

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: September 7, 2004

CALLED TO ORDER: 4:10 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:03 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Ron Gibson, Chair
Greg Bowes
Lonnell Conley
Sherron Franklin
Scott Keller
Earl Salisbury

Absent Members

Isaac Randolph

PROPOSAL NO. 533, 2004 - appoints Robin Winston to the Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation
"Stricken" Vote: 6-0

2005 Budget Hearing

Review and Analysis

PROPOSAL NO. 513, 2004 - reviews, modifies and approves the operating and maintenance budget and tax levies of the Indianapolis Airport Authority District of Indianapolis, Indiana, and establishes the appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses and all outstanding claims and obligations of the said Municipal Corporation
"Do Pass" Vote: 4-2

PROPOSAL NO. 514, 2004 - reviews, modifies, and approves the operating budget of the Capital Improvement Board of Managers of Marion County, Indiana, and establishes the appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses and all outstanding claims and obligations of the said Board of Managers
"Do Pass" Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 515, 2004 - reviews, modifies and approves the operating and maintenance budget and tax levies of the Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana, and establishes the appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses and all outstanding claims and obligations of the said Municipal Corporation
"Do Pass" Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 516, 2004 - reviews, modifies and approves the operating and maintenance budget and tax levies of the Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation of Marion County, Indiana, and establishes the appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses and all outstanding claims and obligations of the said Transportation Corporation Board
"Do Pass As Amended" Vote: 5-1

PROPOSAL NO. 517, 2004 - reviews, modifies and approves the operating and maintenance budget and tax levies of the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library Board of Marion County, Indiana, and establishes the appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses and all outstanding claims and obligations of the said Library Board
"Do Pass As Amended"

Vote: 4-2

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS COMMITTEE

The Municipal Corporations Committee of the City-County Council met on Tuesday, September 7, 2004. Chair Ron Gibson called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. with the following members present: Greg Bowes, Lonnell Conley, Sherron Franklin, Scott Keller, and Earl Salisbury. Absent was Isaac Randolph. Councillor Steve Talley was also in attendance.

PROPOSAL NO. 533, 2004 - appoints Robin Winston to the Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation

Chair Gibson explained that this proposal must be stricken. The appointment being made to the Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation Board must be Republican. Councillor Conley moved, seconded by Councillor Bowes, to send Proposal No. 533, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation.

2005 Budget Hearing/Review and Analysis

PROPOSAL NO. 513, 2004 - reviews, modifies and approves the operating and maintenance budget and tax levies of the Indianapolis Airport Authority District of Indianapolis, Indiana, and establishes the appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses and all outstanding claims and obligations of the said Municipal Corporation

Chair Gibson stated that no one from the Airport was present. He noted that the Airport has no tax increase and asked if anyone from the Committee had further discussion.

Councillor Salisbury stated he still has a concern with local funding. He said that the Airport's report reflects that they have made improvements with no local taxes and that certain property at the airport is "airport related" so there is no property tax for it. He said this is not true, and actually the taxes come from Decatur and Wayne townships' tax levies. Chair Gibson suggested that Mr. Salisbury take this up again with the Airport.

Councillor Conley moved, seconded by Councillor Bowes, to send Proposal No. 513, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 4-2, with Councillors Keller and Salisbury casting the negative votes. Councillor Keller explained that his vote supports Councillor Salisbury's, and he feels more investigation should be done to look into this matter.

PROPOSAL NO. 514, 2004 - reviews, modifies, and approves the operating budget of the Capital Improvement Board of Managers of Marion County, Indiana, and establishes the appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses and all outstanding claims and obligations of the said Board of Managers

Chair Gibson noted that representatives from the Capital Improvement Board were in attendance. He noted there is no tax increase and asked if anyone from the Committee had any further discussion.

Councillor Conley moved, seconded by Councillor Bowes, to send Proposal No. 514, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 515, 2004 - reviews, modifies and approves the operating and maintenance budget and tax levies of the Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana, and establishes the appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses and all outstanding claims and obligations of the said Municipal Corporation

Chair Gibson noted that no one from Health and Hospital (H&H) was present. He noted that there is no tax increase and asked if anyone from the Committee had any further discussion.

