and adults are not governed by the statute. We can do case management but we generally do it for the kids.

Kevin Howell: Has it gone up or down?

Mindy Waldron: It has remained relatively steady. It is definitely not going down. With the housing stock that we have, it's pre-1978 which is primarily painted in lead-based paint. That being an urban issue, most of the time that is where we see most of our problems and how we find it is through communication with our providers, hospitals and so forth. We provide the testing and many of our providers are reporting it because the law was changed several years ago to require it. It is one of the most preventable yet most detrimental developmental issues for kids.

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It just goes unrecognized. It is definitely not going down but it is all about finding it and getting those cases to us. At any given time we have about 100 kids in our caseload. It is pretty intensive because we need to get them into all of these other programs for development. Many times they are speech delayed or socially delayed or educationally delayed. It is getting them into the appropriate treatment and many times there isn't any funding for that. It takes a lot of case management to get the families to help with it.

Kevin Howell: So the people have already moved into the house and they don't know that it is lead-based. Is there no prior knowledge of that?

Mindy Waldron: I will say that most of them are rental situations that we deal with and remediation is quite expensive. Although the law requires the remediation to occur, there is no money behind that. It is very difficult to have these people that are in low income housing units to repair or work with the owners to repair. We have forged a relationship with some of the entities that work with these types of residential settings and we are working toward requirements to have the remediation done. For someone that owns multi-tenant homes, they know the lead is there. They have had people move in and out because we have required that for the kids. We need to work towards the remediation or it is just going to continue to be a circular program. The problem is that this is a statute that was created with no money behind it to remediate something that is very expensive. We have so many of them that it is going to take a long time to do it. It requires taking out almost all of the windows and doing a lot of covering or taking away the paint that is there. It is an ongoing problem that we will be dealing with for quite a long time.

Kevin Howell: You said that you have the upcoming inspections of hotels and motels throughout Allen County?

Mindy Waldron: Yes, Allen County will be one of the first in the State to do it because there aren't requirements to inspect hotels and motels per se. There used to be statutes and a State program but because of funding reasons and consistency, they left those to the local Health Departments to pick up. That was in the early 1990's, if I recall correctly. They wanted the residential inspections to be done similarly in Counties versus having a State program in one residential type and local rules in the other. Many Counties just did it on complaint basis which is what we did as well. Long story short, this has been years in the making. We looked at this four or five years ago with the Visit Fort Wayne folks and the Building Department and the Fire Department and Neighborhood Code. We really weren't having many complaints then and they weren't very significant. In the last three to four years, the complaints have increased enormously and have become very much more significant.

Tom Harris: Can I just interrupt here? What kinds of complaints?

Mindy Waldron: I can tell you but I wish I had my document because it is more explanatory. Most of the issues that we are seeing are spread between seven and eight categories. That would be insects or bed bugs, cockroaches and those types of things. Contributing to that is a lot of the trash issues which we are starting to see rodent issues outside. Many of these are long-term residential facilities that weren't meant to be but have become that. What that leads to is just

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poor upkeep. We are also seeing a lot of issues in the rooms with the mattresses, linens, walls, floors and ceilings, plumbing and not providing clean towels. A lot of the things that you would expect when you travel are the issues and we have had a back step here. This is not across the board. This would be in a very small percentage of the facilities we have here. We have about sixty in Allen County. Some of them are so problematic and with no standards there. What we went for and received passage of is very general standards. Those are the things that you would expect. We wanted a minimum standard, at least. Most here have more than that but we have a percentage that doesn't. These standards will help with ensuring that we just have all the things that I discussed and that they are in place. It is more of a fine-based ordinance. We are not enormously charging permit fees and we didn't ask for any more money to run the program. We are hoping that it will be one of those things where we will have fewer complaints over time because everyone will have to achieve the minimum guidelines that start January 1st.

Kevin Howell: Will you require more personnel for this?

Mindy Waldron: No. As I said, we asked for nothing more. We already do the complaint-based inspections on these facilities and we always have. Because they have become so enormous, we have decided to go for a more inspection regulatory stance on it. This was brought to us. We are having the problems but it wasn't our idea to regulate it. We would have loved to have done that a long time ago but Visit Fort Wayne came to us about the folks that were complaining to them. It is really precluding these folks from coming in for future sporting events and conferences because of the experiences that they have had. Again, this is not across the board. We have a lot of good facilities. Many times, due to overbooking, when they have to go somewhere else and they have experienced some problems, we get those complaints. It is hard to remedy when there is no requirement. We are going to use the current staff that handles the complaints. They have developed some best practices from across the United States. We surveyed a lot of folks that do it and not many in Indiana do it and we built our ordinance around that. We had heard that it would be best to have high permit fees based on the number of rooms but many of those are already in good shape. You don't want to penalize that. If you have problems you are going to be penalized and need to get it corrected. We are also grading and scoring which is new. Grades will be posted on their windows. That will be a visual thing. With hotels and motels, you are generally coming from out of town. You want to make an informed decision. We are working toward what they do in Los Angeles and North Carolina and some of these other progressive States where they post and you can make a decision to go in. Hopefully that answers your question. We offer pre-inspections for free and we have found that they are taking a little longer than expected and they haven't been as good as expected. The folks have been very cooperative in saying that they want to get to an A. We are really working to get some of them cleaned up that needed to be cleaned up. Sorry that was more than you wanted to know about hotel inspections.

Tom Harris: Are these unannounced inspections?

Mindy Waldron: Yes. Pre-inspection is not and they also have the opportunity to ask for a re-inspection for the purpose of raising the grade. Our goal is to get the stuff fixed. If we do an inspection and it is poor, you can fix it when we tell you it needs to be fixed and you can ask us out and we will redo the inspection.

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Darren Vogt: Are there any further questions on that?

Roy Buskirk: I have a question on the lead-based paint. Do you know how much it costs to have a residence tested for lead-based paint?

Mindy Waldron: For testing, it is in the hundreds. For remediation, it is many, many thousands. We received a grant in the mid-1990's from a local foundation and I think we ended up only remediating eight to ten houses. It is very expensive to do. We do the testing and at some point we would like to offer that as a service for folks that want to inquire about their home. There are many companies that do it and it is in the hundreds. It is a gun type of thing that assesses right there and reads through it.

