

## REGULAR SESSION, COMMON COUNCIL, July 11, 2022

Be it Remembered that the Common Council of the City of Plymouth, Indiana, met in regular session on July 11, 2022. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers, on the second floor of the City Building, 124 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Indiana and was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Senter led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilmen Ecker offered prayer.

Mayor Senter presided for Council members Shiloh Carothers Milner, Duane Culp, Greg Compton, Don Ecker Jr, Robert Listenberger, Randy Longanecker, and Jeff Houin. City Attorney Surtisi and Clerk-Treasurer Gorski were present. The public was able to see and hear the meeting through Microsoft Teams.

Council Members Ecker and Culp moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular session of the Common Council on June 27, 2022 as presented. The motion carried.

City Attorney Surtisi explains that he had sent out the new revised PC Source agreement July 7, 2022 and would be happy to answer any questions the council had about it. He states that there was the addition of several computers and the biggest addition came from the Police Department were their 18 in-car tablets. He states that the discussion was whether or not to have those covered and it was decided that it made sense to have them covered under the service agreement. He states that the other handful of items came from the laptop at the Clerk-Treasurer's Office that is used for city council meetings as it was not covered previously. He adds there was also the new laptop purchase at the parks department and one correction at the fire department. He states that after those changes the final cost to \$4850.00 per month. He adds that the Clerk-Treasurer has provided a breakdown of what the cost would look like for each department.

Councilmen Ecker asks if this amount is different than what is originally proposed.

Councilmen Houin responds by stating that it is a different level of service than what was originally proposed. He states that the original proposal from PC Source was for a more full-service IT Support Program and this is more of a basic security focused program that they would then bill an hourly rate for additional services that are not included in this agreement.

Councilmen Compton asks if this is going to be the per computer rate that was asked for.

Houin responds by explaining that is spelled out in this contract so the way he interprets this is that anywhere in the city where an additional computer gets added that the monthly fee will go up and if one is removed that the monthly fee will go down.

Surtisi agrees.

Ecker asks if this meets or exceeds the requirements by the insurance company.

Surrisi responds by stating that it covers most of the basic needs but they still need to address the level of security for remote access to email or webmail. He states that the recommendations from the insurance company were multi-factor identification and this contract would not include implementing something like that but there is a possibility to start the discussion of adding the security levels implemented through this plan and how the insurance company will view that. He wonders whether they would still require the multi-factor identification.

Compton asks if the hourly rate will remain consistent with the \$110/ hour.

Surrisi responds by stating that is correct and that this is a three-year contract that locks in these rates. He states that he knows from talking with PC Source that if they find they get to a point where they are coming close to spending the level, they proposed for the full-service contract that it may be beneficial to re-negotiate that it may be a possibility. He states for the time being that this is significantly less than the full-service contract and they can see where they land with additional hourly billing.

Councilmen Culp states that his question is for Police Chief Bacon and Fire Chief Holm. He asks since the rugged iPads are in the firetrucks and police cars, who would maintain the ones for IDACS/ NCIC/ 911.

Police Chief Bacon responds by stating that as far as the software they have a contract with a separate company and an officer from the Sheriff's department handles that. He explains that as far as the hardware they come with three-year warranties. He states that if further problems were to occur that he goes to PC Source.

Culp asks if they are allowed to get into them because of the disclosures.

Bacon agrees.

Fire Chief Holm states that it is the same for them as well and they have service contracts for the programs themselves like their medical programming and things like that but as far as any hardware issues, PC Source handles that.

Surrisi states that this is scheduled to take effect the first of August so if they can get this approved tonight that it would be ideal so they can make preparations to be ready to start implementing things on the first.

Councilmen Compton and Ecker moved and seconded to approve the proposal from PC Source. The motion carried.



Councilmen Compton and Ecker moved and seconded to take Ordinance No. 2022-2195, An Ordinance Regarding Parking Motor Vehicles in Residential Lawn Areas on second reading off the table. The motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-2195R**

**AN ORDINANCE REGARDING  
PARKING MOTOR VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL LAWN AREAS**

**Statement of Purpose and Intent**

In recent years, the Plymouth Common Council has heard many concerns regarding the parking of vehicles on lawn areas of residential properties. Those concerns included deterioration of lawn areas and the general aesthetics and property values of the City's residential neighborhoods. This year, the Mayor convened a committee to take a closer look at such concerns. The committee examined the issue and how other communities have attempted to restrict such parking, while balancing property owners' accessibility needs. The purpose and intent of this ordinance is to adopt restrictions on parking vehicles on residential lawns.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Common Council of the City of Plymouth, Indiana, as follows:

**Section 1.** Title VII, entitled Traffic Code, Chapter 71, entitled Parking Regulations, shall be amended by adding a new section, § 71.14 PARKING LIMITATIONS ON RESIDENTIAL LAWN AREAS, as follows:

**§ 71.14 PARKING LIMITATIONS ON RESIDENTIAL LAWN AREAS**

(A) The following definitions apply throughout this section:

“front yard” means the horizontal space between the nearest foundation of a building to the front lot line.

“side yard” means the horizontal space between the nearest foundation of a building to the side lot line.

“rear yard” means the horizontal space between the nearest foundation of a building to a rear lot line.

“vehicle” means a device used as a mode of transportation of persons and/or goods including but not limited to automobiles, semi-tractor trailers, all types of trailers, snowmobiles, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and like devices.

(B) Vehicle parking in a lawn area of a rear yard of a lot zoned for residential use is permitted, however, it is unlawful to park a vehicle in a lawn area of a front yard or a side yard of a lot zoned for residential use, if such lot abuts a public street where parking is permitted. Such conduct is deemed a public nuisance.

(C) The parking restrictions set forth in subsection (B) are not applicable to vehicles displaying a valid disability license plate or parking placard. Additionally, such parking

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restrictions are not applicable during the time of the annual Marshall County Blueberry Festival, beginning the Monday before Labor Day and running through Labor Day.

(D) For each violation of the parking restrictions set forth in subsection (B), the registered owner of the motor vehicle shall be assessed a fine of \$25.00.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective after passage, due attestation, and publication as required by law. Further, this ordinance shall remain in effect until amended or repealed by the Common Council. Enforcement of this ordinance shall be undertaken by the Plymouth Police Department. From its effective date through October 31, 2022, the Plymouth Police Department shall issue written warnings for any violations of this ordinance; thereafter, the Plymouth Police Department shall issue the registered motor vehicle owner a ticket for any violations, pursuant to the penalty provisions of City Code § 71.14(C).

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Mark Senter, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

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Lynn M. Gorski, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Plymouth, Indiana on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, at \_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_ m.

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Lynn M. Gorski, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved and signed by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Mark Senter, Mayor

Surrisi states that based off the council's discussion from the previous meeting that he made some amendments to try to capture the debate that they had. He explains that he added simplified versions of the definitions for rear yard, side yard, and front yard found in the zoning ordinance. He adds that the definition of vehicle was a version of what was found in the zoning ordinance to try to broaden the scope of what was covered by vehicle. He states that he also added the restriction that rear yards were the only yards that may be parked in. He states rear yard parking was permissible but front yards and side yards were not if you lived in a residential zoning with on street parking adjacent that would be allowed. He states that there was some discussion about the exemption for vehicles with handicap placards or license plates and whether there should be a time limit put on that he did not get anything reflected on this in these changes.

