

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL  
25 NORTH BROADWAY  
PERU, INDIANA 46970  
April 19, 2022

Councilman Duckwall – Present  
Councilwoman Chittum – Present  
Councilman Donaldson – Present  
Councilman Wood – Present  
Councilman Wiles – Present  
Councilman Sailors – Present  
Councilman Nutt-Present

President Duckwall called the meeting to order.

Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer. President Duckwall led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**MINUTES**

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the March 15, 2022 minutes. Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/TRANSFERS**

**HIGHWAY PHASE 1**

The Council received an additional appropriation request for \$85,000 from Highway Phase 1 for consulting engineer fees for PASER project, Community Crossing Grant and additional fees for permits outside the annual bridge inspection for bridge call 2028. Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the additional appropriation request for \$85,000 from Highway Phase 1 for consulting engineer fees for PASER project, Community Crossing Grant and additional fees for permits outside the annual bridge inspection for bridge call 2028. Councilman Nutt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**ARP**

The Council received an additional appropriation request for \$4,250,490.91 to cover the following projects planned under the ARP Funding, but not expended in 2021.

CULVERTS	\$287,258.42
BROADBAND	\$1,400,000
HEALTH CARE STUDY	\$63,000
COURTHOUSE RENOVATION STUDY	\$7,611.27
YMCA PLEDGE	\$600,000
MISC PROJECTS	\$19,700

JOHN FETTERS TILE #678	\$38,900
HONEY CREEK OPEN #544	\$140,000
SNEARLY TILE #618	\$95,900
BEN WILSON TILE #669	\$110,500
H.H. TAYLOR OPEN & TILE	\$475,000
MCCOWAN OPEN & TILE	\$120,000
OLD JAIL DEMO	\$600,000
HVAC SYSTEM UPGRADE	\$292,621.22

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the additional appropriation request for \$4,250,490.91 to cover the following projects planned under the ARP Funding, but not expended in 2021. Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

### **ARP-HOUSING PROJECT**

Jim Tidd, MCEDA Executive Director presented a request to the Council for financial assistance for Wabash River Commons for \$200,000 from ARPA to assist in the housing development at the Riverwalk. Director Tidd explained the request for \$200,000 would aid in prepping the soil for geo piers, which would be required due to the soil compaction. Director Tidd went on to note the property is unique, as it, came with environmental issues, which required remediation of a substantial amount of concrete from the property found during soil borings. Director Tidd went on to explain he requested assistance of \$200,000 from City of Peru, \$200,000 from the county and would then finance \$400,000 through TIF funding to cover the total cost of \$800,000 for the soil project. All funding would go through MCEDA with an engineering firm verifying reviewing the work and authorizing release of payment for the invoices. Director Tidd stated this is an opportunity to recognize the \$20 million dollar investment to the area, which will open up opportunities for increased activity through shopping, dining, etc. Director Tidd stressed the housing is not subsidized housing, but rather all market priced rentals. Under IDEM guidelines, the property must be rentals and cannot be single-family dwellings. Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the request for funding from ARP for \$200,000 to Wabash Commons. Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 5-2 (Nutt and Donaldson opposed).

### **PROBATION**

Amanda Mavrck, Chief Probation Officer explained to the Council when the state required the county to create the Intake Officer Position, she did not realize that would increase the number of employees she supervised. Due to the addition of the Intake Officer Position, she is required to appoint an Assistant Chief Probation Officer and would require a pay increase of \$5,000. Chief Probation Officer Mavrck noted the state sets the salaries for Probation Officers and is required to follow the judicial schedule. Chief Probation Officer Mavrck is requesting approval to create a new position of Assistant Chief Probation Officer and increase the wages by \$5,000. In addition, Chief Probation Mavrck noted that because of the change in the number of people she is supervising, she

would also be required to increase her salary by \$2,500. Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the creation of the Assistant Chief Probation Officer position, increase the salary by \$5,000 and increase the Chief Probation Officer salary by \$2,500 effective April 20, 2022. Councilman Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

None

**REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE**

None

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION & COMMITTEE UPDATE**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Nutt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted

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**Mary Brown**

Miami County Auditor