

**JOINT MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AND GOSHEN COMMUNITY
SCHOOL BOARD (FEBRUARY 16, 2016)
GCS ADMINISTRATION CENTER, 613 EAST PURL STREET, GOSHEN, INDIANA**

The Common Council of the City of Goshen, Indiana, met in the Goshen Community School Administration Center for a joint session with the GCS Board on February 16, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. Presiding Officer was Mayor Stutsman with members of the Council present as follows:

PRESENT: COUNCILMAN AHLERSMEYER, MCKEE, ORGILL, SCHARF, WEDDELL

COUNCILWOMAN GAUTSCHE: KING

ABSENT: NONE

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

1. Education:

- **Strategic Planning-Four Pillars** – Dr. Woodworth, Superintendent
- **Academic** – Dr. Metcalfe, Asst Superintendent – Elementary Education
- **K-12 Pathways** – Dr. Metcalfe
- **Elementary Education** – Dr. Metcalfe and Mr. Jim Alber, Special Education
- **Goshen Middle School** – Mr. Randy Weade
- **Communication & Marketing** – Mrs. Tamra Ummel, Asst Supt – HR & Professional Development. Mrs. Ummel expressed the desire of GCS to be welcoming and to attract high talent staff
- **Facilities** – Mr. Jerry Hawkins, Director of Finance
- **Resource Utilization** – Dr. Angela Piazza
- **New Aquatic Center – Public/Community Use** - Dr. Woodworth explained there have been construction delays due to the weather. They are hoping to have the center open to the public on Saturdays & Sundays starting in March.

2. City:

- **Engineering:**
 - **South Link Road Construction** – Mary Cripe, City Admin Engineer
 - **Kercher Road Bridge** – Mary Cripe
 - **US 33 North Connector** – Mary Cripe
 - **Railroads** – Mary Cripe
 - **Marion Branch Curve Realignment Update – Improved Wait Times** – Mary Cripe
 - **Crossings' Safety Improvement Update** – Mary Cripe
 - **US 33 Re-surface from CR 31 to Monroe Street** – Mary Cripe
 - **Plymouth Avenue/SR 119 Trail Crossing Modifications** – Mary Cripe – Mrs. Cripe gave updates on each of the projects and explained Goshen will be under construction for the next 3 to 4 years.
 - **Water Main Construction on Cottage and Lincoln Avenues, Logan and Monroe Streets** – Dustin Sailor, Utilities Admin Engineer
- **Water Department:**
 - **Water Quality** – Kent Holdren, Water & Sewer Superintendent

- **Parks Department:**
 - **Fidler Park Update** – Tanya Heyde, Recreations Supervisor
 - **Safe Routes to School – Snow Clearing of Sidewalks: Current Status, Needs & Priority Routes** – Tanya Heyde
 - **Community Development:**
 - **Ninth Street Corridor** – Mark Brinson, Community Development Director
 - **10th Street and Plymouth Ave** – Mark Brinson
 - **Trail from College Ave to Purl St** – Mark Brinson
 - **Former Holiday Inn Building** – Mark Brinson
 - **Johnson Control Property Update** – Mayor Stutsman and Mark Brinson explained they have had conversations with IDEM and IDEM will be onsite to evaluate the situation and will most likely secure the property with fencing
- 3. Public Relations:**
- **Good of Goshen** – Mayor Stutsman

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR

There were no items presented under Privilege of Floor

Councilman Ahlersmeyer moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilman Weddell and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

APPROVED: _____
 Mayor, Jeremy Stutsman
 Goshen, Indiana

ATTEST: _____
 Tina M. Bontrager
 City Clerk-Treasurer