**John Carlton (606 Beerenbrook St, Plymouth IN 46563)**

Carlton states that everywhere in Plymouth including Beerenbrook Street has pretty narrow roads. He states that on Beerenbrook if there are no cars parked on that road that two cars can pass. He adds that he has two vehicles and his truck sits on Beerenbrook. He explains that he has had four vehicles hit there before. He states that he has an enclosed trailer sitting on the south side of his lot that runs adjacent to an alley which doesn't bother anybody as nobody can see it. He states that if



they make it as to where they cannot park things and he has to pull that trailer out to the road behind his truck that they will then have two vehicles. He states that when you come down that road you pretty much have to look through the windshield of his truck to see if there is anything coming so that you may go around it. He states that if the enclosed trailer is put there then you would not be able to see through it so when you come down that road you would run a 50/50 chance of pulling out in front of someone or not. He explains that Plymouth has enough parking problems as is without adding this to it.

He asks if they already have some ordinances on vehicles that are abandoned or broke down that are sitting in yards for long periods of time that code enforcement is supposed to be making sure is removed. He states that it seems to him that they are going to be putting ordinances on top of ordinances that they already have and that they should really take a look at that before making any decisions.

Compton asks if he said that his trailer sits in the side yard.

Carlton responds by stating that it does sit in the side yard. He states that he has a fenced yard and there is a little area next to an alleyway and his trailer sits there. He explains that it is out of the way so that it does not restrict your ability to make your turn. He states that if things are out of the way that he does not see the reason why they should be pulled out into the road. He states that if you take a look at all the little trailers for hauling lawn mowers and car trailers that are sitting alongside people's houses and move them into parking spaces that you are going to have some unhappy people.

He references reading in the newspaper about it lowering property values by having vehicles or trailers sitting in yards. He states that it is going to lower his property value a lot more if there is no place for someone to park.

Culp asks if he can put his trailer in his back yard.

Carlton responds by explaining that he is totally fenced in. He states that he has a tall 6-foot solid fence around the backyard for privacy and he does not have enough room to put it back there anyways.

Compton asks if he was able to park his trailer on the side of his house if he would be in favor of the ordinance.

Carlton responds by stating that is a loaded question. He states that if he had another car instead of a trailer that he would want to put his car there. He explains that for him it would be fine but for others it won't be. He states that it would be a big problem if they start pulling all these

trailers out to the streets and they take up parking spots. He states that if they want to fill up another 20-25% of the parking spaces in Plymouth with trailers then they may want to reconsider this ordinance.

**Bruce Gerhart (207 Alexander St, Plymouth, IN 46563)**

He states unfortunately he does not know everything that he should know about this but if he cannot park his camper in his back yard then where should he park it.

Compton explains that you can do it with this ordinance.

Gerhart states that is his problem because he is unsure what they are leaning towards as far as what you can do and cannot do. He states that as far as everyday vehicles, not the abandoned ones, that it should stay how it currently is. He states that there are ordinances to take care of what shouldn't be so there is no reason to go crazy by making everything look very nice because it is not going to happen.

**Bobbi Milliser (1206 W. Harrison St, Plymouth, IN 46563)**

Milliser states that she does not have much to say as she said everything that she needed to state at the last meeting. She states that there is not a solution to this problem and she has looked around her neighborhood and noticed a few houses that have five or six cars that are parked in front of the house. She states that her question is where they would want them to park as they do not have a curb. She states that they could park across the street at the very nice condos that just got built but she doesn't think that those people would like that. She states that for some people there is almost no place to put them aside from in your yard. She adds that somebody asked her if she would like to look out her window and see someone parked in the yard. She states that she does look out her window and see people parked in the yard alongside trailers and everything else. She states that as far as property values that she believes everyone's property values are up right now. She states that you could get a lot more for a house today than you could six months ago. She explains that this ordinance is not necessarily a problem for her but she owns five cars, a golf cart, an ATV and two trailers. She explains that she keeps it neat and there is nothing is parked in the front yard.

Mayor Senter asks what condos she was talking about.

She responds by stating the ones on Plum Street.

Milliser states that her kids live with her and that she parks in the driveway while her kids park beside the driveway in the area that the city would call the front yard or the side yard. She states that most of that isn't because they couldn't park in the driveway but because they all leave at different times in the morning and they would all like to not wake up at six in the morning to move



the cars around. She restates that this is not exactly a problem that she has with her property but rather a problem that others will have with their own properties. She explains that there are better things for people to spend their money on and if they could afford to put a driveway down then she is sure they would. She states that people live week to week and that there is probably a different way to solve the problem. She states that we are supposed to be a kinder and gentler nation and that this is overreaching as there are enough ordinances to cover this problem.

**Donnie Davidson (Utility Superintendent, Plymouth, IN 46563)**

He states that from a utilities point of view that they routinely have damaged curb stops, which are the valves that control water to the homes. He adds that water valves, mainline valves, water pits, manhole castings, catch basins, etc. He states that a lot of these are located in the terraces and people drive over them and the city just repairs them. He explains that they try to get cooperation from the residents and they just do what they choose.

**Donnie Davidson (1018 Ferndale St, Plymouth, IN 46563)**

He explains that as a resident he has lived in the city for his adult life and he plans on living in the city for many years to come. He states that everyone is hearing a lot about the quality of place now and one of the things people are shooting for is better paying jobs and with that comes the people. He states that he would rather them live in our community rather than just commuting to our community. He wonders who would want to live next to some of these properties and he is not referring to some of the situations that were brought up tonight. He states that he is referring to single family homes that have seven to nine cars that are squeezing them in anywhere they can get them. He states that there are other people who have 100 feet of street to drive on and a two-car garage behind the home and they jump the curb and sidewalk to park at the front steps of their home. He states that you can call it what you want but he calls it laziness and a lack of respect for your neighbors. He adds that there is no need for that and he is unsure if an ordinance is necessary, a policy, or some discussions where these areas are but it is getting to the point where this is so acceptable that people are thinking this is normal or where the city has no problem with it. He believes that guidelines would be beneficial or even some discussion with people.

He states that some of these places have a small footprint and the amount of people that are living in these are way over what it was intended to be. He states that he is in favor of some kind of guideline or ordinance to provide some guidance and let people know that they got to figure out something better than what they are doing here.

Milliser asks Davidson when the city has to fix the stuff mentioned earlier that they do not charge them.

Davidson responds by asking who are they supposed to charge. He states that the resident blames the landlord and the landlord blames the resident.

Milliser thinks that the city should be charging somebody because they charge her for everything. She states that somebody should pay for it and that if you own the property that it is their responsibility. She references isn't that how the city water bill works.

Davidson responds by explaining that the city water bill can be in the landlord's name or the tenant's name.

Carlton states that he understands what Davidson is saying but he believes that there are some laws out there now that are not being enforced that can take care of those problems.

Milliser asks how many people can there be that can live in a single resident home and who is supposed to go in and find out how many families are living there.

Compton asks Surrisi if automobiles are supposed to include both trucks and cars.

Surrisi responds by stating that is correct.