Roy Buskirk: Any home built before January 1, 1978 is the cutoff date?

Mindy Waldron: Yes, we always say pre-housing stock. Anything before that has lead-based paint. It is not a problem unless it starts to chip or wears away or you do remodeling. It is similar to asbestos, when you disturb it is when you have to remediate.

Tom Harris: This salary ordinance is to get your staff positioned to deal with both things.

Mindy Waldron: It is just realignment.

Tom Harris: With that, I will make a motion for consideration of a salary ordinance amending the pay of the Healthy Home Director, PAT 6/2, \$50,813 to Assistant Director of Vector Control and Environmental Services, PAT 5/2, \$44,773.

Larry Brown: Second.

Darren Vogt: We have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed, same sign. The motion passes 7-0. You also have an appropriation in Fund 285?

Mindy Waldron: Yes and I will be brief. On Gas and Oil, it is what it is. We are running short on money for our gas payments. As you know, we are billed on that on a routine basis and this year we have seen a significant increase in the amount of field inspections that we do. That is why we are short there. For the Meds and Vaccines, it is a bit hard for us to predict. We have had a great deal of folks doing foreign travel and because of our foreign travel clinic, we have to buy the vaccine, they have to pay for it. It is a circular thing and we just under-budgeted this year. We also have under-budgeted for 2014 because we didn't know that our load would be so large. We will probably be back but I will try to do one allocation at the early part of the year to get us through.

Darren Vogt: Are there any questions on that, Council?

Tom Harris: I will make a motion for the appropriation in the County Health Fund 285 for the amount of \$17,500 for Gasoline and Oil and Meds and Vaccines.

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Larry Brown: Second.

Darren Vogt: We have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed, same sign. The motion passes 7-0. Next is the Auditor, Nick are you going to handle that?

Nick Jordan: Yes, sir. The next item on the agenda as we have done a handful of times before is appropriating the reimbursement we receive from the City of Fort Wayne for the Permitting Board expenses. The dollar amount is \$39,015.

Roy Buskirk: So moved.

Bob Armstrong: Second.

Darren Vogt: We have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed, same sign. The motion passes 7-0. I have one question. What is the balance in there?

Tera Klutz: The balance in the General Fund?

Darren Vogt: No, the balance in JOPB.

Nick Jordan: There is over \$200,000 still available to be spent on the project. The amount appropriated this is around \$70,000.

Darren Vogt: The reason that I asked is that last night, I will move to Other Discussion, we passed the draft ordinance to move forward to the Commissioners and the City Council for the combined ordinance. In that, there is going to be some huge printing costs that are going to go forward. At some point, this may need to be a source of funding for some of that. I just wanted to put that on the radar. I don't know if you had talked about that within the Board.

Roy Buskirk: No.

Darren Vogt: You need to start thinking about that.

Larry Brown: What is huge?

Darren Vogt: I don't know the answer to that. I want to say that it could be as much as \$50,000 to \$60,000. I may be wrong on that.

Tera Klutz: What are they printing?

Darren Vogt: Have you seen the size of the manual?

Tera Klutz: Will it be online?

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Darren Vogt: It can but there are some reasons that they have to do some printing. I think it is for training and that kind of stuff. There is no money set aside in her budget for it and so it is going to have to come from somewhere.

Roy Buskirk: There is a charge to the general public when they pick up a book.

Darren Vogt: I don't know that it is for the general public.

Roy Buskirk: It is for the architects and the builders because they have to have a copy of the ordinances.

Darren Vogt: Right but I don't know that this is what the printing is for. That would go into Miscellaneous Revenue. We'll get with that. I just wanted to put that in the bugaboo. With that, we will bring up Mayor McDonald and the Chief of Police. We will have a discussion on 911.

Terry McDonald: Terry McDonald, Mayor of New Haven.

Steve Poiry: Steve Poiry, Chief of Police, City of New Haven.

Terry McDonald: Thanks for having us today. This revolves around the discussion of enhanced 911 upgrades for the City of New Haven Police Department. Chief Poiry went before the CCP earlier this week and their recommendation was to come to Council for this expenditure. I understand it would come from, and I am not sure what the proper phrase is, the old 911 money. If I understand that correctly, is that right?

Darren Vogt: We agree with that term.

Terry McDonald: I will let the Chief explain some of the background and what the equipment will do.

Steve Poiry: What we need is \$105,622. The County has contracted with frontier for the new E911 system. The current system that we are using is compatible with the same system that the CCP is using. January 15th is when the new system goes live and we need to be onboard or we will no longer be able to take 911 calls.

Tom Harris: Say that date again.

Steve Poiry: January 15th, 2014.

Tom Harris: That is coming right up.

Terry McDonald: Yes, it is.

Darren Vogt: Councilman Brown.

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Larry Brown: Why are we just now hearing this? We have been talking about E25 since at least 2008.

Terry McDonald: We, in communication with the CCP Director and Commissioner Brown, spoke with them in July about this very issue and the need for additional funding. It has been pretty clear that the City of New Haven's Communication Department will be a standalone PSAP. State law allows for two primary PSAP's within any one County. We chose not to join with the CCP for various reasons. Amongst those was just our own operation of having our own paramedic service, fire department and police department. If we were to co-locate or have our dispatch services combined with the CCP, there are many things that must be done in a timely manner. Without our dispatchers having access to police reports, some of those things cannot happen in a timely fashion. For instance, when a piece of property is recovered out of County or out of State that was reported and entered into the computer system by our department, the dispatchers only have ten minutes to pull that out of the system to confirm the stolen. Those are one of many reasons. It is not totally last minute contrary to some of the newspaper reports.

Roy Buskirk: This is the first that we have heard about it.

Terry McDonald: I understand that. I will be quite frank with you and had no idea that the old 911 money existed until I talked to the Auditor's Office.

Roy Buskirk: Do you know how the old 911 money was developed? Where did it come from?

Terry McDonald: From 911 fees, I am assuming.

Roy Buskirk: That was the County's 911 fees after the split between New Haven, Fort Wayne and the County.

Terry McDonald: After the split, I am not familiar Mr. Buskirk.

Roy Buskirk: The split is in reference that the 911 fees by the Auditor's Office are divided between the three functions that they were based upon the 911 calls. That is how New Haven was being paid.

