

REGULAR MEETING – MARION COMMON COUNCIL – AUGUST 15, 2023 – 7:00 P.M. – CITY HALL

The Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana met in regular session on Tuesday, the 15th day of August, 2023 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Council President Robin Fouce said, before she does roll call, Councilman Luzadder will not be here this evening. They want to keep him and his dad in prayer, Mr. Luzadder, and also Councilwoman Annalisa Stodghill-Weeks advised that she had a conflict in schedule and would not be here this evening.

On the call of the roll the members were shown to be absent or present as follows:

Present: Fordyce, Cline, Henderson, Brunner, Cowgill, Cain, and Fouce.

Absent: Stodghill-Weeks and Luzadder.

Council President Fouce said, before she does the roll call, is Deb Cain here? Is she coming? Councilman David Cain said she is coming here, should be here later tonight, yes.

NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT: Ms. Fouce said they want to go into their Neighborhood Spotlight. She is excited to welcome Collette Kiersten (name is Cosette Crist) here today, Executive Director of The Training Center. If they recall, and she apologizes, she doesn't have the podium, but please step to the center. She's welcome to stand before that mike and hit the red button. If she wants to sit, she's welcome to do that as well. She wants to focus on their kids. This is their back to school season and they should always be their focus here in their community. They have a great community that has focused on the children. They want to continue that so she always likes to get the word out about services and things that they're having for the kids. Welcome and please feel free to share with them about the great things they're doing at The Training Center. Ms. Crist told the Council, well thank you guys so much, first of all, for having her this evening. The invitation is very appreciated. So, The Training Center, how many of them have heard of their organization? Has anyone? Alright, most, that's great. So they are providing free after school programming for students from Marion Community Schools is a majority of their students and their program is really focused on the whole student. They want to be so much more for their students and their families than just after school programming and being childcare for them. So their program goes beyond just that component, which meets a need for many of their families which they want to meet but they want to be a support system for them beyond that. So they work directly with each of their students to provide support academically for them. They have strong partnerships with each of the schools of the students that they serve which is very valuable in the impact that they (inaudible). So in their communication with teachers, they're able to hear about what are the challenges and behaviors that they're seeing with their students in their classroom, what are the specific areas of academics that they need support in, and then they're able to address those specific needs for their kids. And so they work a lot with them, first of all, on social skills and emotional skills. So with the students they serve and with all the kids, those social skills and emotional skills are foundational for them to be then be successful in the classroom and then as they get older, as they go into the workforce. And so, they work with them on that. So before they even address that academic component, they're focusing on developing relationship with them so they can mentor them in that. And they have seen a lot of change in their kids with that. A lot of their families have been with them for years. One of their families that she thinks of specifically, she joined the organization seven years ago, she's starting her eighth year in September with The Training Center, and she remembers the first student that she ever interacted with. At the time she was, she believes, in, she's going to get her years wrong, but she's now in 8th grade, seven years later, so she thinks she was in 1st grade at that time and she sat down with her, she was in a computer time, and the first thing she said to her was "will you be my mentor?" They have a mentoring program for their students as well and they now do that just with their 5th to 8th grade students because of the growth they've had. But she, in the following months, was able to become her mentor and she's had a really strong relationship with that family since then, able to go into their home. The father is now struggling or is facing cancer and is actually on hospice right now and so they are a support system for that family since the very beginning of when they opened 12 years ago. And so that's just one example of the way they get to support families. So every student that walks through that door, every parent who enrolls a student in their program, they seek to have that individual relationship with them to say what is your need and how can we be present and support you. So their program includes that afterschool programming component but an additional program that they have for their students