Compton states that he is going to make a suggestion that they eliminate all types of trailers right now. He states that he can understand wanting to put a trailer on the side of the house and he would rather have it there then out in the street. He states that what they are trying to do is improve the appearance of their community and they do not want three to four cars parked in a lawn of a residential home. He explains that there is plenty of street and that he lives on Michigan Street so he can't park in front anyways. He adds that he has adequate driveway and platforms in the back but sometimes they have gatherings at their home and sometimes they park on two sides on either end and walk to the house. He states that nobody has ever complained to him about that and he believes most people can find a place to park.

Compton states that he would like to approve this tonight and that they can always get something on the books and adapt it if it turns out to be the wrong thing. He states that 2-6 months from now they can make a change to this if needed but he would like to get something on the books. He states that they have had people come here tonight and oppose this but he has had dozens of people talk to him personally in the community who approve this very much.

Milliser states that she would not mind during the day parking a block from her home to be there but she does not think that anyone wants to see a 16-year-old girl parking a block away from her home to be able to walk home at 10:30-11 at night.



Compton adds nobody would want that.

Milliser states that if everybody has to park on the street then who owns what parking space and in the long run that it is going to cause trouble.

Listenberger asks Police Chief Bacon how he thinks something like this can be enforced. He explains that he drove around today and he sees that this applies to about 50% of the residential properties. He adds that there are a lot of streets that are so narrow that over time they have allowed them to take the right of way, paved part of the right of way on the street, some not, some is gravel, some is not. He states that how this ordinance reads right now that Compton can park in his front yard and it would be okay as there is no on street parking so this does not apply to him. He adds that how this ordinance sits right now that he is not willing to vote in favor.

Bacon states that this is going to be difficult because there are plenty of people who have parked on their property for years and that some of the right of way is gravel. He explains that he will enforce whatever they pass but there are going to be a lot of upset people. He states that those are ordinance violations. He states that he gets speeding complaints, traffic reports, criminal offenses, and that kind of stuff is part of their job. Ordinance violations is handled by one Code Enforcement Officer who is the Assistant Chief of Police. He explains that he does not think that he should be the Code Enforcement Officer but that is his duties right now. He states that if they had a dedicated Code Enforcement department that handled this kind of stuff then that would be great. He believes that a Law Enforcement Officer has more important things to deal with and that they are not going around to nippick on people. He explains that they have an ordinance on junk vehicles and they tag those and they have a certain number of days to remove it from the property before they take action and they handle those.

Listenberger asks Bacon that if they get a complaint then they will go out.

Bacon agrees and restates that they do not actively go out and look for the people that are violating some of the ordinances that are on the books now.

Longanecker states that his two cents on this is also if they do this or something like this that they would have to revisit the no parking on the streets and revisit the driveways. He explains that with the timeframe that it would not permit people time to put in a driveway and that there are other things that need to be looked at and considered.

Surrisi states that he would like to add one thought that Milliser's comments brought to his mind is that he does not think is an issue with the present ordinance but something that should be brought to people's attention. He states that she mentioned she owns multiple properties and an

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adjacent lot near her home. He states that this whole ordinance is premised upon a residential lot that has a primary dwelling on it and all of the definitions of front yard, side yard, and rear yard. He states that it wouldn't regulate a vacant residential lot.

Houin asks Surtisi why it wouldn't as it just states a lot zoned for residential use. He states that it does not say anything about what is actually on the lot.

Surtisi responds by stating the only prohibition is with respect to parking in the front or side yard then those definitions subject to the nearest foundation of a building so he is not sure that it would provide any restriction on a residential lot that did not have a structure on it.

Longanecker explains that this addresses a residential zoning but have they addressed a commercial zoning.

Carlton asks if this would include dual zoned areas that are zoned residential and commercial.

Building Commissioner Hammonds states that commercial would override residential.

Councilmen Ecker and Compton moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-2195, An Ordinance Regarding Parking Motor Vehicles in Residential Lawn Areas with the modification of eliminating all types of trailers, snowmobiles, recreational vehicles, motorcycles and like devices on second reading. The motion failed by roll call vote.

Councilman in Favor: Compton, Culp, Ecker

Councilman Opposed: Houin, Listenberger, Longanecker, Milner

Mayor Senter presented Ordinance No. 2022-2198, An Ordinance Redistricting the City of Plymouth on first reading.

City Attorney Surtisi stated that he would like to keep this on the agenda for a while with the idea of leaving it until passage in August for any comments in the meantime.



**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-2198****Statement of Intent and Purpose**

The 2020 Census determined the population of the City of Plymouth to be 10,214. This is an increase of 181 people since the 2010 Census. In 2012, the City adopted Ordinance No. 2012-2031, which divided the City into 4 districts for city election purposes. The 4 districts were divided based on the 2010 Census tracts and blocks, with respect to that year's population data. With the most recent Census, there are changes in population require a review of the councilmanic districts.

State law and state and federal constitutional provisions require the districts to be as equal in population as practical. To divide the City into four, exactly equal council districts, each district would have 2553.5 persons. Of course, that exact result is impossible.

IC 36-4-6-4 requires the districts the Council draws to be: 1) composed of contiguous territory; 2) reasonably compact; 3) not cross precinct boundaries unless an exception is met; and 4) contain, as nearly as possible, equal population.

This ordinance brings forth a minor change in 2 of the 4 councilmanic districts to maintain a legally acceptable level of variation between the smallest and largest districts in the City. These new districts do, however, cross existing precinct lines. IC 36-4-6-4(d) allows for the crossing of precinct lines "if the districts would not otherwise contain, as nearly as possible, equal population." To distribute the population as equal as possible, it was necessary to cross precinct lines, which is permitted by the statute, but the Clerk-Treasurer is required to send a written notice to the Marshall Circuit Court Clerk pursuant to IC 36-4-6-4(f), which was done in excess of ten (10) days before the final adoption of this ordinance.

Exhibit A attached to this ordinance shows the proposed block group change, where Block 1039 (currently belonging in District 2) is moved to District 1; within Exhibit A is also a map of the entire City with the new district lines. Exhibit B is the list of 2020 Census tracts and blocks within the First District with a total population of 2629; Exhibit C is a list of 2020 Census tracts and blocks within the Second District with a total population of 2533; Exhibit D is a list of 2020 Census tracts and blocks within the Third District with a total population of

2531; Exhibit E is a list of 2020 Census tracts and blocks within the Fourth District with a total population of 2521. This presents a variation of 4.2%.

The intent and purpose of this ordinance is to establish and implement for the next municipal elections, both primary and general, and all subsequent elections, the revised councilmanic districts from which one qualified resident shall be elected to serve on the Common Council for the City of Plymouth, while meeting the sufficient level of variation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Common Council of the City of Plymouth, Indiana as follows:

**Section 1.** Section 31.02 of Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Plymouth is hereby repealed, and in its place the following shall be inserted and held controlling:



**§ 31.02 COUNCILMANIC DISTRICTS**

(A) Effective the municipal elections to be held in 2023, and all subsequent

elections, the City is hereby divided for city election purposes into four

(4) districts, each district to contain the following 2020 Census tracts and blocks:

(1) *First District.* The first councilmanic district shall contain the census tracts and blocks as listed in Exhibit B attached to Ordinance No. 2022-2198.

(2) *Second District.* The second councilmanic district shall contain the census tracts and blocks as listed in Exhibit C attached to Ordinance No. 2022-2198.