Terry McDonald: I am not sure about the percentage of 911 calls. The County Commissioners developed a policy in 2000 and that policy, if I recall properly, doesn't talk about the percentages of 911 calls. The plans that the Chief of Police Mike Sweet had at the time for several years in a row, requested money from the 911 fees. This was pre-CCP. The request was formed based on the County Commissioners' plan. The amount of money that we asked for were never anywhere close to what we had asked for. It got to the point where we quit asking for the larger amount because we were always told no. Chief Poiry, as late as January 22nd, no that was Mike Sweet, asked for \$53,866.44 for one dispatcher reimbursement and we were still getting only the \$48,400. We have been told that our number of 911 calls is approximately 2.6% of the total calls. I think that if you took the 2.6% and used that figure with what is being received from the 911 money, the \$48,400 falls grossly short.

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Darren Vogt: We receive 680,000 calls a year and you receive about 16,000 calls a year?

Terry McDonald: I am only going by what Commissioner Peters told me that we get 2.6% of the calls.

Darren Vogt: I didn't do the math on that but how many calls do you guys get in a year?

Terry McDonald: What do you get in a year?

Steve Poiry: They tell me around 60,000 calls and that is in general all calls. As for the 911 calls, I don't know off the top of my head.

Terry McDonald: I would like to remind Council and I am sure that you recognize it but every household that has a landline and every cell phone that is located in the City of New Haven also pays those fees as well.

Darren Vogt: Sure.

Roy Buskirk: And that is where the \$48,400 comes from.

Terry McDonald: I would just offer that it is grossly short of that. The \$48,400 is way short of what it should be.

Bill Brown: Do you know roughly what that percentage is based on the 2.6%?

Terry McDonald: I am only going by what Commissioner Peters told me in a conversation that we should look at.

Roy Buskirk: Nick, isn't the State paying something like \$206,000 a month?

Nick Jordan: Yes, that is the guaranteed hold harmless distribution for 2014. We will receive it from September 2013 to August 2014. It is \$205,000 and some change.

Roy Buskirk: Previous to that, how much was it?

Nick Jordan: \$197,519, I believe. Those are new 911 monies that are passed through to the CCP for their operation. It was right around \$2.3 million and now it is around \$2.4 million.

Darren Vogt: Help us understand what your dispatch center does. You don't do only dispatch.

Terry McDonald: Oh, absolutely not.

Steve Poiry: 24/7, they take 911 calls, obviously. They dispatch Fire and Police. They serve as the public face for City government after hours. They deal with water shutoffs. We have someone who just saw an accident or something that they need to bring to the attention of Public Safety and they will come into the lobby. In the past, we have had people that needed medical

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attention come into our lobby and speak with the dispatcher. They not only handle non-emergency and emergency traffic but also walk through traffic.

Darren Vogt: This money is for dispatch. That is the struggle that I have.

Steve Poiry: This money is for 911.

Darren Vogt: Hold on, Hold on. Let me finish my statement, please. What I am trying to decide is what is the dispatching operation of that? I see that they are doing much more than just dispatch and I am trying to get to that number of Commissioner Peters' 2.6%. If they are doing more than that, it is not really related to 911 services. It is dispatching calls to the Police and Fire. From what I understand, when the CCP has the capacity to handle your calls without any increased cost, is that good government to go and spend more money when we don't need to? Whether it is a New Haven resident or a Fort Wayne resident or an Allen County resident, if they are going to get the dispatch done, I haven't heard one complaint from Allen County or the City of Fort Wayne residents that Fire is not getting there or Police are not getting there. We have heard none of that. I am concerned whether we are spending good money that we don't need to spend when your services could be folded into ours. You elected, as you were offered to go and have that service combined with ours, to not do that and we are still giving you a portion of those funds that do come in.

Terry McDonald: I would just remind Council that the 911 fees are paid by all residents to the State of Indiana including the residents of Allen County and the City of New Haven which we are still a part of Allen County. The 911 fees are mandated by the State of Indiana to go to the Counties. This County chose to go into cooperation with the City of Fort Wayne and form the CCP. Those funds, by mutual agreement, the new 911 fees go to the CCP 100% with the exception of our \$48,400. Now, the dispatch center operates much differently than the CCP does. The CCP has 911 call-takers and the dispatchers very rarely, if ever, answer 911 calls. They actually talk to the officers and the fire trucks. I guess my point is that this isn't a waste of money. We, just like you, appropriate General Fund dollars for communications and it is all on the Police Departments budget. The total amount of money that is spent for our dispatch, we gave all of that information to Mr. Lee, the Director of the CCP. He reported back to Chief Poiry that he can't run our dispatch for us any cheaper than what we are doing it. I don't see where the efficiency would be. There is also a need for a primary live 24/7 backup to the CCP. Now some people will say, and I think I am the only person sitting at this particular table that has all three emergency experiences, Fire, Police and EMS. I find it very difficult to understand how anybody could think that a PSAP could be mothballed and brought up with any kind of efficiency and timeliness at the Public Safety Academy and it is not even owned by the City or the County anymore. It is owned by Ivy Tech. If, for any reason, the sixth floor becomes incapacitated or the Rousseau Building is put into any kind of danger where the CCP has to be shut down, that means 911 calls coming into the CCP will go unanswered if our dispatch center is not there. The usual answer is that Dekalb County will handle it. Chief Poiry did a little investigation on the Dekalb County situation and they have three dispatchers on duty at any particular time. Dekalb County does not operate on the same Spillman. Their Spillman and our Spillman don't communicate. Allen County, Fort Wayne and New Haven Spillman all communicates with one another. We use the same dispatching software that the CCP does. There is a definite value to the New Haven