beyond the social skills, emotional skills component and academic support is their growing Healthy Families Program as well, and with that program, they also feed their students a snack and dinner every day when they attend program and all of their programming is free of charge to them. So they look to their community for that support behind it. So a lot of their program is funded through the Indiana Department of Education as a 21st Century Community Learning Center but there are components of feeding those meals, of the additional outside supports beyond the academic focus component that they look to their community to come together. So, the big thing behind what they do is they bring community together to offer a stable place for students to grow in their academics and begin to dream of a positive future for themselves. So, one way they do that is they look at careers with them. They're partnering this year with Carey Services Empower Academy, which is their new job skills and training center opening in September, and their middle school students are going to get to go twice a month to the Empower Academy to do hands on job skills training and learning about the careers in the community that they can begin to dream about what they want to do, whether that's college or whether that's directly going into the workforce or vocational training but they want to open that door for them because many of them are coming from places that they haven't been able to dream because they're just worried about their daily concerns of food and where am I going to go tonight. And so, that's kind of a lot of what they do but really the foundation, as she said, of everything they're doing is that relationship with all of their families and their students. And this year, they opened yesterday for the school year and they have only about three open spots left in their program to max out to their 70 students for the year. So there's a high demand and she has probably 30 to 50 families who've expressed interest who she will be talking with to put on a wait list if they would like to or referring to other organizations in the community who can support them. And so it's exciting to see that recognition of what they're doing and that there's so much need in their community that they have opportunity to meet and so it's been exciting and fun to welcome them this year and they're excited to see that growth. She will leave these here for them if they would like to pick this up at the end. It just talks a little bit about who they are and also ways to be involved with them, whether that's through support, volunteering, financially, just sharing the word about what they're doing. They really appreciate that. So she'll leave these here for anyone who would like to pick that up at the end of the evening. Fouce said, thank you so much. She would want to open the floor to the Council, if they have any comments or questions to this Executive Director of such a fine establishment. Councilman? Councilman Mike Cline said, first of all, thank you for what you're doing. Second of all, why doesn't she just bring that down here and they can pass them down the line? Crist said she can do that, yes. Fouce asked, any further question or comment? They appreciate her taking time. She does this because not only does she want the Council who represents constituents in the community to be aware of the resources and supportive of them as well but also the community as a whole and so they just want to keep passing that word on about the different opportunities that exist in support of our kids and our families. So thank you so much for coming, Fouce told Crist. Crist said, yes, thank you for having her.

Council President Fouce said, next, they don't have a First Responder Spotlight but she wants to seize this opportunity to recognize the Presidents of the Council. Historically, the Presidents of the Council have gotten a recognition award and if you have never been the President of a Council, let her tell them, it is the most rewarding, exciting level of servitude and then there is a plethora of other things that she could say but, for her, the best thing has been the opportunity to serve the constituents and her community on another level. She believes all the Presidents, after having sat in this seat for a few months, deserve recognition. Previous Councils before got that and they want to continue that so she made an executive decision to do that. Unfortunately, Brad Luzadder, Councilman Luzadder's not here today but they will get him at their next meeting. She'd like to have Deb Cain come forth. She's with District 6. That's why they were waiting on her. She'd like to have Brian Cowgill step forth up here, he's At Large. And then she probably won't honor herself. Fouce said, just a token of their appreciation for your servitude. If you're a President, you spend a lot of time aside from the time that you have meetings. You spend a lot of personal time. This is presented to you on behalf of your service for the Marion City Council. Thank you so much. She told Cowgill if he would like to share anything with them, he's welcome to while she gets Deb's. Talk about his experience and what did he think about the presidency. Councilman Brian Cowgill said, yeah, she's right. It takes a lot more time but it's very rewarding. You meet people that you probably wouldn't have come in contact with. You meet a lot of people out in the public, the constituents that come to you with issues that they would like to talk about or bring up in your Council meetings. He enjoyed it while he was there, he really did, Cowgill said. Fouce said, thank you, councilman. She told Cain, so she'd

like to present this to her, Deb Cain. Deb was their first President during COVID and so she presided during the most difficult, uncharted territory time during COVID and she prevailed. She also did a second year so hers is for the years 2020 and 2021. She wants to thank her for presiding over the Council and the work that she did. So they'll present Councilman Luzadder's when he comes. Could they give these two a round of applause please? Deb Cain said, yeah, COVID was a challenge, definitely was uncharted water. They had to come up with a way to communicate when you couldn't communicate in person but you were still required to have the President in the chambers. So the President and Vice-President, Brian Cowgill at that time, they were in the chambers, and Brad Luzadder was the first year, Brian Cowgill was with her the second year, and so they had to be in the chambers while they had to figure out how to get everyone else on Zoom and communicate. The clerks did a great job keeping up on everything, helping her figure out, okay, how do we do attendance but then they had to figure out how to do the budget because you couldn't vote for the budget when you weren't in person so they had to figure out how to navigate that and come up with all the regulations which Marty and she wrote a lot of new regulations in that time. And they did a lot of really good stuff and she's proud of this Council because they kept going on with, and she will champion this because it was precious to her heart, you guys finished what she started and the importance of being (inaudible) and enforcing and encouraging the administration to be transparent and providing the bills to the Council, now that they've passed that. So, kudos to you guys, to you, Madam President, for keeping everything moving in the right way. Thank you all, Cain said. Fouce said, thank you for obliging her that time.