(3) *Third District.* The third councilmanic district shall contain the census tracts and blocks as listed in Exhibit D attached to Ordinance No. 2022-2198.

(4) *Fourth District.* The fourth councilmanic district shall contain the census tracts and blocks as listed in Exhibit E attached to Ordinance No. 2022-2198.

(B) The boundaries for the four (4) districts described by census tracts and blocks in Section (A) are described in ordinary terms as follows:

\**(1) First District.* The first councilmanic district shall commence at the extreme northwest corner of the corporate boundaries of the City; thence south along the corporate boundaries of the City; thence southeast along the corporate boundaries of the City; thence north along the corporate boundaries of the City; thence east along the corporate boundaries of the City to the intersection of Pioneer Drive and Jim Neu Drive; thence south along the corporate boundaries of the City, a distance of 1,300 feet, more or less; thence east along the corporate boundaries of the City,

\**(2) Second District.* The second councilmanic district shall commence at the intersection of Center Street and Harrison Street;

\**(3) Third District.* The third councilmanic district shall commence at the intersection of Lake Avenue and Plum Street;

\**(4) Fourth District.* The fourth councilmanic district shall commence at the intersection of



EXHIBIT A

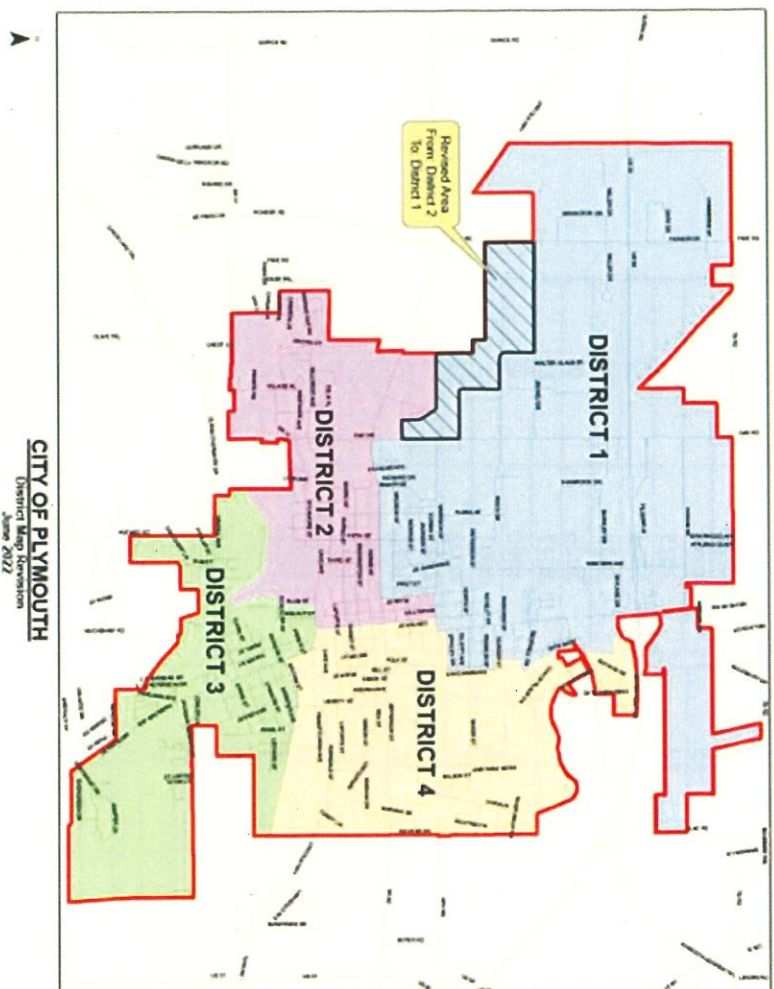


EXHIBIT B

Census Block #	District 1 Population	1032	9	2004	0
1002	50	1032	0	2005	0
1003	19	1033	45	2006	19
1006	8	1033	0	3000	0
		1034	11	3001	18
1007	17	1034	0	3002	22
1008	95	1035	9	3003	21
1009	12	1035	0	3004	39
1009	21	1036	19	3005	49
1010	0	1036	0	3006	25
1012	0	1037	0	3007	24
1013	14	1037	6	3008	33
1014	0	1038	0	3009	34
1015	0	1038	0	3010	46
1016	0	1039	44	3011	20
1016	0	1039	198	3012	5
1017	72	1040	31	Total	2629
1018	0	1041	68		
1018	12	1042	20		
1019	10	1043	27		
1019	5	1043	33		
1020	99	1044	36		
1021	43	1055	169		
1021	0	1056	47		
1022	22	1057	14		
1023	0	1058	0		
1024	0	1059	36		
1025	0	1060	64		
1026	257	1061	79		
1027	30	1062	80		
1027	46	1063	69		
1028	0	1064	0		
1028	24	1066	19		
1029	33	1087	0		
1030	31	1088	0		
1030	34	1089	0		
1031	68	1090	0		
1031	59	1093	0		
		2003	60		

EXHIBIT C

Census Block #	District 2 Population	3018	44	4033	63
1047	65	3019	32	4034	0
1048	27	3020	34	4035	17
1049	3	3021	26	4037	2
1053	144	3022	41	4038	39
1054	31	3023	9	4039	18
1065	3	3024	37	4040	22
1067	6	3025	13	4042	0
2001	28	3026	0	4043	0
2002	36	3027	21	Total	2533
2007	28	4000	4		
2008	23	4001	3		
2009	35	4002	58		
2012	3	4003	19		
2013	0	4004	32		
2015	29	4005	30		
2016	24	4006	97		
2017	29	4007	51		
2018	74	4008	31		
2019	8	4009	57		
2020	0	4010	30		
2021	15	4011	44		
2022	25	4012	22		
2023	43	4013	27		
2024	20	4014	9		
2025	8	4015	19		
2026	45	4016	30		
2027	13	4017	62		
2028	9	4018	86		
3003	0	4019	24		
3007	54	4020	87		
3013	4	4021	19		
3014	65	4022	38		
3015	44	4023	139		
3016	51	4024	0		
3017	31	4025	0		
		4026	0		
		4027	65		
		4028	9		

EXHIBIT D

Census Block #	District 3 Population	3008	22
1000	10	3009	42
1001	36	3010	59
1002	0	3011	78
1003	11	3012	115
1004	106	3013	10
1005	52	3014	25
1006	26	3015	19
1007	0	3016	76
2001	120	3017	39
2002	54	3018	28
2003	25	3019	17
2004	25	3020	20
2007	29	3021	39
2008	63	3022	17
2009	74	3023	106
2010	84	Total	2531
2011	29		
2012	629		
2013	51		
2014	25		
2015	32		
2016	11		
2017	27		
2018	43		
2019	23		
2020	25		
2021	20		
2022	33		
2023	32		
3000	39		
3001	0		
3002	41		
3004	0		
3005	27		
3006	17		



EXHIBIT E

Census Block #	District 4 Population	2019	21	
1015	0	2020	48	
1020	0	2021	20	
1022	0	2022	40	
1024	0	2023	45	
1025	0	2024	65	
1026	41	2025	9	
1029	44	2026	10	
1040	64	2027	19	
1041	55	2028	30	
1042	24	2029	35	
2000	27	2030	37	
2001	42	2031	28	
2002	13	2032	25	
2003	20	2033	20	
2004	18	2034	64	
2005	0	2037	0	
2006	20	2038	0	
2007	39	2039	13	
2008	11	2040	16	
2009	26	2041	0	
2010	33	2042	38	
2011	20	2043	51	
2012	24	3002	0	
2013	6	3004	339	
2014	0	3005	20	
2015	28	3006	13	
2016	16	3007	0	
2017	16	3008	19	
2018	4	3009	40	
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		3022	68	
		3023	14	
		3024	49	
		3025	6	
		3026	112	
		3030	33	
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		3032	0	
		Total	2521	

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall take effect after passage, due attestation, and publication if required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Senter, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

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Lynn M. Gorski, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Plymouth, Indiana on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_m.

