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MUNCIE COMMON COUNCIL
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MUNCIE, INDIANA 47305

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PUBLIC HEARING: 7:15 P.M., 1ST FLOOR CITY HALL AUDITORIUM.

ORD. 3-18 AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.
Kevin Nemyer, City Controller, states these are additional appropriations to quite a few different line items. Comments and questions called.
Forest Bowers requests a copy of the ordinance, in which, he is provided with.
No further public comments made.
President Marshall declares the Public Hearing Closed.

REGULAR MEETING: 7:30 P.M., 1ST FLOOR CITY HALL AUDITORIUM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Marshall.

INVOCATION: Given by Father Robert.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION: Councilperson Dishman recognizes Mark Kinman for the March 2018 Citizen Recognition Award. Mark has such a kind heart. His love for his hometown and his compassion for children and adults alike, has shown through his many years of serving this community. Mark served under former Mayor Dan Canons Council for People with Disabilities, he is a past president of Forest Park Neighborhood Association and a member of the Executive Committee of Muncie Neighborhoods. During his term as president of FPNA, he organized Christmas parties for the children of that neighborhood. Dishman notes he personally attended these Christmas parties. There was such joy, excitement and true happiness that he brought to all the kids and parents that attended. Mark is currently a board member of Home Savers of Delaware County. He also provides services where he would help transport people with disabilities from their homes to their jobs, doctors' visits, or wherever they needed to go. Mark explained in his own words, "it has been the most full-filling job I have ever had."
Mr. Kinman thanks Councilperson Dishman for calling him and asking him to accept this award. It was a surprise for him and totally out of the blue. He thanks his wife. He has spent twenty-eight years with and she truly understands his passion for this city, especially the kids in his Neighborhood Association. To be able to organize Christmas for the kids was something that he felt he could do to help because some families cannot afford it. Over the years, Dishman has made generous donations to that party along with some of the other fellow Council Members. It is something that he enjoys doing and he loves to help take care of the kids. He is also

involved with the Senior Center in which he currently has a few projects he is working on for them. Mr. Kinman thanks everyone he has had the opportunity to meet in this room, everyone that is here tonight to help him celebrate this recognition and he appreciates every one very much.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilperson Powell states that it is her honor to introduce this man that serves the community in the capacity that he does. She invites up Mr. Don Finnegan who is with the Indiana Chapter of *Honor and Remember*, an organization that recognizes fallen heroes.

Mr. Finnegan is happy and appreciative for such a good turn out at tonights meeting. Americas Run for the Fallen will begin April 7, 2018 in Irvine, California and last for 120 days. It will expand across 6,000 miles of reading aloud the names of 20,000 heroes from the war on terror. The finish will be in Arlington Cemetery. Over the last three years, Indiana has had a stand-alone Run for the Fallen of 140 miles from Fort Wayne to Indianapolis. This year, it is under the same umbrella of *Honor and Remember* but they are part of a nineteen-state relay team, running at least four runners at a time. It will be police escorted along with fire and EMS. In Indiana, they will be running 455 miles, roughly fifty miles a day for ten days, from June 20th to June 30th. Their names will be read aloud in hopes of the mission is never forget. Their plan is to come in by the northwest corner of Indiana, State Route 14, which is not a heavily traveled road (they are not allowed to run on the interstates, INDOT will not allow it). Then, they will come into Fort Wayne down through Muncie, Anderson, Indianapolis and further southwest towards Princeton, Evansville and out of the state. It is a huge undertaking at 120 days, fifty miles a day, and there will be a stop here at Muncie City Hall. They stop every mile for two minutes and read the names of those that died on that date. This is a chronological day to death versus Indiana heroes. All these heroes will come from around the country with a lot of their families being here in the state of Indiana. Basically, the time frame for this is from the U.S.S. Cole bombing on October 12, 2000, moving forward. You might think well, there are only 7,000 military heroes that died either through Iraq and/or Afghanistan, so where does the number 20,000 come from? That is from suicide experienced in this country. It is almost a 3:1 ratio of people that are killed in action deaths.