Council President Robin Fouce said, so they will move on to approval of the minutes for August 1, 2023. She will entertain a motion. Councilman David Cain said he will so move, Councilman Steve Henderson seconded. Fouce said it has been moved by Councilman Cain to approve the August 1, 2023 minutes, seconded by Councilman Henderson. Is there any question? Roll call please. Motion carried by the following vote. Aye: Fordyce, Cline, Henderson, Cowgill, Cain, and Fouce. Nay: None. Abstain: Brunner.

Council President Fouce said they'll have consideration and ratification of the pre-approved claims. She will entertain a motion. Councilman David Cain said he also so moves on those. Councilman Brian Cowgill seconded. Fouce said it's been moved by Councilman Cain, seconded by Councilman Cowgill for consideration and ratification of the pre-approved claims. Is there any question on that? Barring no question, roll call please. Motion carried by the following vote. Aye: Fordyce, Cline, Henderson, Brunner, Cowgill, Cain, and Fouce. Nay: None.

Council President Robin Fouce said they will have consideration of the claims. They did not and have yet to receive according to their ordinance electronically submitted vouchers and invoices. She'll entertain a motion on consideration of the claims. Councilman David Cain said he moves that they table the consideration of claims please. Fouce said it's been moved by Councilman Cain to table consideration of the claims. Councilman Brian Cowgill seconded. Fouce said it's been seconded by Councilman Cowgill. Any question on that motion? Roll call please. Motion carried by the following vote. Aye: Henderson, Cowgill, Cain, and Fouce. Nay: Fordyce, Cline, and Brunner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman Brian Cowgill said he was at the Board of Works meeting a week ago yesterday. They had, on the agenda they had three items. The Transportation Department, Chuck Martindale and Jeff Edwards, they had seven pieces of used equipment that was obsolete and they put it out for bid and they had a bid come in and they accepted a bid of \$1,000 and that person has got 30 days to pick up that equipment and if not, it goes back up for bid again. And then the Marion Housing Authority spoke on where they're at on their single dwelling family homes they're putting up and their apartments and then they just kind of said that they're on schedule and on point for what they're trying to get done there. And then the Building Department, Commissioner Foustnight spoke on two properties, 522 N. Washington was approved for demolition and 1718 S. Branson Street was approved for demolition as well. Council President Fouce said, thank you, councilman. Do they have any further committee reports? Councilman Brunner?

Councilman Jim Brunner said he had a chance to attend the Park Board meeting for this past month and one of the things they talked about had to do with pickleball. If they've not caught themselves up into the current craze that

pickleball has created, they're looking at a number of items and possibilities of adding to what is already a phenom here, not only around the country but here in Marion and Grant County so he'll be reporting on that the next couple of months. But, a chance to maybe really move into another level of pickleball, interest in pickleball facilities. So, thank you for the time, Brunner said. Council President Fouce said, thank you. What is pickleball? Brunner said pickleball is a game that's played with almost like a squash-like mallet, so to say, a whiffle ball and it's kind of played like doubles in tennis. It's very interesting to go watch. There's the pickleball court as you go down, ascend down into Matter Park right there on the right. You can never go down there without the courts being jammed so they're looking at the possibility of adding some more pickleball courts for the people of Marion, Brunner said. Fouce said, thank you, councilman. Do they have any further committee reports?