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Lynn M. Gorski, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved and signed by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Mark Senter, Mayor

Mayor Senter presented Resolution No. 2022-1006, Resolution of the City of Plymouth Declaring Certain Real Estate to be Within an “Economic Revitalization Area” Pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 et. seq. (Composite Technology Assemblies).

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Greg Hildebrand, Mark Naylor, and Dave Aker were here to speak on behalf of the proposal.

Hildebrand states that Oasis had expanded their facility to produce their number one selling tub enclosure. He explains that with the demand for building materials they were overwhelmed and unable to keep up with production and expanded, now they are making that one type of tub enclosure including its four iterations. He states that one exciting feature of this is that they have robots involved in this process. He states that tonight's resolution is just to declare this as an economic revitalization area. He adds that if there are any questions that he would be happy to answer.

Hildebrand adds that this is a \$2,000,000 real estate tax abatement with a seven-year phase in and a \$2,000,000 personal property tax abatement for seven-year phase in also.

Ecker asks if this is for robotics equipment and if not then what type of equipment are they talking about.

Aker states that some of it is robotics equipment and some of it is general infrastructure inside the plant and begins to list some general infrastructure.

Naylor adds ventilation.

Mayor Senter states that he had a tour of the plant a month ago and he was very impressed.

Hildebrand states that Oasis is not like any other fiberglass facility he has ever been in and that it is a very clean well-lit modern facility.

Compton requests to do a separate vote for the real property versus the personnel property as he has always had an issue of doing seven years on personnel property and if he were to make a suggestion that it would be a four-year declining personnel property.

Houin wishes to clarify that the only thing that is getting considered tonight is the Resolution to declare the property to be within an economic revitalization area so they will come back at another meeting for that.

Hildebrand asks Naylor and Aker what they expect the longevity of that equipment to be as there is concern that it would become depreciated over the seven years.

Naylor responds by providing an example of some of the equipment that was put into the initial building at 1400 Pido Drive is still running and operating when they installed that in 2008.

Hildebrand states that technically it is not a seven-year depreciation.

Aker states that they try to accelerate it if they can but typically it is seven years.

Compton asks at the end of the seven years it won't be worth anything to collect taxes on it is his point. He states that is why four years is reasonable he thinks for any personnel property as it is



so different from the real property. He states that the real property taxes are paid forevermore and that is why he would at least like a separate vote next meeting if this were to pass.

Councilmen Houin and Culp moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2022-1006, Resolution of the City of Plymouth Declaring Certain Real Estate to be Within an "Economic Revitalization Area" Pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 et. seq. (Composite Technology Assemblies). The motion passed by roll call.

Councilman in Favor: Compton, Culp, Eckert, Houin, Listenberger, Longanecker, Milner  
Councilman Opposed: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-1006

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH  
DECLARING CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TO BE  
WITHIN AN "ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA"  
PURSUANT TO I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 et. seq.  
(COMPOSITE TECHNOLOGY ASSEMBLIES, LLC)

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana has provided for real and personal property tax deductions for the rehabilitation or redevelopment of real property located in economic revitalization areas, as defined pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-12.1-1 *et seq.*; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-12.1-2, the Common Council of the City of Plymouth may find that a particular area within the city is an economic revitalization area as contemplated by statute; and,

WHEREAS, Composite Technology Assemblies, LLC, has petitioned the Common Council to find a certain tract of real estate to be declared an economic revitalization area as defined because the parcel has become undesirable for, or impossible of, normal development and occupancy because of a lack of development, cessation of growth, deterioration of character of occupancy, and other factors which have impaired values and prevented the normal development of the property and its use; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Plymouth, after examining the application of Composite Technology Assemblies, LLC and after hearing evidence thereon has determined that the tract of real estate does in fact lie within the corporate limits of the City of Plymouth as described in the attached Exhibit "A," more commonly known as 2900 Gary Dr., Plymouth, Indiana, and the same should be designated an economic revitalization area in accordance with Indiana Code § 6-1.1-12.1-1 through and including Indiana Code § 6-1.1-12.1-6.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Plymouth, Indiana, as follows:

Section 1. After considering the evidence presented at a public meeting on July 11, 2022:

- a. the estimate of real property investment of \$2,116,188.00 and personal property investment of \$2,002,237.00 are reasonable for projects of this nature; and,
- b. the estimated number of employment positions to be created of 76 and maintained of 229 with the investment is a reasonable projection; and,
- c. the estimated total annual salaries of those individuals who will be employed within the economic revitalization area is reasonable; and,



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d. the totality of the capital investment is sufficient to justify declaring the designated real estate an economic revitalization area and thereby authorizing deductions in accordance with state law.

Section 2. The real estate described in the attached Exhibit "A" is real estate within the corporate limits of the City of Plymouth, Indiana, and is hereby declared to be an economic revitalization area as defined in Indiana Code § 6-1.1-12.1-1, *et. seq.*, and is therefore eligible for deduction from the assessed value of proposed real property and personal property improvements.

Section 3. The applicant's Statements of Benefits is hereby approved, subject to a confirmatory resolution, including waiver of noncompliance under Indiana Code § 6-1.1-12.1-1.3, to be adopted by this Council after a public hearing.

Section 4. This declaratory resolution, and waiver of noncompliance under Indiana Code § 6-1.1-12.1-1.3, shall be submitted to a public hearing to be convened on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. (or immediately after the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting on the same date) in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 124 N Michigan St. (Garro St. Entrance, Second Floor), as provided by law.

Section 5. The Common Council's designation as an economic revitalization area the real estate described in Exhibit "A" shall terminate after a public hearing held by the Common Council in accordance with applicable law, if the applicant fails to substantially complete the proposed development or create and maintain the level of employment related benefits described in the Statements of Benefits.

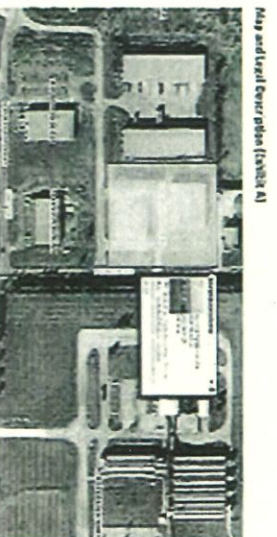
Section 6. The Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to make all necessary filings, to cause to be published all notices required by law, and to notify the appropriate officers of each taxing unit that has authority to levy property taxes in the geographical area within which the real estate described in Exhibit "A" is located, all as provided by state law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

ATTEST:

*Lynn M. Gorski*  
Lynn M. Gorski, Clerk-Treasurer

*Mark Senter*  
Mark Senter, Presiding Officer



Map and Aerial View of Real Estate (Exhibit A)

Large Description

Lot Number One (1) is the First Part of Piece One of Van Vleet Farms Inc. Platted and Conveyed, located in the section that is 1/4 of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Twenty (20), Township Thirty-four (34) North, Range One (1) East, Any Township, Marshall County, Indiana

Mayor Senter presented Resolution No. 2022-1007, Resolution of the City of Plymouth Declaring Certain Real Estate to be Within an "Economic Revitalization Area" Pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 *et. seq.* (Plymouth Molding Group).