Honor and Remember itself is a flag symbol for our fallen military heroes, all wars, all branches, and all conflicts dating back to the American Revolution. It was started by a gentleman named George Lutz, who had a son that was killed in 2005. He created this symbol as a remembrance. George kept getting asked if this flag be deemed good to be able to give to line of duty deaths in a first responder community, since a lot of first responders are former military. The answer was basically no, because the mission is for those that are killed in action or those that died as a result of their service. Because of the amount of deaths created, especially in the law enforcement area, he created a new flag called the Honor and Sacrifice Flag launched on September 11, 2016. Mr. Finnegan did spend 25 years in volunteer fire service and both of his sons are former military. His oldest son served for the Muncie Police Department for thirteen

years and was involved in two police action shootings. The good thing was at the end of the day, he got to come home.

With the help of Larry Robbins, Mr. Finnegan presents the official Honor and Sacrifice Flag to the Council and the audience. The Honor and Remember Organization, for nearly a decade, has been honoring the families of fallen service members. In response to a growing number of deaths in the public safety community, a new tradition has been established bringing individual tribute to every first responder that has lost their life in the line of duty. The Honor and Sacrifice Flag was created for this purpose. Each color and symbol are specific. The blue field symbolizes nationally the law enforcement community. The purple field respectfully signifies mourning for loss in the firefighter community. The white field recognizes the purity of heart within each individual hero who serves and protects and is willing to face the challenges. The black stars represent those that wear the distinctive badge, cross recognizes all individuals in emergency response communities. The gold shield recognizes all public safety representatives who wear the shield and had made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Gold reflects the values of the life given. The folded American flag signifies the final tribute to the individual life that a family has lost for the sake of others. The flame is the eternal reminder of the spirit that has departed this life yet burns in memory of all who knew and loved our fallen hero. We honor their selfless service and remember their individual sacrifice. With that being said, Police Chief Joe Winkle, Fire Chief Eddie Bell and EMS Director Jason Rodgers are all presented with their very own Honor and Sacrifice Flag by Mr. Finnegan.

ROLL CALL:	**PRESENT**	**ABSENT**
Alison Quirk	X	
Nora Powell	X	
Brad Polk	X	
Julius Anderson	X	
Jerry Dishman	X	
Doug Marshall	X	
Lynn Peters	X	
Dan Ridenour	X	
Linda Gregory	X	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Polk to Approve the Minutes from the December 14, 2017 Special Meeting as presented.

A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. MINUTES APPROVED.

Attorney Hunter interjects that the Public Services Committee Meeting Minutes needs to be Approved by the Committee itself. They cannot approve the Minutes because there cannot be a Sub-Meeting within a Regular Meeting. The next time the Committee meets, they can approve the Minutes if desired.

A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Polk to Approve the Minutes from the February 5, 2018 Regular Meeting as presented. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. MINUTES APPROVED.

ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED:

ORD. 1-18 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA ESTABLISHING THE MUNCIE POLICE DEPARTMENT LOIT ACCOUNT AND DESIGNATING CURRENT ACCOUNT AS THE MUNCIE FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT.
A motion was made by Quirk and seconded by Powell to Adopt.
Kevin Nemyer, City Controller, states this is the second reading of the ordinance to establish a separate LOIT Fund between the Muncie Police Department and the Muncie Fire Department. The #106 Fund, that would be approved, would be the Police fund and the current #105 will be the Fire fund.
A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

NEW ORDINANCES:

