

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOSHEN,
TO BE HELD DECEMBER 20, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
111 EAST JEFFERSON STREET, GOSHEN, INDIANA**

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**OUT OF RESPECT TO OTHERS IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE TURN CELL PHONES,
BEEPERS AND PAGERS OFF OR TO SILENT MODE. IF A PHONE
CONVERSATION IS NECESSARY, PLEASE STEP OUTSIDE OF THE MEETING
ROOM. THANK YOU.**

Call to Order by Mayor Jeremy Stutsman

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Council: Mr. Ahlersmeyer _____ Ms. Gautsche _____ Ms. King _____
Mr. McKee _____ Mr. Orgill _____ Mr. Scharf _____
Mr. Weddell _____ Youth Advisor Biller _____

Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Agenda Items:

1. RESOLUTION 2016-45

**A RESOLUTION OF GOSHEN, INDIANA AFFIRMING COMMUNITY UNITY,
SAFETY AND TRUST**

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR

Next Council Meeting: December 27, 2016 at 5:30 pm (Yearend Category Transfer Meeting)

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

RESOLUTION 2016-45

A Resolution of Goshen, Indiana Affirming Community Unity, Safety and Trust

WHEREAS, in accordance with the oath of office, Goshen City Council is responsible for representing the interests of all residents, ensuring the impartial, effective and efficient delivery of municipal services, and fostering the health, safety and welfare of the City,

WHEREAS, City Council acknowledges that Goshen's strength is in its people and our residents come from both near and far, seeking peace, stability, and a good quality of life for themselves and their families.

WHEREAS, Goshen has a rich heritage deriving from many nations over many generations and a significant population of foreign-born residents, whose economic, cultural and social contributions greatly enrich our community,

WHEREAS, roughly 30 languages are spoken in the Goshen Community Schools and more than half of the students are of Hispanic/Latino ancestry (born inside and outside the United States),

WHEREAS, the Goshen City Council recognizes that positive relationships and trust among people of all races, religions, colors, sexes, physical abilities, national origin or ancestry are critical to promote public safety, as is trust between City of Goshen municipal service providers, public safety officers, and all Goshen residents,

WHEREAS, All residents should go about their daily lives in our community confident that both their human dignity and their Constitutional rights will be respected and protected,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED The Goshen City Council affirms the recent statements from the Mayor, the Community Relations Commission, and the Goshen Schools Superintendent pledging non-discrimination and support for equality under the law within our City and our schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council adds its voice and commitment to fostering and upholding an atmosphere of unity and non-discrimination in the City of Goshen.

PASSED by the Goshen Common Council on December 20, 2016.

Jeremy P. Stutsman, Presiding Officer

Attest:

Tina M. Bontrager, Clerk-Treasurer

PRESENTED to the Mayor of the City of Goshen on December ____, 2016 at ____ a.m./p.m.

Tina M. Bontrager, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED and ADOPTED on December ____, 2016.

Jeremy P. Stutsman, Mayor