Hildebrand states that Plymouth Industrial Development Company (PIDCO) is building a new facility on Pine Road. He states that they are presently on Jim Neu Drive and they are squeezed in that building and they are having to turn business away because they can't fit another plastic injector molding machine in the building. He states that is why they are expanding and adding six new lines into the new building and this is a personnel property tax abatement with a seven-year phase in for about \$600,000 worth of equipment.



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Senter asks if this is the groundbreaking that they had about six weeks ago near Pretzels.

Hildebrand agrees.

Councilmen Houin and Listenberger moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2022-1007, Resolution of the City of Plymouth Declaring Certain Real Estate to be Within an "Economic Revitalization Area" Pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 *et. seq.* (Plymouth Molding Group). The motion passed by roll call.

Councilman in Favor: Compton, Culp, Ecker, Houin, Listenberger, Longanecker, Milner

Councilman Opposed: None

## RESOLUTION NO. 2022-1007

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH  
DECLARING CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TO BE  
WITHIN AN "ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA"  
PURSUANT TO I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 *et. seq.*  
(PLYMOUTH MOLDING GROUP)**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Indiana has provided for real and personal property tax deductions for the rehabilitation or redevelopment of real property located in economic revitalization areas, as defined pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-12.1-1 *et seq.*; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-12.1-2, the Common Council of the City of Plymouth may find that a particular area within the city is an economic revitalization area as contemplated by statute; and,

**WHEREAS**, Plymouth Molding Group, has petitioned the Common Council to find a certain tract of real estate to be declared an economic revitalization area as defined because the parcel has become undesirable for, or impossible of, normal development and occupancy because of a lack of development, cessation of growth, deterioration of character of occupancy, and other factors which have impaired values and prevented the normal development of the property and its use; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Plymouth, after examining the application of Plymouth Molding Group and after hearing evidence thereon has determined that the tract of real estate does in fact lie within the corporate limits of the City of Plymouth as described in the attached Exhibit "A," and the same should be designated an economic revitalization area in accordance with Indiana Code § 6-1.1-12.1-1 through and including Indiana Code § 6-1.1-12.1-6.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Plymouth, Indiana, as follows:

**Section 1.** After considering the evidence presented at a public meeting on July 11, 2022:

- a. the estimates of personal property investment of \$600,000.00 is reasonable for projects of this nature; and,
- b. the estimated number of employment positions to be created of 8 and to be maintained of 18 with the investment are reasonable projections; and,
- c. the estimated total annual salaries of those individuals who will be employed within the economic revitalization area is reasonable; and,

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d. the totality of the capital investment is sufficient to justify declaring the designated real estate an economic revitalization area and thereby authorizing deductions in accordance with state law.

Section 2. The real estate described in the attached Exhibit "A" is real estate within the corporate limits of the City of Plymouth, Indiana, and is hereby declared to be an economic revitalization area as defined in Indiana Code § 6-1.1-12.1-1, *et seq.*, and is therefore eligible for deduction from the assessed value of proposed personal property improvements.

Section 3. The applicant's Statement of Benefits is hereby approved, subject to a confirmatory resolution, to be adopted by this Council after a public hearing.

Section 4. This declaratory resolution shall be submitted to a public hearing to be convened on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. (or immediately after the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting on the same date) in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 124 N Michigan St. (Garro St. Entrance, Second Floor), as provided by law.

Section 5. The Common Council's designation as an economic revitalization area the real estate described in Exhibit "A" shall terminate after a public hearing held by the Common Council in accordance with applicable law, if the applicant fails to substantially complete the proposed development or create and maintain the level of employment related benefits described in the Statement of Benefits.

Section 6. The Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to make all necessary filings, to cause to be published all notices required by law, and to notify the appropriate officers of each taxing unit that has authority to levy property taxes in the geographical area within which the real estate described in Exhibit "A" is located, all as provided by state law.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Common Council this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

Mark Senter  
Mark Senter, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Allie Shook  
Allie M. Gorski, Clerk-Treasurer



Legal Description

Lot 2 of the Five First Industrial Subdivision  
A part of the north part of the southeast quarter of section 26, Township 34 North, Range 1 East, West Township 34 North, County, Indiana. Described as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of said east-west quarter, Thence South 68°20' East along the East line of said section (bearing of north from north) a distance of 329.63 feet to a rounded iron pin at the southeast corner of said north half of the southeast quarter. Thence South 88°31'22" west along the south line of said north half a distance of 733.95 feet to a 5/8" iron rod. Thence north 02°28'28" west 618.83 feet to a 5/8" iron rod. Thence north 80°34'32" East 133.01 feet. Thence north 67°26'31"45 east 035.01 feet to the point of beginning, containing 70.05 acres subject to all easements, rights-of-way and restrictions directed

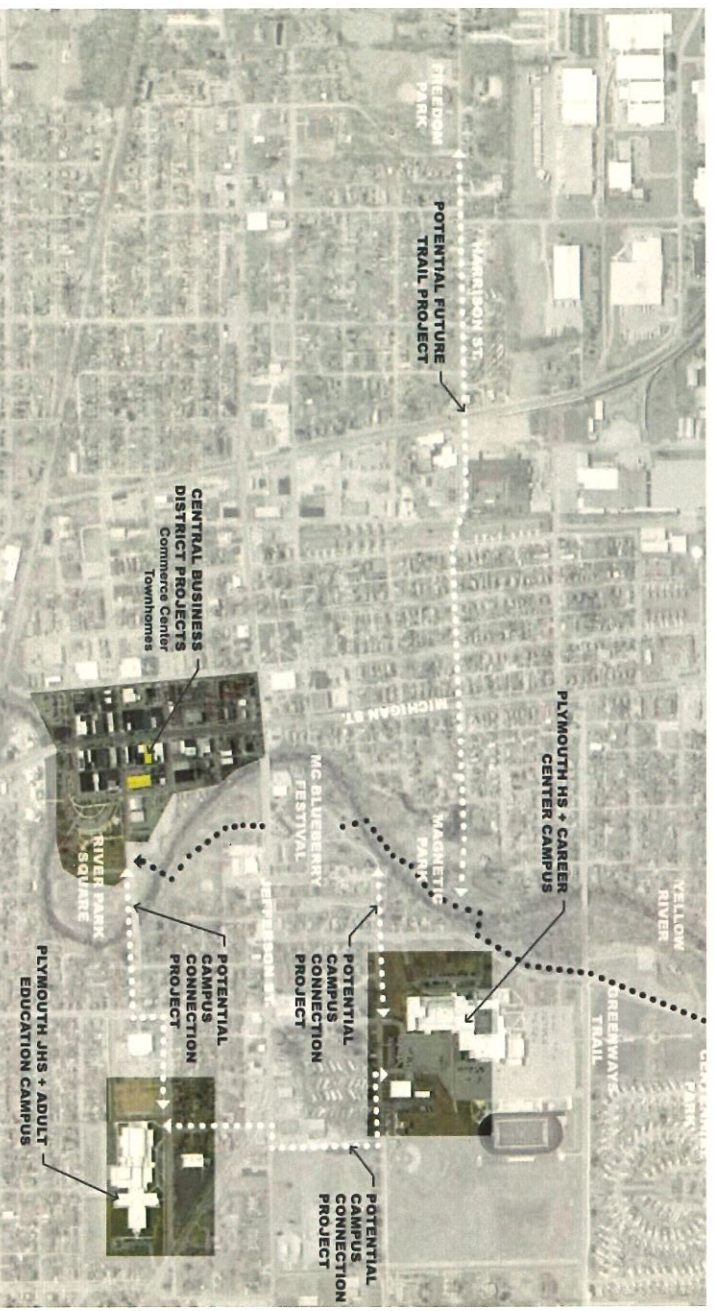
Greg Hildebrand and Allie Shook were here to discuss the Lifelong Learning Network.