Council President Robin Fouce said her committee report would be the Development Committee met today at 5:00 pm regarding a proposal from Mason Village. It was voted on and there is a favorable recommendation to the Council. That will be on the September 5th agenda. She's not sure if they had a resolution number. They got the resolution but not a number for that, if we could double check that, clerk. City Clerk Kathleen Kiley asked, would it be 6? She said they'll just give it the next number. Fouce asked, is it 6? Deputy Clerk Debbie Goodman said she thinks it was 7 but she doesn't have it in front of her. She thinks it was 7. Fouce said they just need clarity on that. She just wanted to make a note of that, thank you. So that will be on the 9/5/23 schedule. Notice did not go out timely, she thinks, correct her if she's wrong, for (Appropriation Ordinance) 13-2023 and that's their payment of the bill for the Council from Taft and so that will also be on the 9/5/23 agenda so she wanted to make note of that. They need to schedule a LIT vote on the Council agenda for 9/5/2023 and for those of them familiar, the County Council has introduced and passed their proposal for LIT and so they have 30 days within that time of receipt of that to vote on it as a body. They had their budget meeting about it and talked about it and she believes they're ready. It's the same proposal, they just had some procedural things so they want to govern within the time frame and 9/5 would be within that time frame. They will have that on their agenda. She attended the task force meeting today, it's the Drug Task Force, Substance Abuse Drug Task Force meeting today. There were 45, give or take a few, people that attended so a resounding attendance for such a challenge that we have, not only in our community but all communities across the country and so she would encourage anyone that gets that invite to attend and gather some information and perspective because we average substance abuse deaths way too often here in Marion and so we want to do what we can do as a community to tackle that. To piggyback off of that, she's in receipt of a letter from the attorney general. Most of the council got this letter. It's dated August 1st. They just received it today, from Todd Rokita. There was a distribution from a lawsuit from a manufacturing distributor known as Jansen. There was an award and the amount of payment and the distribution to the City of Marion was \$66,831.77 and that is restricted abatement. The second amount is \$22,873.71 and that is unrestricted. So they'll look forward to conversations about how and what we spend and how we utilize that in our community. Got a notice from Indiana Department of Environmental Management regarding Bahr Brothers Manufacturing. If they'll recall, they gave Bahr Brothers an abatement for their reinvestment, she wants to say in capital expenditures, and they are installing a machine. So the fruit of that abatement, they're installing a new shop blast machine and she's told that any installations that would infect them environmentally (inaudible) improvement, (inaudible) make the environment worse, it improves it so they were approved through Indiana Department of Environmental Management and she wanted to share that with them as this same body permitted them the abatement that afforded them the opportunity to do that. The Development Committee met, last week she believes or a couple of weeks ago, regarding Resolution 5-2023. It might have been last week, she's lost her days, and did a favorable recommendation and they'll hear that today on Resolution 5-2023 so she wanted to note that and will submit that as well. They had a meeting scheduled today and that meeting was cancelled. They look forward to talking to the administration about steps moving forward regarding that. As well, she has on the agenda under New Business Appropriation Ordinance 14-2023. That ordinance will be tabled to committee and that will go to the Budget Committee as it's regarding ARP Coronavirus expenditure. That concludes her report. They would look forward to her moving forward, clerk, with (Resolution) 5-2023, Fouce said.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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RESOLUTION NO. 5-2023 OUT OF COMMITTEE – WAS PLACED IN COMMITTEE ON 7/5/23