Councillors Conley, Bowes, Keller, and Salisbury all complimented H&H for its creative and relentless efforts to find funding and noted how important Wishard Hospital and the Marion County Health Department are to Indianapolis/Marion County.

Councillor Conley moved, seconded by Councillor Bowes, to send Proposal No. 515, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 516, 2004 - reviews, modifies and approves the operating and maintenance budget and tax levies of the Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation of Marion County, Indiana, and establishes the appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses and all outstanding claims and obligations of the said Transportation Corporation Board

Chair Gibson noted that representatives from IndyGo were in attendance.

Councillor Keller reiterated that he was a previous Transit Task Force member and stated that he feels IndyGo is making good efforts to get back on its feet. Chair Gibson, also a previous Task Force member, agreed.

Councillor Salisbury restated his concerns for local taxes and is concerned that IndyGo is being funded, while some property owners continue to struggle with keeping their homes. Chair Gibson responded that while he understands Councillor Salisbury's concerns, at the same time, Indianapolis needs a viable transportation system in order to keep people moving to jobs, appointments, etc. so he feels the City should continue working in cooperation with IndyGo. Councillor Bowes echoed these comments.

Councillor Keller asked what the impact of an increase is per person. Fred Armstrong, Controller, IndyGo, responded that per year this amount is \$7.44 for Center Township. Chair Gibson stated that with funding for IndyGo, any routes that were recently cut could be restored in the future.

Chair Gibson noted that there are some technical amendments to this proposal which are:

- Changing Proposal No. 483, 2004 to the current Proposal No. 516, 2004. This is an old proposal number.
- Changing the words cumulative (CUM) Fund to "Transit Special Fund" on pages 3, 5, and 9

- Page 6, "2005 Net Assessed Valuation" should read \$35,451,916,227
- Pages 7 and 8 should show the same figure for the 2005 Net Assessed Valuation

Mr. Armstrong noted that on page 10 he previously had figures in incorrect columns, and these have also been corrected.

Councillor Conley moved, seconded by Councillor Bowes, to "Amend" Proposal No. 516, 2004 by accepting the above-mentioned changes. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Councillor Conley moved, seconded by Councillor Bowes, to send Proposal No. 516, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass As Amended" recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 5-1, with Councillor Salisbury casting the negative vote.

PROPOSAL NO. 517, 2004 - reviews, modifies and approves the operating and maintenance budget and tax levies of the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library Board of Marion County, Indiana, and establishes the appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses and all outstanding claims and obligations of the said Library Board

Chair Gibson noted that representatives from the Indianapolis Marion County Library Board (IMCPL) were in attendance.

Chair Gibson stated that there is a technical amendment to be made. Councillor Conley moved, seconded by Councillor Bowes to amend Proposal No. 517, 2004 by replacing the current year tax rate of .0771 with .0723 on page 4, under the 16-line statement, and replacing the current year tax rate of .0224 with .0181 on page 4, under the library bond fund 16-line statement. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0

Councillor Keller asked what the impact of an increase is per person. Louis Mahern, IMCPL Board member, responded that this amount would be approximately \$5.00. Chair Gibson asked Mr. Mahern what the public response to this is. Mr. Mahern stated that the public is in support of this request.

Councillor Salisbury stated that he loves the library, but he still is opposed to any property tax increases.

Councillor Talley commented that last year the Council had a similar discussion with IMCPL, and the IMCPL Board actually reduced the budget. He said that Mary Lou Rothe, Board Chair, stated that there is no point in raising this revenue if the Library is not built. He said he is in full support of IMCPL's budget.

Councillor Conley moved, seconded by Councillor Bowes, to send Proposal No. 517, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass As Amended" recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 4-2, with Councillors Keller and Salisbury casting the negative votes.

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With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Municipal Corporations Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Gibson, Chair
Municipal Corporations Committee

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