Hildebrand states that it is an organization that provides career technical education to the local area schools. He explains that they provide instructors for certain classes such as building construction, building trades, health careers, and criminal justice. He states that they were a volunteer organization/ board for that up until May and they hired Allie Shook as the Executive Director and they have worked on a career technical education center for over a year. He adds that when READI was announced that they pushed it into high gear in hopes to get some READI funds for it.



Shook states that the Marshall County Career Innovation Center will be moving forward no matter if they get ten dollars or more as they will make the most out of what they get. She states that they provide CTE Instructors and Programs through the CTE Office whom their director Jennifer Felke and Mitch Mawhorter who is the PCSC Superintendent are in the audience. She adds that they are here to answer any questions as well. She states that they work directly with them by providing instructors for those programs. She states that they want to provide workforce development, adult basic education, and early childhood education as well. She states that they want to provide opportunities for learning through all stages of your life.

She states that after looking through multiple locations throughout the city and county on where they could house something like this that they had to zero in what would be most feasible for them. She states that where they ended up was actually on Plymouth High Schools Campus. She states that the facility they will be working on is on the top right of PHS and the white dots are the trail connections that they have. She states that there is some connection here for people to access affordably from biking or walking as well. She adds that this also provides students with safe routes to and from both buildings. She explains that some of the courses will take place at PHS in the service building that is there and also at Lincoln Education Center. She states that is the saved part of the old Lincoln Junior High building. She states that the students will just need classroom space and there are classrooms there that can house that. She states that the connection from there then goes to downtown Plymouth and gets them here from an E-Hub standpoint.



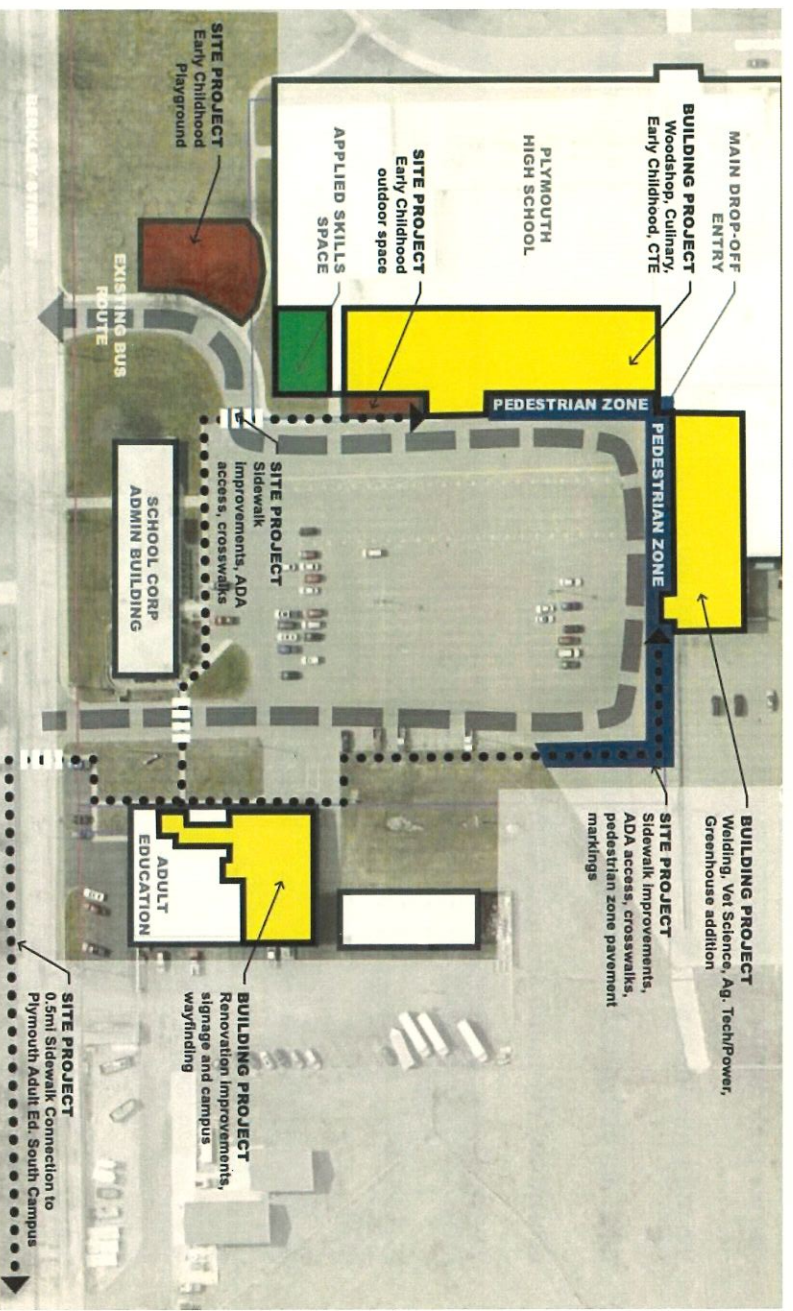
She states at their Career Center they would house precision machining and digital manufacturing. She adds that Digital Manufacturing is a new course that is coming to Plymouth High School this year. She states that it is not a shared program at this time and just Plymouth High



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School Students take it but they had over 10% of their student population request that class. She states that to add other students from a shared program standpoint that they would have to build out that room as much as possible. She states that both of those courses would be in that building and that would provide them opportunity to have adult basic education and workforce training that could also happen in that building. She states that building would not be inside the school so it would not require adults to enter the school during school hours when students would be there because it would be its own separate space. She explains that is the reason why it would be in the service center.

She states that the gray dotted line is to add pedestrian walking around the parking lot while the yellow spaces would house other CTE programs such as welding, culinary, vet science, and Ag. Tech/Power. She also explains there would potentially be a daycare spaces so that the students could better understand early childhood. She states that they have 400+ students in their shared programs currently and they hope that will grow with the state changing some requirements for graduation that they believe that number is only going to increase. She states that she is looking forward to providing this opportunity to both this county and this city with the training opportunities that they need.