ORD. 2-18 ANORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 80, SCHEDULE XVII (72.19) SPEED LIMIT ZONES OF THE MUNCIE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES.
A Motion was made by Quirk and seconded by Powell to Introduce.
Quirk explains this Ordinance would be to change the speed limit to 20 mph for McKinley Ave (between Bethel and Gilbert), Neely/Petty (between the walking path and New York), Riverside Ave (between Tillotson and New York), Talley Ave (between University and Gilbert), Gilbert St (between Celia and McKinley), University Ave (between Tillotson and Dicks).
Duke Campbell, Director of Public Works, states that Ball State reached out to them with obvious information of students walking and crossing all areas of the campus along with the outside campus. With pedestrians in a majority of the area, the goal was to slow speedy drivers down. The only way to slow them down is to have a good police department, in which they do. Ball State Police actually wanted this. Board of Works passed it, Mayor Tyler is fine with it as well as the Street Department. The police department has been getting aggressive on writing tickets in which to him, has improved. It is something that really needs to be done if it is enforced.
Gregory states that there was a 20-mph sign that went up at the time all these others did many months ago on Oakwood that is not listed here. Also, it is her understanding that if Council passes a speed limit change other than the states appointed 20, 30 or 40-mph limit. In other words, if the limit was 15-mph or 25-mph, the city kept a larger share of fines. She questions if that is correct and if it is then why these limits should be made to 20-mph and not 15 or 25-mph.
Campbell states that what she is saying is correct and since they are currently 30-mph and being changed to 20-mph, the city will in fact collect more of the share. Once it is established lower than what the state recommends then the city does collect more. That falls for anything

under 30-mph. Campbell explains that also, there was re-visit to Oakwood and it can now be seen that the signs read 20-mph when children are present. In order to keep that 20-mph all the way through, they had to establish an official school crosswalk there. With Northside right around the corner, it is basically when children are present. It is 30-mph any other time.

Campbell also takes this time to explain a little bit about the potholes and the pavement that has been unraveling within the City of Muncie. They have done everything they can to try to temporary fix and repair potholes within the city of Muncie. The only thing they can use is called "cold-mix." The ground is so saturated and they say it will stick to water, but, he doesn't think anything is going to stick to water when driving on streets that look like a sponge. Everything is so soft. The Mayor got with him and they did purchase two new hot-patch machines, which is what the cold-mix is carried in, being kept at 90 degrees. That gives them four machines. They even reached out to the local asphalt plants and one is not going to open before April 1st so they then reached out to the one on Hoyt Ave and even offered to share the cost in getting them to fire up. They were very gracious but they are in the midst of putting new pumps in and cleaning the drum out of all the residue. The director there informed Campbell that no matter what they do, they cannot open until March 16th. That day will be a good day. Campbell believes his guys are doing a great job working every evening that they can along with Saturday (he doesn't ask them to work on Sunday). Normally there is two out at night, and he does not really know what else to do at this moment. It is very frustrating to him and to the citizens that hit a pothole, but just as frustrating to have to go back and hit the same streets time after time. To add to that, they have a very aggressive paving plan this year, reaching almost $4 million. That is quite a lot along with Madison St and the Community Crossing Roads, which brings him to his next point, White River Blvd. Campbell noticed it before anyone. The pavement started to unravel. The minute it did, he was looking for some answers so he contacted the contractor. They done a lot of research and what it was, was when they milled it, the supervisor/foreman on the job, didn't catch some soft spots that needed cut out and patched. They always have to do that. It wasn't done. When they milled it, there was still millings in those holes and the paver can't see them. It is not the job of the crews out there, so they went ahead a paved. A meeting was called with the Mayor, Campbell, the engineer and the contractor and their chemist (who is statewide) after they done their research. The meeting was held and they came out feeling really well. The first thing they are going to do is repair all the roads that have come unraveled, at no expense to the city. Campbell asked for a three-year warranty instead of a one-year warranty because it was paved in October at 70 degrees. Any asphalt or paving company is only going to give a one-year warranty, no matter where you go (around here). After some discussion, it was decided that a two-year warranty would be sufficient. Five streets that were identified are protected for two years but that doesn't mean that a little bit more won't show up, due to all the spring rain coming up. Campbell thanks the Council for letting him get that information out there on the record and to the public since some members of the Council have voiced some concerns about that and everyone needs to know what is going on. He greatly appreciates it.
Anderson states he spoke with Campbell and he is going to take care of some concerns come Wednesday and they plan on being on top of it the entire time.

