

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: December 10, 2007

CALLED TO ORDER: 4:29 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 4:40 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDING MEMBERS

Ron Gibson, Chair
Vernon Brown
Sherron Franklin
Scott Keller
Robert Lutz

ABSENT MEMBERS

Lonnell Conley
Isaac Randolph

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 530, 2007 - appoints David Crabb, M.D., to the Marion County Health and Hospital Corporation Board of Trustees
"Do Pass"

Vote 5-0

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The Municipal Corporations Committee of the City-County Council met on Monday, December 10, 2007. Chairman Ron Gibson called the meeting to order at 4:29 p.m. with the following members present: Vernon Brown, Sherron Franklin, Scott Keller, and Robert Lutz. Councillors Lonnell Conley and Isaac Randolph were absent.

PROPOSAL NO. 530, 2007-appoints David Crabb, M.D., to the Marion County Health and Hospital Corporation Board of Trustees

Chair Gibson recognized Matt Gutwein, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Marion County Health and Hospital Corporation, as well as Dr. Lisa Harris, President, Wishard Health Services.

Chair Gibson introduced Mr. Gutwein, and requested information on Dr. Henry Bock. Dr. Bock is a current Council appointee who will be retiring this year. Dr. David W. Crabb is being appointed to the seat that Dr. Bock now occupies. Mr. Gutwein wanted to give a public “thank you” to Dr. Bock for his continued service. Mr. Gutwein stated that Dr. Bock had served on the Health and Hospital Board for twenty-four years. During his tenure, Dr. Bock spent many years running the emergency room at Methodist Hospital, was the chief physician for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and traveled the world improving safety and medicine for the Indy Racing League.

Chair Gibson stated that he, too, is grateful for the services that Dr. Bock provided to the City of Indianapolis. Chair Gibson stated that health is very important to the viability of the city.

Chair Gibson introduced Dr. Crabb, and asked Dr. Crabb to introduce himself to the Committee and those watching at home. Chair Gibson commented on Dr. Crabb’s impressive resume, and his service within Indianapolis, as well as his service throughout the state and nation.

Dr. Crabb stated that he was born in Indianapolis and attended school at both Purdue University and Indiana University. Dr. Crabb stated that he has been involved in teaching and clinical care, mainly at Wishard Hospital. Dr. Crabb stated that he has been serving as the Chair of Internal Medicine since 2000. He added that Wishard is critical to the health of the community, and absolutely essential to the education of medical students. Dr. Crabb stated that Wishard Hospital is close to his heart.

Councillor Lutz stated that Dr. Crabb is eminently qualified for any position.

Councillor Keller stated that he has been very impressed with Wishard Hospital and Mr. Gutwein’s stewardship of the Health and Hospital Corporation. He stated that a lot of thought should be given to the retention of Mr. Gutwein, Dr. Lisa Harris, Dr. Virginia Cain, and others within the administration of the Health and Hospital Corporation. Councillor Keller stated that not everyone deserves to be swept out as heads of various Municipal Corporations.

Councillor Brown agreed with Councillor Keller in hoping that Mr. Gutwein and the Health and Hospital Corporation leadership will be retained. Councillor Brown stated that the Health and Hospital Corporation has done wonderful things to provide quality service to those in the community who cannot afford to pay for emergency services.

Councillor Lutz stated that out of all the votes taken in committee dealing with the budget, the Health and Hospital budget is the only one to pass the committee with a unanimous vote. Councillor Lutz stated that the Health and Hospital Corporation has done a tremendous job in turning red ink into black ink.

Dr. Lisa Harris stated that she is very grateful that Dr. Crabb is interested in serving on the Board of Trustees. Dr. Harris stated that Dr. Crabb has been a mentor to her and he is a highly respected individual. She added that Dr. Crabb is heavily involved in many projects and activities, and she is grateful that he is willing to spend his free time sitting on the Board of Trustees. Dr. Harris stated that Dr. Crabb will be a wonderful addition to the board.

Councillor Lutz moved, seconded by Councillors Brown and Franklin, to send Proposal No. 530, 2007 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Chair Gibson extended his appreciation for Mr. Gutwein, Dr. Harris, Dr. Cain and their staff for the superb work in keeping the health of Indianapolis and Marion County at the level where it needs to be. Chair Gibson stated that he hopes their work can continue.

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Municipal Corporations Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Gibson, Chair
Municipal Corporations Committee

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