Hildebrand states that currently North Central CTE is a co-op made up of ten different area schools and all the CTE courses that are taught are housed in those ten different schools. He states that right now kids are scattered when they are taking CTE course as far as where they are going and have to really a lot on their own transportation. He states that their idea is to put those here in one location so that schools such as Triton could load up a bus of CTE students to come to one location and then they get to go to their classrooms. He states that some of those may be at the Lincoln



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Education Center and that is why they have those Safe Routes to School. He states that students in Plymouth would be walking from the High School to their also.

Senter asks Felke if this is the same organization that is working with Aviation.

Felke states that it is and as Hildebrand stated there are ten school corporations within their cooperative and the share programs that students from all schools can attend mainly happen in Knox and Plymouth. She explains that Knox is putting a CTE Wing on Knox High School that is set to open in October. She believes that they really need to expand with the new requirements from the state and the needs of the manufacturers. She states that this is a brand-new course that is coming to Plymouth High School this year. She adds that was the reason why Plymouth High School was awarded the \$100,000 Connection Grant for equipment. She states they just want to keep expanding not only to service their students but also to service all the employers in the area so they retain people and keep Plymouth vibrant.

Shook states that what she is first asking for is a READI Grant Application Letter of Support from the City Council and the Mayor's Office in support of this project moving forward. She states that they will move forward no matter what as this is something that has to be done. She states that classes are at capacity and our manufacturers are really asking for trained upskilled workforce and they need to provide that opportunity for them.

Ecker wishes to make a mention that they would be okay with offering a letter of support at this point and from a financial support side he would like to have further meeting discussion on that.

Councilmen Ecker and Longanecker moved and seconded to offer a letter of support to Marshall County Lifelong Learning Network. The motion carried.

Longanecker wished to mention that this is exciting news for him as he has son that is a Junior in high school and he travels to Knox for his Auto Tech and for an employer, building traits are huge for a company.

Hildebrand states that this will also help their adult education as they hope to expand that. He states that with their Lifelong Learning Network they have done an excellent job addressing that school age group but they really want to tackle the adult education and work force.

Compton asks what schools are involved.

Shook responds by stating that there are ten corporations but she is certain that Felke knows them.

Felke lists Argos, Culver, Knox, Oregon-Davis, North Judson, John-Glenn, Triton, Union-North, Rochester, and Plymouth.

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Compton asks if they will be approaching other counties and cities.

Shook states that they have approached Marshall County Council. Shook states that outside Marshall County their support is sending students and they pay tuition for those students to attend the school.

Hildebrand states that it is hard to get school to collaborate on a capital project as they can't do that. He states that what they are counting on from them is letters of support from them that they will continue to use their services and send students.

City Attorney Surrisi states that for Stellar Communities that he does not have anything major to report at this time.

City Attorney Surrisi opens the Discussion of the Board of Zoning Appeals' Request to Consider Board Member Compensation by stating that this was brought up by Fred Webster who sits on both the Plan Commission Board and is an alternate for the Board of Zoning Appeals. He states that Webster had come to the mayor to talk about the concept of some kind of stipend or per meeting compensation for Board Members or at minimum those Board Members. He states that he has brought that up at the last Plan Commission meeting and again he sat in as an alternate at the BZA meeting and there was some debate amongst the BZA members and he is unsure if majority of the membership of them that night was in favor of it. He adds that Bill Walters who is in the Plan Commission was involved in that discussion and could be able to speak to this. He states that they were in favor of having the city council to have that discussion as they went into budget time so they made a motion to have the idea presented to them for consideration.

Listenberger asks if there is difficulty filling these volunteer positions.

Mayor Senter responds by stating that he believes the issue stems from some members not showing up. He states that they had put a few more people in the Board of Zoning Appeals from the Plan Commission which has helped but the main issue comes from people not showing up.

Houin states he does not have a strong issue either way about whether to put a stipend on either of these boards but he is not sure that will be the way to solve the issue of attendance. He adds that he is unsure how much these boards have done to try to police themselves and hold their members accountable. He is unsure if they are allowed to dismiss a board member who does not attend or is that up to whoever appoints them.

Mayor Senter states that he did that today with a Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals member who travels a lot now and is not around too much anymore. He adds that he travels all around the State of Indiana.



Surrisi states that was also a point of discussion at both of those meetings earlier this month and Ralph Booker had helped both boards adopt rules and procedures which they are permitted to do a couple years ago. He states that Booker mentioned adding some amendments to those to allow for the dismissal for missing so many meetings in a row or so many meetings within a year that it is considered a resignation. He states that is something internally that those Boards can adopt themselves.

Houin believes that is the first way to address the attendance issue but at the same time if their proposed budget includes money to pay those stipends that it may be worth considering. He states that they are giving up a lot of time as volunteers on these boards so maybe they deserve some type of compensation for it.

Listenberger asks if they are allowed to do Microsoft Teams or Zoom.

Surrisi responds by stating that they both adopted the electronic meetings policy and they all fall under the same statutes that the city council does for the same number of meetings in a row and number of meetings per year to attend virtually.

Longanecker states that on his end he has missed a few on Plan Commission as his packet would go to the span folder and he would not catch it. He states that at the same time he would also like to see a time change as a discussion. He adds that personally he does not see the need for a stipend on his end as he is appointed from the city council.

Bill Walters states that he is on the Plan Commission and that he is not on the Board of Zoning Appeals and that he has thought a lot about this since the Plan Commission meeting as this was proposed at both the Plan Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals. He states that he really does not think that a stipend is the way to go. He believes that internally handling this with internal controls and procedures is the right way to go. He states that the problem stems from a couple of meetings ago where they did not have a quorum so they could not act and that they finally got in contact with a person who was able to get on electronically so they could act. He states that for some of these meetings that they may have an architect or an attorney or representative who came from Indianapolis for a meeting and if they do not have a quorum then they cannot do anything. He states that it looks very bad for the Plan Commission so they need to find some way to get those people to come or resign from the Board so they can find somebody who will come to the meetings.

He restates that he does not think that a stipend will help. He states that most of them serve on the Plan Commission or the Board of Zoning Appeals because they want to help their community. He states that they knew it was a volunteer organization when they got on those

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meetings and there are several dedicated members who show up every meeting regardless and he wished that everyone else felt the same way. He adds that he seldom misses a meeting and that there are several others who seldom miss a meeting and he thinks they need more people on there who feel like they need to do this because they are serving the community.

Mayor Senter states that Webster came to him a few weeks ago to speak of this but he did not tell him that he was going to talk about it at that meeting. He adds that he did not appreciate that but that is the way that it was.

Walters states that from what he understands from Surrisi and Booker is that there are ways that they can tweak their rules and regulations to have it as to where if you miss so many meetings if they can be asked to resign or whether they can be forced to resign but there are some people on both boards who are very poor attendance.

Compton states that he believes in the volunteer system and that it is good for our government, good for our society, and good for our charities. He states that he would like to see it continue.

Council Members Ecker and Milner moved and seconded to accept the following

communications:

- Minutes of the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting of June 27, 2022
- July 11, 2022 Check Register
- June 28, 2022 Technical Review Committee Minutes


The motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Members Longanecker and Milner moved and seconded to adjourn, Mayor Senter declared the meeting adjourned at 7:34

p.m.

  
Lynn M. Gorski  
Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED

  
Mark Senter, Mayor