Forrest Bowers, Muncie, Indiana, thanks Mr. Campbell for all of his hard work.
An all-in-favor vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. INTRODUCED.

ORD. 3-18 AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.
A motion was made by Quirk and seconded by Powell to Introduce.
Kevin Nemyer, City Controller, states that these are a number of additional appropriations for quite a few line items.
Gregory understands where the LOIT money is coming from but questions where the other line items came from. Nemyer states he did not work on this in particular. Powell indicates that it comes from the General Fund and the line items pertain to Board of Works, Building Commissioner, Park, Prairie Creek and Channel 60. Gregory asks about the money, though, if it is new money from someplace. Powell informs yes, it is a new additional appropriation within the General Fund for those line items. The others will come from LOIT #105 and #106. Gregory asks if this was money that was not considered when the budget was passed last fall. Powell informs yes. Gregory asks why they have the money now. Powell states this was money that was in the beginning balance of operational funds. It is money that was there, unfortunately, those line items were underfunded. Gregory wants clarification that this is not new money. Powell indicates no, these additional appropriations are for money that was there and is now just being used to fund those items so that they will be at the appropriate levels.

Ridenour asks if any of these are recurring expenses. Powell answers no and refers to an e-mail that was sent out in September of 2017 that talked about the facts that as they went through the budget process, there were some line items that were underfunded. Because the budget had already been filed, those line items could not be increased so they had to do additional appropriations at the beginning of the year. However, Powell thought it would be best to wait until they received their 1782 back cleared (which meant the budget was certified and the state approved) before these additional appropriations were made. These are not recurring, but just line items that were intended to be funded at this level but for whatever reason, they were underfunded. Ridenour states they have the beginning balance on #105, what they have received, additional LOIT funds, what was spent and the remaining which is about $1.5 million left over. Is that where this is coming from, Ridenour asks. Powell states the line items are coming out of LOIT #105 and #106. It is monies that were left in the LOIT fund that were not appropriated. Ridenour clarifies that if any of these were recurring then there would be some other method needed to come up with by next year. Powell answers yes, absolutely. The hope is to push that non-appropriated money into play so that it is just not sitting there. That is why those came out of the LOIT money instead of the General Fund.
Questions called. An all-in-favor vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. INTRODUCED.

ORD. 4-18 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORD. 67-17 FIXING THE MAXIMUM SALARIES OF EACH AND EVERY APPOINTED OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, DEPUTY, ASSISTANT, DEPARTMENTAL AND INSTITUTIONAL HEAD OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA, INCLUDED HEREIN FOR THE YEAR 2018.
A motion was made by Quirk and seconded by Powell to Introduce.

Kevin Nemyer, City Controller, states this is the Street Department Secretary II Position that was approved in the budget. It is just being added to the salary ordinance at this time.
Questions called. An all-in-favor vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. INTRODUCED.

RESOLUTIONS:

RES. 2-18 A RESOLUTION OF THE APPROVAL FOR THE 2017 ZONE CHANGES TO THE OFFICIAL ZONE MAPS FOR THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA.
A motion was made by Quirk and seconded by Polk to Adopt.
Marta Moody, Executive Director from the Delaware-Muncie Metropolitan Planning Commission, states this is a ministerial annual function which is intended to verify that all of the re-zonings that have occurred in the previous year have actually gotten into the official zone maps for the City of Muncie. This resolution does that and the Council has been provided with copies of the exurbs from the digital zone maps that show where the re-zonings that occurred last year were. Questions called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

RES. 3-18 A RESOLUTION MAKING TRANSFERS WITHIN GENERAL FUND.
Councilperson Dishman Withdraws Res. 3-18. WITHDRAWN.