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Police Department having their own dispatch. When the ice storm hit, I personally answered 296 911 calls in our dispatch center. There was not one single call that I took that came from a residence in New Haven. They all came from residences in Fort Wayne. When the windstorm came through in June of 2012, I didn't even have time to keep track of the number of calls that I took. Again, not a one of them came from the City of New Haven. They all came from the City of Fort Wayne because of those rollovers. Dispatcher Timothy Shaw, when the tornado hit Kohl's at Northcrest, actually talked to a man who was upside down in his minivan when the tornado hit Northcrest because Fort Wayne was inundated with 911 calls. The waterfall was set up and established a long time ago. When Fort Wayne is overrun with 911 calls, it goes to County Dispatch. When County Dispatch is too full and can't take anymore, it comes to New Haven Dispatch. If New Haven Dispatch does not exist, that waterfall ends up in Dekalb County. Again, if the CCP is incapacitated for any particular reason, those calls could potentially go unanswered for quite some time. Those calls could be held until the PSAP is opened up and un-mothballed. If it happens in the middle of the night, is there anybody there to open up that building to get it started? Would somebody have to be called in to do that? We believe there is a considerable amount of value to the New Haven Dispatch being up and operating 24 hours, seven days a week. Do we have the capacity on a 24/7 basis handle all of the 911 calls of Allen County? Absolutely not but I would offer to you that the 296 individuals from the City of Fort Wayne were talking to somebody who was able to get them help immediately. Their call didn't just continually ring and ring and ring when they were in need of help.

Darren Vogt: Councilman Howell and then Armstrong.

Kevin Howell: You just took some of the thunder out of my presentation. I remember that very specifically and from a military point of view, it is always good to have more than one operation going because if the main one goes down and that was the only one, you are dead in the water. It makes sense and it works. My attitude is that if it ain't broke, don't fix it. This is not broke. It is a big County and we know full well that there are going to be other environmental situations like you just mentioned that are going to come through here. Yes, at some point the Rousseau Building communications will go down. It's going to happen. We are not more powerful than Mother Nature. We have to have a backup.

Darren Vogt: Councilman Armstrong.

Bob Armstrong: Thanks for the presentation. My biggest thing is that this is a public safety issue, as you said. If Fort Wayne goes down and we don't have New Haven, how long is it going to take to get the people transferred out south and up and running? Minutes are lives. If you have a PSAP that you can rollover calls in conjunction with Spillman that is linked and workable, to me it is a public safety issue. You are talking about life here. Dollars and cents are important but dollars and cents don't buy new life. I appreciate your presentation.

Terry McDonald: In 1998 and 1999 when the New Haven City Hall was being built and the new Dispatch Center was being installed in the Police Department, Allen County 911 fees did help to pay and upgrade the 911 cost. We recognize that the CCP takes extra money to run. We are not asking for you to buy our 800 equipment which is allowable by State law out of the 911 fees. We are not asking for anything other than what we think is fair and equitable. We are a

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partner with Allen County and Fort Wayne. We participate and share resources. We have partnered on many things besides 911. We partnered on the Maplecrest Road Project. We have partnered with Greater Fort Wayne Inc. We partner in a lot of ways. We are coming to you as a fellow government asking for something that our taxpayers are already paying into. We are not asking for any more than what we think is reasonable.

Darren Vogt: How do you think the 911 fees should be divided?

Terry McDonald: Personally it is going to have to be either by the percentage of calls or even by population number of telephones. I fully understand why the telecom industry asked the State to do it the way that it is being done now. It cleans it up considerably and they are not sending checks to 92 different Counties. I understand that. I think it would be fairly easy to find out how many telephones are actually registered in any one City. We are now a City of over 15,000 people. We are not little old 9,000 New Haven anymore. The 2012 estimate from the Census Bureau said 15,400 and some people. There are nearly 40,000 vehicles that travel through the heart of New Haven on a daily basis coming to and from work in Fort Wayne. We have just as many problems as Sheriff Fries does when it comes to police services. Our Paramedics are running 1,600 plus runs per year. Our Fire Department is very busy. Our Police Department is very busy. Our Police Department partners with the Sheriff's Department and the City of Fort Wayne on numerous things and we believe we are good partners. It is going to have to be someplace between the percentage of calls and the actual registered telephone numbers. Obviously the percentage of calls would favor one entity over another entity and if you are doing it by population or by registered telephone numbers, I don't think it would hurt nor have that much difference in the amount of money.

Darren Vogt: I understand your situation with the dollars and cents. I don't disagree that if you are going to have it that you should have a portion of it. We may disagree on whether or not you should be in existence with the 911 if we have a system to handle it. We can agree to disagree.

Terry McDonald: I am just telling you that Mr. Lee said he couldn't do it any cheaper than what we are doing.

Darren Vogt: We are at \$10 a call and you are at \$30 a call. There is something different in the way that we are doing it compared to how you are doing it from a cost standpoint. Just a second and I have here and then there. I guess what I am trying to figure out is if you are going to continue, how are we going to make sure that the number is equitable? I don't disagree but I don't know if the number of households is the way to do it. What it comes down to is calls and calls for service is what 911 looks at. I would agree that you take non-emergency calls and our 911 probably takes non-emergency calls as well.

Terry McDonald: I am not asking for our telephone system to be upgraded. We are asking for the 911 computer system to be upgraded.

Darren Vogt: Right and so we have to make sure we delineate those two things and to figure out how to make sure that there is a fair number going forward. With that, I have Brown and then Armstrong.

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Larry Brown: First of all, let me make sure that I understand that this was not on the agenda. It is a discussion item. Are you asking for a decision today?

Terry McDonald: No. We asked to be on the agenda last week. I don't think we were able to get our request in on a timely fashion for publication. We understand that because we have the same requirements as well. I am not asking for a decision today. I believe this has to be a special appropriation out of the old 911 funds.

Tera Klutz: Technically we need Council's approval. We do have the appropriations covered.

Terry McDonald: Okay, I wasn't clear. If it wasn't appropriated, I understand the process because it works the same for us. If Council wanted to make a decision today, I wouldn't object to that. That is your privilege.

Larry Brown: For me, I find it disappointing that Chief Poiry doesn't know the number of 911 calls. Can you slip out and make a phone call to find out what that quantity is?

Steve Poiry: Actually, we made a request and I anticipate having that information tomorrow for the City of Fort Wayne, Allen County and New Haven for 2012 and 2013. We have gone through D & M Communications. That request has been made.

Terry McDonald: It is not within the Chief's ability to get that information from the system. That is why the request has to be made.

Darren Vogt: Councilman Armstrong.

