



Goshen Common Council
5:30 p.m., December 27, 2023 Regular Meeting
Council Chamber, Police & Court Building, 111 East Jefferson Street, Goshen, IN

Call to Order by Mayor Gina Leichty

Pledge of Allegiance led by District 4 Kid Councilor Elyana Rojas Lopez

Roll Call:

Julia King (At-Large) **Doug Nisley** (District 2) **Megan Peel** (District 4)
Gilberto Pérez, Jr. (District 5) **Donald Riegsecker** (District 1)
Matt Schrock (District 3) **Council President Brett Weddell** (At-Large)
Youth Adviser Jessica Velazquez Valdes (Non-voting)

Approval of Minutes: None available to approve

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Privilege of the Floor

1) Resolution 2023-21, Emergency Resolution Providing for the Transfer of Appropriations

2) Oath of Office for City of Goshen elected officials:

- **Gina Leichty**, Mayor
- **Richard R. Aguirre**, Clerk-Treasurer
- **Judge Richard Mehl**
- **Donald Riegsecker** (District 1)
- **Doug Nisley** (District 2)
- **Matt Schrock** (District 3)
- **Megan Peel** (District 4)
- **Phil Lederach** (District 5)
- **Linda Gerber** (At-Large)
- **Brett Weddell** (At-Large)



Adjournment

Note: The previously advertised “Additional Appropriation” won’t be considered at this meeting, so the scheduled public hearing has been cancelled.



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To: Goshen City Common Council, Mayor Gina Leichty
From: Jeffery Weaver, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Date: December 22, 2023
Subject: Resolution 2022-21: An Emergency Resolution Providing for the Transfer of Appropriations

At the December 27, 2023 Common Council meeting, the Clerk-Treasurer's Office will present Resolution 2022-21, which requests authorization from the Council and Mayor to move available resources between major categories within the City's funds. The Clerk-Treasurer's Office presents the appropriation category transfers to the Common Council at the last Council meeting each year in order to close the annual budget with all accounts within budget.

An appropriation is "permission to spend available money" and is tied to a specific fund. Within a fund there are four spending categories and multiple accounts. The Department of Local Government Finance ("DLGF") requires Council approval to move an appropriation from one category to another. The Council can approve this when a department needs additional room to spend in one category and has available appropriations in another category.

By moving an appropriation from one category to another, the Council is only changing the category from which the City pays an expenditure. The Council is not approving any additional spending, so the fund's total appropriation remains the same.

We ask the Council to approve Resolution 2022-21 because the Common Council is the City's fiscal body which authorizes the City's budget and any budget adjustments. Our auditors require each appropriation to be a zero or positive dollar amount at the end of the year. The vast majority of the City's appropriations are underspent, and these adjustments reflect a small number of the 1,200+ appropriation lines the City maintains throughout the year.

The Clerk-Treasurer's office is currently closing up the 2023 budget and will not have a resolution ready for Council review until next week. If the Council approves the category transfers at the upcoming meeting, the Clerk-Treasurer will then register the adjustments in the City's books and communicate the transfers to the departments. These category transfers are adjustments that only require Council approval to be final, and do not require notification to the DLGF.