RES. 4-18 A RESOLUTION MAKING TRANSFERS.
A motion was made by Quirk and seconded by Powell to Adopt.
Quirk explains this Resolution is decreasing the line item of Health Insurance for the City Council by $60,000 and decreasing City Court Other Services & Charges by $10,000. It is to increase the Muncie Police Department Front Desk Officer by $26,262 and to increase Muncie Police Department Capital Equipment $48,783.
A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Gregory to Amend the line item that says *City Court Other Services & Charges* to be changed to *City Court Adult Probation Fees*, at the request of Judge Dunnuck. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. AMENDED.
A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Peters to Adopt as Amended.
Gregory asks what the Capital Equipment is for. Powell states the Resolution was offered to assist with the purchase of safety equipment in means of a metal detector and a walk-through metal screener to secure City Hall from people that could bring in dangerous metal materials. Ridenour asks what doors these metal detectors would be placed in. Powell states that would be more of a question for Chief Winkle and Mayor Tyler but because of ADA compliance, we will have to choose a door that is accessible for people with disabilities so more than likely, just the one handicap accessible door. She goes on to state those logistics are for people with a much higher paygrade than herself. She just wanted to make sure that this equipment was available along with people who could monitor this. Unfortunately, this is the reality we live in and she believes, after talking to people at the Sheriff's Office and the Muncie Police Department, we are one of the only government buildings that is not secure in that manner. Council meetings are held here, City Court proceedings are held here and there has been several instances in different offices where people have carried weapons into that office. This is

just something that we need to take on the responsibility of in securing the employees that work here and the people that come to do business here.
Megan Quirk, City Attorney and member of the City and County People with Disabilities Board, along with Linda Muckway, President of that Board, are very concerned about the cost of this project. By no means, does she believe the amount that is allocating would actually cost a lot more, given the compliance issues with the ADA.
Ms. Muckway states that when this project is started, major construction will be involved because there is not enough room at that accessible door to make it secure, and at the same time, ADA compliant for people with disabilities and wheelchairs. It would be required to also make the bathrooms handicap accessible, which would be good but would also cost a lot more money. There is a lot more room in the County Building with the way the entrance is set up. City Hall does not have that space. The bathroom in the hallway even requires some major adjustments to make it the handicap accessible bathroom. She recommends to keep that in mind when doing the renovations and remodeling in order to put the security system in.
Attorney Quirk states additionally because this building finished its construction in 1989, it did not have to come up to the legal compliance that other public sites are. However, whenever you enter into any new construction or modification of the interior structure or architecture of a building, it is required to come into legal compliance. There are many case laws on what that means and that is her caution to the Council that this is going to cost a lot more than $48,000.
Yvonne Thompson, Director of the Muncie Human Rights Commission and as ADA Compliance Officer, states that in 2011, there was a ADA compliance implantation plan that was put together. They are still trying to work on that plan to make sure all the bathrooms are accessible with doors that have doorknobs that work for people with disabilities. All of these things have been taken into consideration and $48,000 is not going to cut it. Please remember that they do have a plan, though. Thompson informs that it is going to take more than the projected $48,000 to bring this building up to code.
Sarah Beach, City Personnel Director, wanted to touch on the Front Desk Officer that has been allocated in this. She is not sure who or when this Resolution was put together or if this is a part-time position or a full-time position. If it is a full-time position, this is underfunded by at least $5,000 from what the position actually gets paid. In addition to that, if it is a full-time position, they have not budgeted for insurance, PRF or all the things that go along with a full-time employee. Therefore, that line item is also underbudgeted.
Councilperson Quirk knows Powell helped a little with this and asks her what other departments helped put this together. Powell answers it was a collaborative effort. The Court will be providing money for this and the Muncie Police Department has applied for a Home Land Security Grant to be able to put money towards it. Also, the modifications to the building is not in the Councils purvey. That is actually up to the Executive Office. These funds would just make that allowable to be able to purchase the equipment. The one-time expense of the equipment is covered, and some assistance in covering that, the person that would man that station, and from there on is their responsibility. Council was just offering some financial assistance along with the Court system and MPD through a grant. Quirk asks about a timeline. Powell indicates no. Quirk is concerned with starting something they could not do. She would want a better understanding of it at least if renovations were started or being planned. She