Bob Armstrong: You brought this up. I have a hard time comprehending if you are sitting at a console and the phone rings, you pick it up and ask what their emergency is. I have a hard time and you have made the statement and I have heard it before that New Haven is \$30 to handle that 911 call. The City of Fort Wayne or the CCP is \$10. Somebody needs to explain to me how. A 911 call is a 911 call. If you have a 26PI accident, it doesn't matter if it is going to New Haven or the CCP, where did that number come up that New Haven charges \$30 and the CCP \$10? How do you get that?

Darren Vogt: You take the cost to run each operation and divide it by the number of calls.

Bob Armstrong: A call is a call.

Roy Buskirk: Now, Bob...

Bob Armstrong: Wait a minute. If New Haven, in prime time, has four dispatchers and the CCP, on prime time might have ten, eleven or twelve. I understand the cost of operation and stuff but I still don't understand how you get a \$20 difference on answering a phone call.

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Roy Buskirk: Part of it is, Bob that you have an employee sitting there for eight hours and maybe they only have three phone calls in the eight hours.

Bob Armstrong: I understand that.

Roy Buskirk: His wages have to be spread over the three phone calls. On the CCP, they might get ten calls. The cost per call is a lot less.

Bob Armstrong: Okay, so flip the coin to the other side and the New Haven Dispatcher does 40 calls. Emergency or non-emergency, they are still there and still on the clock and still doing a job. One day it could be that much. The next day, if the weather and things change, it could flip to the other side. It is just hard for me how people can sit and say that a call is \$30 in New Haven and \$10 in the CCP. Emergency call is an emergency call.

Darren Vogt: Hold on, Councilman Harris wanted to go first.

Tom Harris: Actually, mine is going to take us in a different direction.

Darren Vogt: Okay, so go ahead.

Larry Brown: Bob, it is simple math. The total cost for the year to run the operation, divide that into the calls.

Terry McDonald: As Councilman Vogt rightly said, not all of the activities of the dispatcher are based on 911 calls.

Darren Vogt: I would agree that yours is probably more so than the City because they have 311. I am just trying to go by calls.

Terry McDonald: The total operational cost for the Dispatch Center with only two dispatchers on at any one time except for third shift. That is when the call volume goes down considerably and then it is one. That is \$421,000 total for seven employees.

Chief Poiry: Six full-time employees and a part-time employee.

Darren Vogt: Councilman Harris.

Tom Harris: That might be a good segue. The question that comes to mind is that some of those funds are helping to pay for other kinds of things than just 911.

Terry McDonald: Are you saying that the \$48,400 we are getting is not going for the dispatcher?

Tom Harris: First of all, let me just ask that question and your thoughts on that. One might argue that it is more efficient that you are using the dollars to cover other things and some would argue that those funds should only go for 911 fees.

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Terry McDonald: We receive, in the last few years, the appropriation for 911 fees in the amount of \$48,400. According to the Commissioners' policy established in 2000 and those monies can be used for salary support. I have the same figures from the City of Fort Wayne on their request which is considerably more than what we were getting. I am not here to ask for equity in that fashion. That \$48,400 is used for salary support. That is not the total cost of salary plus benefits for the one dispatcher. All of our 800 equipment was paid for when we first went to 800 in 2003 or 2004, out of Fire Cumulative Fund. The Fire Cumulative Fund is under a lot of pressure currently. If you are not familiar with the Fire Cumulative Fund, it's two cents on the levy that is set aside like developing a savings account. We pay for all of our fire equipment with cash. We don't borrow. The Fire Cumulative Fund has way too much pressure on it currently. We have a lot of needs within our Fire and EMS system. That Fire Cum Fund is going to be spoken for over at least the next decade. There are also pressures on the new Public Safety LOIT. I am down two Police Officers now. A City of a little over 15,000, we only have 20 full-time Officers. We are drastically undermanned. There is a lot of pressure on that too. The reason that I bring that up is because it has been asked that we just use the new Public Safety LOIT. We never budget on those kinds of funds whether it is CEDIT or COIT and now the new LOIT. We never budget 100% of that do we Tera?

Tera Klutz: Nor should you.

Terry McDonald: We are going to use about 60% of it with 40% set aside. It is a very volatile tax. Those dollars are being used to support the one dispatcher as is allowed by the County Commissioners' policy.

Tom Harris: You mentioned that Tim Lee had mentioned that he can't provide a savings.

Terry McDonald: That was his response to Chief Poiry.

Tom Harris: I have not heard from him and I am not sure that the Council has heard if he is in favor or not in favor of this. One of the things that he was trying to do is to go to outside entities, and maybe even outside of Allen County, to say that we can provide that service and there will be a cost savings to your County. In this case, he might be saying I can't do it for less than the cost but from an efficiency standpoint it may be more efficient to still do it within the County instead of having two entities. He may be accurate in saying that he can't do it for less but there may be more efficiency by doing it in one location versus two. I just throw that out for thought.

Terry McDonald: We think very practically in New Haven and if efficiencies don't equal dollar savings, we don't consider it efficient. That is our stance on efficiency.

Tom Harris: Have the Commissioners spoken to you? Do we have a position from the Commissioners?

Terry McDonald: I was expecting Commissioner Brown to be here. She maybe otherwise engaged.

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Roy Buskirk: I was informed...

Terry McDonald: Everybody on the CCP but one voted in favor of sending this to you folks. I don't know if that is necessarily a ringing endorsement.

Tom Harris: That is the question that we have.

Terry McDonald: Kicking the can down the road and putting the ball in your court to allow you to deal with it. I can fully understand that and so can you guys.

Darren Vogt: One question I have to say is that five years of maintenance is operating to me. You have five years of maintenance within your request which is probably something that I would not say is normally part of the capital part of it.

Terry McDonald: I would offer to counter-offer on that. The maintenance agreement is the same that is being funded for the CCP.

Roy Buskirk: I think, for one thing, there needs to be a look at the CCP funding to New Haven. I think the \$48,400 is going to be increased but I think it needs to be based on the number of phone calls. I am not ready to make a decision on this today in the fact that I don't think we have received enough information. Some of the information that you are providing is conflicting with what we have heard or been provided by the CCP. The way that I understand it is that it is a continuous waterfall if the overflow of calls go to New Haven and if New Haven is tied up then it goes to Dekalb and just keeps rolling over and over until the phone gets a response.