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 5-2023 by title only, a Resolution of the Marion Common Council approving an order of the Marion Plan Commission. Heather James told the Council, hi everyone, Heather Miller with Ice Miller, bond counsel to the city. Thanks for having her. And Andy Mouser with Baker Tilly is sitting here next to her. So, as they all know, in June the Redevelopment Commission met and approved their amending Declaratory Resolution and then later that same evening, the Plan Commission met and adopted their Plan Commission Order approving the amendment to the Economic Development Plan. The next step in the TIF process is to come before them, the Council, and so the resolution before them this evening is the one that they discussed previously and it basically does three things. It creates a new allocation area, it designates American Resources as a designated taxpayer so that not only can they capture increases in real property assessed value, they can also capture that designated depreciable personal property assessed value, and it also adds the American Resources Project to the Economic Development Plan. Should they pass this resolution this evening, then they will move forward with the rest of the TIF steps, meaning that they would publish a notice of public hearing and ask the Redevelopment Commission to meet on September 5th to hold that public hearing and adopt a resolution confirming what they did at the Declaratory Resolution stage and then they would come back before this body the same evening, on September 5th, and ask them to adopt a final resolution approving the creation of that new allocation area. Once that step is completed, then the entire TIF process would be done and they would alert the Auditor and the DLGF, make sure everybody has the proper maps and parcels and they would simultaneously look to move forward with the bond process in which they would publish an additional notice for the Economic Development Commission to also meet on the evening of September 5th and they ask them to hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution. They would ask the Redevelopment Commission, in addition to considering the Confirmatory Resolution that evening, to consider a resolution pledging the TIF generated from the parcels in this new allocation area that they're looking to create to pay the debt service on the bonds that they're considering and then they would, of course, come back to them (Council) and ask them to introduce the Bond Ordinance. Of course, if it was their will, they would be able to suspend the rules and introduce and adopt in one meeting but they're certainly not expecting that so then they would come back, again, at their second September meeting to ask them to consider adoption of the Bond Ordinance at that time. Once that final step is complete, then they would be done with both the TIF and the bond steps for the financing and so they would look to negotiate with the developer, who would also serve as the bond purchaser, and execute a Bond Purchase Agreement shortly after that final September Council meeting and they would close about two weeks thereafter. So she's happy to answer any questions that they may have about the steps, the resolution before them this evening, the financing, even though what they're doing tonight is not related to the financing but instead related to the TIF process, and Andy, she's sure would be happy to answer any questions they have as well, James said. Council President Robin Fouce said, so can they do, if anyone has questions for Ms. James first and then you can do your presentation, if they have questions for them? Are they okay with that? Mr. Mouser said, yeah, absolutely. Fouce said, so, does anyone have any questions or comments for Ms. James regarding what she just shared? This was the Development Committee that met regarding American Resources as they all may recall and if they have any questions or anything, now is the time to share them and put them on record. So the one question that she wanted clarity on, Fouce said, she (James) identified three things that they're here to accomplish today. She noted allocation area, defined them as a taxpayer, as well as make them under the Economic Development Plan. So, she wanted her, if she would for them, clarify the allocation area. Ms. James told Fouce, sure. So there are parcels that are currently in the original Trienda allocation area. Those parcel numbers are in the Declaratory Resolution, happy to read them if that's helpful. Fouce told James, no, she's fine, two parcels. James said, there's two parcels, yes, and there's also a map attached to that. She has the fully executed version that includes that map with the parcels. And so, they'd simply be pulling those parcels out of the existing allocation area and putting them into a brand new allocation area because there is not increment being generated on those parcels now that is material and so if they pull it out and create a new allocation area then it will be stand alone, it will have its own allocation fund, much easier for accounting purposes and it will reset the life of the area for just those two parcels. So that new, stand alone TIF allocation area will have a life of 25 years from the date that bonds or obligations are issued payable from that tax increment. So it provides a new life, if you will, to those parcels. Fouce said, okay, thank you for that. Number 3, she listed the Economic Development Plan. Could she summarize that for them? Ms. James said, yes ma'am. So, as they may be aware, you cannot spend TIF or the Redevelopment Commission cannot spend TIF on projects unless those projects are