hopes they could get into some conversation about that. Therefore, a motion is made by Quirk and seconded by Polk to Table.
A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. TABLED.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilperson Quirk states a couple years ago, they approved a budget or did some bonding for the trails out toward Marleon Drive and questions Marta Moody is that has started yet. Moody answers they will once they are in the construction season and hopes of being able to do it in one season for phase one.

Carl E. Malone, 813 N. Riley Road, is here on behalf of the Community Center that sits in the inner-city industry neighborhood. The building opened four years ago through the city administration and some other private funds. Here recently, the building was closed in mid-December due to a faulty boiler system in the roof. He wanted to know if any officials were aware that the building had closed. The cause and effect that the building has had on the industry neighborhood families, coming from an 84% female ran household, who depend on those services that was provided by the Center after school. It has had a major impact. Over the last four years, the building has had people speak on gun violence and how to report and share information. With the building being gone, they are not able to reach the families as they need to talk about gun violence. There was just a shooting close by shortly after they closed their doors. They have tried to address it. Within the four years of putting out that information, they had not had a gun violent issue at that location, due to constantly routing out. Now that the building is down, they can no longer meet with the families and discuss handguns that possibly go in and out of homes. Right before they closed, they had a sit-down session with the Prosecutor, Chief Probation Department and some family members of individuals that were having issues with guns in their neighborhood and stemming from that. Those individuals were able to be brought off the street and taken care of through the legal system. He wants to make sure elected officials are aware that the building itself is down. They are trying to continue some services but it is really tough without a place to call home. South Madison Community Center was tore-down with the promise of a new building going up, which never happened. Then, they sat for six years with no way to have contact with families. The mayor and Mr. Malone sat down and had a discussion about it and the Unity Center was allowed to operate for the next four years. He requests the Council talk and discuss it and follow up with the community and let them know. There is no building or meeting place that sits between Jackson and Main going over as far as 12th St and as far back to Burlington from Walnut. There has to be a facility in their neighborhood.
Anderson wants to see if the Community Development Director can speak because they do have something in the plan. He also wants to how many kids the Unity Center had because he believed it was 75 kids per day and how they deal day-to day with the kids now. Malone answers they have a hard time tracking and it affected all their in-house programming so they

have lost some kids to other buildings. During the summer months, they had as many as 200 in for just the after school and summer programs. On the regular, they had 65-70 kids coming for after school programs along with other services they had at the building. He can't say enough as to what they are going to do or how they are going to do it but he does know they get regular phone calls asking when the building will or if it will be open again. He can't say because he really doesn't know. What he does know is the building was a tremendous lift to the families during the four years that they were able to operate. They plan to make it through the spring months and then partnering with the Parks Department in May so that during the summer they will be able to do some things. It is still tough not having a home to operate out of, though.
Marshall states he knows it is not nearly enough but they have tried to help all the Community Centers. He wants to know what is different about this specific Community Center from the other Centers that are struggling.
Malone states the funding base for support is different there. They have tried to submit a few grants and were told that the location of the building is a conflict of interest because it sits next door to The Boys and Girls Club. They would much rather be in another location for after school programming. They didn't ask to be at the Garfield location, and were under the impression of a new building being built when they tore down the existing one on south Madison Street. The closest thing in the neighborhood was Garfield School which sat there for six years not serving one person in the community. Malone asked Mayor Tyler to give them the opportunity to bring families back and within the first thirty days they had 60 to 90 people. They were asked to stay open on Spring Break with no budget which they done. They have had their struggles but was able to keep moving along. To physically have a building shut down though, there is not much to do when you're a small group trying to service so many people.
Marshall asks if they have tried to send people out to try to see what could be done differently.
Malone states there has been some discussion with some of the board members, like some things that should happen amongst themselves. He just knows the Unity Center itself has been trying to get the support needed to go forward. Just to see the interaction of the families that go in throughout the week that need the service. Beyond that, there has been changes in Board Presidents. He understands the building is for sale and doesn't know how much the repair work is going to cost but there is nothing in this industry neighborhood as we speak.
Anderson asks that Community Development Director, Dr. Terry Whit-Bailey, because the fact the city has put some money and funding into the building and if that building sells then that could be another problem.
Dr. Terry Whit-Bailey, Community Development Director, states that before she says anything, she wants to commend the people that have worked so hard at the Unity Center to bring programming to the children in that neighborhood. They have worked tirelessly to do great work over several years. She could say their office alone has put in close to $350,000 for that building. What Mr. Malone did not share and she will, is that this specific building is owned by the Muncie Housing Authority so this body of commissioners does not have authority to do or say anything with regard to the building. But they do, in their office, have the authority to talk with those leaders and find out what is doing on with that building. It is very disturbing that we