Terry McDonald: I am not saying that it is not how it operates. I am simply saying that if a New Haven dispatcher picks up that phone call, they are within the County where the emergency is taking place and they can communicate directly with Incident Command of any of the Fire Departments within Allen County and also with the Sheriff's Department or the City of Fort Wayne Police Department. What I am saying is that when our dispatcher takes that 911 call, they can communicate instantaneously with Incident Command at the scene of the emergency or disaster or whatever it may be. To have that phone call continue in the tree and circling around is not much of a service to anybody. I have been on both ends of a 911 call and I am sure that many of you have as well. It is a tremendous relief to have that phone call answered. Three rings seems like 3,000 rings when you are calling for help.

Roy Buskirk: What I understand with this is that it doesn't make any difference where that phone call is being answered. You would get the same service. It is like currently if a New Haven resident calls in and New Haven doesn't pick up the phone but the CCP does, the individual on the other end of the phone doesn't know who is answering.

Terry McDonald: You're right. That doesn't matter. It is a matter of efficiency of dispatching a unit. We still answer 911 calls for Fort Wayne and Allen County when it gets really busy. We still pick up a few of those. It has gotten better because they have taken some of the, I hesitate to call them nuisance calls, but let's say that they are not true emergency calls and are being transferred to the Records Department within the Rousseau Building. I think it has gotten better.

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What I am trying to say is that the 911 call is being answered in Allen County. When the emergency is within Allen County, it is very difficult for a dispatcher in Dekalb County when they don't have the same capabilities of interoperability with Fort Wayne and Allen County.

Darren Vogt: Is it safe to say that you are not a fan of regional 911?

Terry McDonald: No. From a former Police Officer's perspective and a Firefighter and Paramedic, I have to tell you that regional dispatch seems extremely problematic. If the CCP were to become the only dispatch center for a ten-County region, there are a lot of nuances with any one jurisdiction where that dispatcher, with remote control, just doesn't know about those particular nuances. That is something, especially in the Police realm Officers are trained at the academy to be watching for ambushes. I can tell you firsthand that one of our dispatchers, many years ago before 911, stopped a potential ambush. There was no such address on that street. Now, someone without particular knowledge not known that would have sent an Officer to a potentially dangerous situation. That is not the only kind of thing. There are different unique characteristics. I don't know how the CCP personnel are trained but I assume it is the very same way. They have to be familiar with the numbering system within the City and the County. They used to have to ride along. Our dispatchers do ride along with our Officers so that they get to know the area. They know the different landmarks and things. Many of the dispatchers live in the community so they know the landmarks. A dispatcher located in Allen County, is not familiar with Steuben or Lagrange or even the Kendallville area won't know those same kinds of things. If a 911 caller is calling and is panicked and said they are down by Miller's Corner, just send the fire truck. Where is Miller's Corner? Sometimes, those kinds of things do happen when it is nothing more than a landmark because they are in such a panic that they just don't know where they actually are.

Roy Buskirk: Isn't there a map that comes up on their screen to show where the call is coming from?

Terry McDonald: I am sure it can but I will tell you that maps are about as good as Google sometimes. When Tom-Tom tells you to turn left on a street and it is a no truck route, it doesn't make a whole lot of difference. I don't really count on those kinds of things personally. You are still looking at a flat screen and how do you put on all of those things.

Darren Vogt: I didn't mean to sidetrack the conversation like that. I want to focus us back on the topic. Councilmen Brown and then Brown.

Larry Brown: I kind of feel like a juror and this is one piece of the evidence. I want to hear all of the evidence. I don't know what your timeframe is. I read the paper and obviously that is not correct. I don't know what the timeframe is so that you can take advantage of the quote received for the purchase. Maybe you want to share that with us and maybe you don't. Are we looking to hear the rest of the evidence at our next meeting or are we going to have a special meeting? I think we are starting to hear the same thing over and over so let's bring it to a conclusion and figure out what we are doing and how to go forward.

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Darren Vogt: I wouldn't disagree with that. I think the issue becomes whether or not you need money appropriated. I think you can probably go to your Council as well to get money, if you needed to, and then come back to us if that was the issue. Councilman Brown.

Bill Brown: I realize that this is a fiscal issue but I will have to say that obviously this is very important to the Mayor of New Haven. We have a lot of harmony, currently within Allen County and the various communities and diverse communities. I think the CCP has been a great move towards efficiency. I can't say enough about the operation but I will say that as we go through these scenarios about efficiency and the combination of resources, it really matters that the folks that are in charge of their communities as Elected Officials buy in even with the nuances. Mayor McDonald has served in all of the capacities that he has mentioned and I think it is important that we take into consideration that it really does matter. I agree that today is not the day and more information would be good. Timing means a lot and there is a time for everything. I am not sure that this is the time to not appropriate the money. The money is there and available. I am not advocating we do that today but I think we need to pay close attention to what the Mayor of New Haven wants and believes in. It wasn't that many years ago that there was a line drawn north and south in Allen County. Those that remember that time, it was not good. Now we are in an era of Greater Fort Wayne, Inc regional partnership. Mayor McDonald is a strong partner and has brought New Haven into that partnership in a significant way. From an economic development standpoint, I am not saying that we give everybody what they want but when somebody has a proven track record, is very knowledgeable and a team player and believes it is something important to their community, we need to put that into the thought process. Maybe your Council will appropriate the money.

Darren Vogt: Councilman Harris.

Tom Harris: I would add to those comments that County Council represents all citizens in the community including the tax paying citizens of the New Haven area. We want to make sure that we have all of the information that we can gain so that we can make a great decision for all taxpayers including the citizens of New Haven. I would agree that we probably need more information before we are ready to do that. If we were to make that decision in a December meeting, does that still meet the timeline? Maybe that gets to Darren's point that there may be things that you can do within your City Council to be able to make up that difference.

Terry McDonald: We will be able to move forward. It doesn't negate our request. Arrangements can easily be handled.

Darren Vogt: Council, is there any further discussion? I will get with Tim Lee, he couldn't be here because he is out of town. Are there any other questions for Mayor McDonald or Chief Poiry? Thank you, gentlemen. With that, we will move to the Discussion and Other Business. We will talk about the Rainy Day Loans from the Commissioners. I think Commissioner Peters is here. Council, we have talked about this once before a little bit and not in great detail. This is about whether or not we should do that with the Rainy Day Fund. Commissioner, if you want to go ahead and talk a little about that.