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capital in nature, have an economic development purpose, are in, serving, or benefiting the area in question, and are included in the Economic Development Plan. So if ever the Redevelopment Commission wants to fund something, they cannot do so unless it's in the Economic Development Plan for the area, and so, they go through this process of going to the Redevelopment Commission, the Plan Commission, the Council and then back to the Redevelopment Commission again for the public hearing whenever they add projects to the plan. So they are adding the construction of infrastructure improvements, including water, sewer, electric, road infrastructure, stormwater improvements, and the renovation of the existing buildings and grounds for use as headquarters for American Resources Corporation to the plan. Ms. Fouce replied, okay, thank you for that clarity. She did want to mention, and correct her if she's wrong, she knows she will, remember they were omitting that particular consolidation piece and in what she got, unless she missed it, she didn't see where that was omitted. So, she just wanted to make sure in clarity on record that that piece of the consolidation was omitted. It'll go back through the Redevelopment Commission, they'll make their recommendation, they (Council) will receive it again and they'll follow that process. Ms. James said, yeah, so they previously had considered adding to the resolution that they're considering tonight expanding the original consolidated area by consolidating in the original State Road 18 West area and that has been removed from the resolution and is no longer part of the plan. Should they, at a later time, decide that they want to move forward with that consolidation of pulling in the State Road 18 West area, then they would start the process again and have the Redevelopment Commission adopt a new amending Declaratory Resolution and then go back to the Plan Commission and the Council and so forth. Fouce said, so thank you. She wanted to make that for just the public as well as clarity for the Council so she thanks her for that. They're welcome to start, unless someone else has further questions for Ms. James. Andy Mouser told the Council he'll try and be brief. Again, he's Andy Mouser with Baker Tilly, financial advisor. He just wanted to kind of briefly go through, again, the actions being taken and then maybe put some numbers to it as well, like he thinks their plan would be to get more into the numbers as they proceed in the next couple of months with the financing approvals. But just a quick summary. He knows Heather made reference to the Trienda TIF area. There's really a couple of interchangeable names that they refer to that area by. It's the Trienda allocation area within the South Marion Economic Development Area and then they often refer to that area either as the Thomson area or the Café Valley, obviously with the Café Valley facility being a large part of what that area collects. That area does have some existing debt outstanding and so, for a long time, there's been kind of a calculation done that breaks that area into two components, one is what's known as the Project TIF and that's everything generated from Café Valley and then the other is the offsite TIF and that's essentially what remains of the Thomson building. The two parcels being affected here are just what, just that offsite portion so nothing with Café Valley is being affected. Really what they're doing is they're taking those two parcels, basically lifting them up and resetting them and then expanding your consolidated TIF over and then dropping them back down in the consolidated TIF with their own life and their own separate allocation area. So that'll keep things clean from tracking calculation purposes but then going forward will also give you flexibility to spend any surplus from this project within your greater consolidated TIF and not have it have to be limited geographically to just the South Marion area. As Heather mentioned also too designating American Resources, their personal property, that will allow us to capture not only the land and building improvements that are made on the Thomson building but then also the equipment and with this being an equipment intensive investment, they do think that the equipment will be the largest generator for the TIF. And currently, just from a number's perspective so they're aware, the South Marion area brings in about \$1,000,000, \$1,100,000 in TIF per year. The majority of that is Café Valley specific. The offsite TIF currently only generates about \$15,000, with the majority of the site being owned by the city. So, you know again, not a lot generated from the area currently. If full investment is made by American Resources, kind of based on their plans for the building and then more importantly, their equipment investment over the next several years, you know, based on those investment numbers, they do think that the new TIF could potentially reach about \$2,400,000 per year, so a sizable increase, obviously, from what's there currently. And certainly happy to get into the financing more as they get to those later meetings but the intent would be for this to be a financing that the city would only pledge a portion of the project TIF towards. No other Redevelopment Commission TIF revenues would be pledged, no other city revenues or funds of any sort would be pledged to the financing. Again, it would be purchased by the developer so all risk would remain with the company and the only thing pledged would be a portion of the TIF generated just from those two parcels. He'd be certainly glad to answer any questions on that, Mouser said.