do not have a physical facility for an organization that is going a great work for a group of students. The Community Development office would be more than happy to do some additional working on trying to collaborate and find space for the group. In addition to the money they gave for the physical building, she believes in the last three years they did give public service dollars to the Unity Center because, again, they do feel they are doing a great work and service for the community. She knows Mayor Tyler would say the same thing about whatever both of their offices can do to try to find space and opportunity for these young people, and seniors also, that receive services. She has volunteered there and knows children are missing out on quality services and programs that could be handled by the Unity Center staff, as well as some of the other programming going on the community. We need to figure out how to work together to figure out how we can make that happen.

Anderson requests that Mr. Malone, the staffing, The Mayor and Community Development can all gather at the same table. Maybe after some discussion, they can resolve some issues if not all of them.

Terry Bailey, Community Development Director but speaking now as chairperson of the Very Important Volunteer Award (V!VA), that is sponsored by the Muncie Rotary Club and The United Way of Muncie and Delaware County. The President of the Rotary is Councilperson Gregory who gave Mrs. Bailey the opportunity to make this announcement. Every year, they look at the people in the community that are doing exciting things, volunteering their time and giving their heart to projects and programs that are happening in Muncie and Delaware County. It is very similar to The Citizen Recognition Award that each member of the Council takes a turn in nominating and providing plaques for people that are doing great work, mostly volunteers. They have the V!VA (Very Important Volunteer) Award nominations that are due this Friday. If there is someone that should be nominated or anyone in the audience has someone they would like to nominate, the club would love to have their nominations. The V!VA Luncheon is held on April 17, 2018 at the Horizon Convention Center. Anyone with questions can receive a flyer from Mrs. Bailey or go to MuncieRotary.org.

JuJuan Philips, Senior at Muncie Central and volunteer at the Unity Center, started volunteering there a little after it opened. His volunteer work then turned into a summer job. Now, it is a year around job. He just wants to speak on the importance of it. He is the President of the Muncie Youth Council and the NAACP and wants to say that never would have been possible if it wasn't for it being at the Unity Center. That alone got more memberships which lead to more teens coming into the center which then led to them getting jobs during the summer. That led to the Mayor asking the Director of the Unity Center to allow their youth work program to be done at there. It really affected him when the Unity Center closed down because of the relationships that he started to build (and that he still has) with all the children. There are still plenty of parents and people that contact him to come to their house to help with homework or get on their child about discipline and things like that. He just wants to say the Unity Center

is a very important place for a lot of different people. With the building being closed, it has left a big negative affect on a lot of people. He asks that the request made by Anderson to move forward be continued and to take the community into consideration.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Quirk and seconded by Dishman to Adjourn. A vote by acclamation showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADJOURNED.

Doug Marshall, President of
The Muncie Common Council

Melissa Peckinpaugh, Muncie City Clerk
of the Muncie Common Council