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Nelson Peters: Good morning, Nelson Peters, Allen County Commissioners' Office. The suggestion simply came up as we were approving a loan at one of our legislative meetings. We recommend to you to consider charging an interest rate on all non-General Fund funded loans. While I recognize that this has been an extremely prudent Council in the past, I would suggest that any of you that know me know that I wouldn't hesitate to pick up a penny off the sidewalk. While I recognize that the interest rates are fairly low right now and there may not be a ton to be gained. I do believe that it is our responsibility to ensure that the taxpayers are getting the biggest bang for their buck. Whether we get back ten dollars or \$100,000 from interest that we charge back on the non-General Fund funded loans, it is money in the bank that we are not getting if we are not charging the interest rate. Conversely, we are getting money when we have our funding invested in various things. To just give a loan without any expectation that we ought to receive any interest in return is not as prudent as we could be.

Darren Vogt: Council, we are open for discussion. Councilman Armstrong.

Bob Armstrong: A few of us had a brief discussion and my point is that I understand the direction that you are trying to go. We are not going to make millions of dollars off of this. My theory, from discussions, we have an agreement with the Highway Department on paying the loan back on the trucks. My feeling is that is what we did, no interest. If you want to go from here forward and have the Council look at it that would be one thing.

Nelson Peters: That is what we are suggesting.

Bob Armstrong: To go back, I don't see that. The other thing is, it says in here, both staff and time is involved. If you are only paying once a year, what would be the cost and time involved if you would have like the Highway Department where you have a check once a year or if they made monthly payments. You have more staff and more time. I guess I just don't see the direction of where this is going.

Nelson Peters: I am not suggesting that the cost for administrative time ought to exceed anything that we get back in interest. That would be foolhardy to proceed in that direction. I do think that if there are dollars to be gained to the General Fund, we ought to seek whatever opportunities we might have to do that. We are fortunate that we are in a position where we can still benefit our departments by providing a loan to them and having that payback at a lower interest that what they probably would get if they went to a bank. Since we have money that would otherwise be sitting in an account somewhere collecting interest, we are actually losing money by providing those loans without requiring any interest payback.

Darren Vogt: Councilman Harris.

Tom Harris: The question that comes to mind for me is, I can't tell you the breakdown on some of the loans that we provided, what about for \$10,000? What about for \$50,000? Might there be some consideration for the scope or size of the loan and maybe the timing of the payback? Sometimes something might come out of the Rainy Day Fund for a smaller amount but to be paid back in a quarter or because they are waiting for something to clear from the State. Those could be considerations, right?

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Nelson Peters: Absolutely.

Tom Harris: I know we have done a few loans that have not been that large and so that comes to mind for me a little bit. The other piece is what amount do you charge? Is it market or do you cut market in half? That is another consideration. What comes to mind for me is the concept that we look at each one that comes to us rather than to establish some policy that we are going to do all of them the same way.

Darren Vogt: There was a side comment over here that talked about taxpayer dollars. Commissioner Peters and I had this conversation the other day about taxpayer dollars versus user fee dollars. Whether we take a loan from the Highway Department, those are still our local road and street tax dollars and I don't like to charge ourselves interest on those but when it comes to user fee funds then maybe there is some wiggle room. I almost think we need to take it on a case-by-case basis. We also need to be very careful about taking loans out of the Rainy Day Fund because we do use that instead of going to the bond banks. We use that from time to time and I don't want to make a habit of loaning money from the Rainy Day Fund just for general purposes. We have done that a couple of times and we have to make sure that we don't overdo that. The idea with the trucks was a good idea. At first, I had some hesitation but after talking to some folks it made sense because of the size of the purchase and so forth. We just have to be really careful on that.

Tom Harris: The other piece is I noticed there were two Commissioners' signatures on this letter. Does that mean that the third is not in favor of this?

Nelson Peters: I can't speak for her. I don't know.

Tom Harris: Not necessarily that she opposed, she just didn't sign this letter.

Nelson Peters: I have no idea why her signature is not there.

Darren Vogt: I think that letter does state something about charging whatever interest rate we get. In the days when we used to get a lot of interest, it is definitely a different story now.

Nelson Peters: The bottom line is that you simply want to recover the money that you are otherwise not getting because of the loan.

Darren Vogt: Councilman Brown.

Bill Brown: I would say that I support the premise of what you have proposed along with the concept of the measured approach of the loan process.

Tom Harris: Possibly we can turn to the Auditor's Office to determine, in those kinds of situations, what might we do and not do.

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Darren Vogt: It goes back to case-by-case and we look at it and see what it is. I am not in favor of making lots of loans out of the Rainy Day Fund. How much do we use in the General Fund?

Tera Klutz: \$8 million this year.

Darren Vogt: Do you see what I mean by that? We need to make sure that we have those dollars so that we don't have to do tax anticipation warrants. Let's hope the loans are few and far between and that this is not a conversation that we have on a regular basis. We have heard you, Commissioner, and we will consider when and if those come up.

Nelson Peters: That is all we are asking.

Darren Vogt: Is there any other discussion on that?

Bill Brown: I would like to make one comment on the two Commissioners on the letter. Having been a Commissioner and hearing the term "the three-headed monster", I firmly believe that two heads are better than one. When there are two people that come together with an idea and bring it forward, it is probably pretty well thought out. I couldn't help but pass that comment on.

Nelson Peters: Thank you.

Darren Vogt: Council meeting schedule.

Roy Buskirk: Are the dates that have been provided the third Thursday?

Tera Klutz: May is the only one that is not. Nick, Jackie and I will be at a State Conference.

Roy Buskirk: That might be a good time to have it then.

Tera Klutz: Enough said. That is fine with us. Becky will handle everything. She is great. She can handle it.

Darren Vogt: These are dates to look at but I know that with March, is that close to the week of Spring Break for schools.

Tom Harris: Is this something that we would pass today?

Tera Klutz: It is nowhere close to Spring Break. No meetings are close to Spring Break, you are good.