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Council President Fouce said, thank you. Do we have any questions for Mr. Mouser? Being no response from the Council, Fouce said well that was easy. They appreciate their attendance again tonight. They do have, from American Resources, a kind gentleman that brought his daughter with him today. She'd like him to stand up and introduce himself. Please step forward, if that's okay with you all. Ms. James said, oh, sure. Fouce said they want to just, them to meet him and if he wants to share anything with them. The gentleman said he won't make his daughter come up. Well, thank you, Council President and Council members, for ongoing support and open dialogue. They appreciate their interest. He's Kirk Taylor, CFO and co-founder of American Resources as well as their subsidiary businesses. He's also joined by a couple of ReElement focused colleagues, Steven Frankowski who is their Corporate Controller, and Ben Wrightsman who is joining as President of ReElement to drive innovation on the battery side. Bringing these jobs here to Marion is vitally important to us, firstly, to our state, and they feel as well to our nation. Currently, all battery and magnet production happens outside of the US on any meaningful scale. That wasn't always the case. In his hometown of Valparaiso in Northwest Indiana, they used to have large scale magnet manufacturing. All that was purchased (inaudible) and no longer occurs here domestically, even though those outputs are vital for nation defense but they rely upon foreign adversaries for those inputs now. Same thing happened with the battery industry. The first luxury vehicle was actually developed around here and all that technology was eventually offshored and non-existent today. So, they're trying to bring those components back, rebuild that ecosystem here domestically, and as a company, they generally look for opportunities to revitalize an existing facility instead of going the easy route and doing Greenfield Development, which the Thomson center is a perfect example. It's a tremendous footprint. Scale, in this industry, matters. When you're talking with large auto OEM's, they need to respect scale and ability to grow along with their demands and this site gives them that. They feel the workforce here locally is ideally positioned to support this growth and they look forward to working with both the high school trade programs and the various universities. He thinks there's an Ivy Tech Marion Job Fair in February, not February but in September that they're going to be attending to start those open dialogue as they try to scale up the local workforce. Happy to dive into anything more but appreciates ongoing dialogue and support, Taylor said. Ms. Fouce said, Kirk, they appreciate hearing from him today and him showing up today. Did he have anyone else from his corporation that he just wanted to introduce them to? Taylor said, yeah, Steven and Ben, if they want to come up and maybe just share a brief dialogue of their experience. Steven Frankowski told the Council he's the Controller of ReElement Technologies, a subsidiary of American Resources. He joined the company at the beginning of May after talking to Kirk and hearing about the tremendous opportunity that the company has to bring much needed production and jobs back into the region and the country. So, just very excited for the potential opportunity with them and the City of Marion, Frankowski said. Ben Wrightsman told the Council, actually, today is his first day and he's actually excited to make a late night drive to Marion. He's a hometown Indiana guy, he's been a technology guy. As Kirk kind of mentioned the electric vehicles and such, he was privileged to start an electronics company here in Indiana which grew out of Indiana and had an outreach all over the world and, just recently, he spent about 9-1/2 years in Southern Indiana with the first of its kind, rural economic development, down in Green County. They're welcome to check out one called the Battery Innovation Center. It started under the direction of Capt. Chuck Lasoda. Got an opportunity to impact that area beyond kind of the technology that went on with Crane for the DOD, they were the first outreach beyond DOD in that area. So he's excited as a Hoosier, born and raised in South Bend and Elkhart. His father came from the area, became a pastor, actually became an executive at what was Marion University at the time, eventually became an executive with Indiana Wesleyan University, spent the time helping build the Indiana Wesleyan University adult campuses all throughout the Midwest. So it's exciting for him to be a part, part of the piece of being with American Resources and ReElement, excited for what they've got going. There's a tremendous opportunity as it comes to rare earths and also to elements from not only battery but everything that's around us and what it's made up of. So, he thinks it's a fantastic opportunity to redeploy the facility here in Marion and he looks forward to being a part (inaudible). Like he said, first day but engaged in what's next. Thank you, Wrightsman said. Fouce said, well congratulations and thank you, gentlemen, for showing up. It's important we get to know our businesses and develop relationships so she appreciates them showing up. And that wasn't too bad, was it? They're welcome to have a seat, thank you. Council President Fouce told the Council, before them is Resolution No. 5-2023. They have a favorable recommendation from the Development Committee with this excluding what she has had Heather James graciously repeat more than once. Thank

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you for your patience with that. They just wanted clarity on specifically what they're voting for. Today they're voting for the transfer of those parcels to make them a taxpaying unit and part of the Economic Development Plan. Are there any questions or discussion from the Council? Now would be the time, Fouce said. Barring no further question, counsel, would he have any comment for them regarding such? Okay, she'll entertain a motion. Councilman David Cain said, Madam President, he moves that they pass Resolution No. 5-2023. Fouce said a motion's been made by Councilman Cain, a double second has been made by Councilman Mike Cline and Councilman Jim Brunner to pass Resolution 5-2023. Is there any question on that motion? Barring no question, roll call please. Motion carried by the following vote. Aye: Fordyce, Cline, Henderson, Brunner, Cowgill, Cain, and Fouce. Nay: None. Fouce said Resolution 5-2023 does pass.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 14-2023 1ST READING

An Ordinance of the City of Marion, Indiana, appropriating certain funds for the City of Marion, Indiana, and providing for the effective date thereof. From the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Grant Fund to Other Services and Charges ARPA Grant Expenditures – Community Crossing Match the amount of \$500,000. This item of business was tabled to the Budget Committee.

Before the meeting adjourned, Council President Robin Fouce said she would like to just acknowledge, they have some hard working, committed folk in their presence. That's everybody in the room, however, they want to highlight a few. They are blessed to have Board Chair Jim McKinney from the Marion Airport here, they want to welcome him. And other members of the board are here, if they would wave so they could acknowledge their presence. They appreciate them all being here, along with their city workers that showed up today and the citizens. They want to thank them for coming today. Barring no further question or comment, she would entertain a motion for adjournment.

Being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by Cain, 2nd by Henderson, the meeting adjourned. Time being 7:53 p.m.