Darren Vogt: The March meeting, I am at a conference. If we can get the dates that are conflicts to the Auditor and then we may need to make some adjustments. With that, we will move onto Board Appointments. I have talked to all of them except for Councilman Harris because I knew I would see him today. The other I am meeting with today and that is Aaron Knight. We heard from Stacey on the PTABOA Board. We kind of rely on Stacey's expertise to find someone. The

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others, I have talked to them and they are willing to serve. I haven't talked to Councilman Buskirk but I knew I would see him today.

Bob Armstrong: On the thing with Stacey, what did she say they were looking for?

Darren Vogt: Level three. I think that has to be politically balanced, if I remember right.

Roy Buskirk: I think you are right.

Darren Vogt: We don't have to have a Level Three but if we do, they have to be politically balanced.

Roy Buskirk: The one thing that I should have asked her but if you go into the appraisal occupation, you might find one that crosses over with a Level Three. Other than that, it would be pretty hard for somebody in civilian life to be walking around with a Level Three.

Bob Armstrong: If there is someone out there, who do you get them in contact with?

Darren Vogt: Stacey. We are kind of relying on her because it is her office that runs that. It is our appointment but we work with her to make sure.

Tera Klutz: If there is a conflict, they can call Darren.

Darren Vogt: We will make those appointments at the next meeting. Recent and Upcoming Meetings, we talked about the Permitting Ordinance that was passed last night. There are some minor corrections but overall it has been a great experience.

Larry Brown: Question on that. Do you know what the timetable is for passage?

Darren Vogt: Forty-five days. The effective date is April 3rd.

Roy Buskirk: I thought it was the fourth.

Darren Vogt: Third or fourth is when the ordinance would take effect. They have training and all of the things with that.

Larry Brown: Sure. So it is 45 days public notice?

Darren Vogt: Yes, the Commissioners have their time to do what they have to do and then the City Council and it will get passed for an effective date of April 3rd or 4th.

Roy Buskirk: It is December 10th when it will be at City Council.

Larry Brown: So if citizens have input or questions...

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Darren Vogt: Chris, can you come up? We had public hearings and the Plan Commission had public hearings and so at this point, I am assuming that there will not be a lot of comments. Things were talked through and some adjustments were made during that public input. Now they will see the final adjustment.

Chris Cloud: We are required by law to have a public hearing. Our plan is to adopt mid-December or at least have the public hearing early December. The goal for the Commissioners is to have it adopted before the end of the year. I can't speak for City Council but the Commissioners have read it cover to cover and we have met with DPS four or five times. We have talked with their lawyer. We have done all of the issues that we were going to have with it and they are out there. It should be fairly smooth from the Commissioners' perspective. If there is more gleaned from the public hearing, we can go back and evaluate it but we are having the required public hearing notice and we will have press releases. December 10th is City Council and on the morning of the 10th, there is a quarterly developers' meeting and Don Elliott will be available at that meeting. If a developer has questions and wants answers from someone who is not one of us, he is going to be there.

Darren Vogt: They have been involved all along.

Chris Cloud: Absolutely.

Darren Vogt: It is not like there is anything new.

Chris Cloud: There have been committee meetings...

Darren Vogt: When you put it live, I am sure that there will be more questions.

Roy Buskirk: Actually, the public hearing last night, there were five of us there that were not on the committee.

Darren Vogt: This was the business meeting.

Roy Buskirk: Right.

Darren Vogt: So those meetings had already occurred.

Roy Buskirk: The City Plan Commission met and the County Plan Commission met and they adopted the red lines with very minor verbiage changes. One was a typo from two to four. The number had to be changed but was then adopted last night. I think it is a real step in the right direction in that the ordinances for the City and the County are blended and more alike so that you don't have to flip your hat when you cross the City limits.

Larry Brown: The reason for my question and concern is the first joint meeting about six weeks or so ago. There were numerous questions and concerns. Probably oversimplified but my analysis of most of it was either lack of information or misinformed with wrong information being passed around the water cooler. Still, there was concern and I wanted to make sure that the

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public meeting that the Commissioners will have is more than adequately advertised so that if people do have concerns and for people to make arrangements to get off work or whatever they have to do to be able to attend the public hearing.

Chris Cloud: Typically, when we do a notice for a public hearing, not only do we do the newspaper notices we also do a press release. We have also invited public input via email or letter. We are always making sure that there are other avenues.

Darren Vogt: As your appointment to Plan Commission, I will tell you that each one of those was addressed at the public hearing. We may not have always agreed with that person's point of view but we heard it and talked about it and in some cases made modifications and other cases couldn't make modifications. There was definitely a lot of input. Councilman Buskirk.

Roy Buskirk: The one thing that needs to be pointed out is the fact that there are no zoning changes. This is strictly ordinances for construction purposes.

Darren Vogt: Names of zones changed but not anyone's zone changed. Councilman Brown.

Bill Brown: I had a chance to talk to some of the people last night after the meeting and there has been a lot of hard work put in by a lot of folks. This has been a great coming together. I believe that the whole notion of consultants can sometimes get beat up and kicked around. Don Elliott from Clarion, we really picked a winner with him. I hear that over and over again. I was at one of the early meetings and asked as this goes through and people hire a consultant and say they want to be the best in the world, you get to the end and all of a sudden you have to go through a gauntlet of the political process. Can you get through all of that and get past the sacred cows and end up with something in place that is truly world-class? It sounds like this process is headed that way. It is good to see.

Darren Vogt: It is. Is there any more discussion on that or any other topics, Council?

Tom Harris: I just want to mention that in remembrance of former Commissioner Jack Worthman, there is a service today for him. As an individual that I had the privilege and honor to work with, he was kind enough to offer me the HR job for the County some years back. I had the opportunity to work with his wife and him. It is a loss to the community and he was a great citizen that spent a lot of time and effort for this community.

Darren Vogt: Thanks for remembering that. Is there anything else, Council?

Tom Harris: Approval to waive the reading on any matter approved today for which it may be deemed necessary for the County Council meeting of November 21, 2013.

Bob Armstrong: Second.

Darren Vogt : All in favor please signify by saying aye. The motion passes 7-0.

Roy Buskirk: Move to adjourn.

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Bob Armstrong: Second.

Darren Vogt : All in favor please signify by saying aye. Opposed like sign. The motion carries 7-0. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:35.