

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL**

CITY OF TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

REGULAR SESSION, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024

The City Council met in Regular Session Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Hall Courtroom with Mrs. Boland presiding and Michelle L. Edwards in the City Clerk's desk.

**Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Calling Of the Roll**

PRESENT: George Azar, Tammy Boland, James Chalos, Curtis DeBaun IV, Anthony Dinkel, Todd Nation, Amanda Thompson

ABSENT: Cheryl Loudermilk

Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda.

- a. Donald Hyde concerning the floods in California and the City planting more trees.
- b. Councilperson James Chalos commented on the City having a forester.
- c. Tess Stephens asked about the steps necessary to request ARPA funds and stated there is a letter from their church requesting those funds.
- d. Vincent Kelly and Sophia Chris concerning the tobacco cessation event
- e. Kevin Southwood concerning natural diasters and providing supplies to citizens.

No Corrections to the Journal of the Preceding Meeting

Communication from the Mayor

- a. Brandon Sakbun, mayor, provided an update on ARPA, THRIVE and the United Way. He also provided information on radios for employees.
- b. Councilperson Todd Nation thanked the mayor for the update and asked about the radio situation.

No Reports from City Officials

No Reports from Board of Public Works and Safety

No Reports from Standing Committees

No Reports from Non-Standing Committees

No Items Previously Tabled

No Tax Abatements for Confirmation

No Items on Second Reading

ITEMS ON FIRST READING

Council President Tammy Boland moved Resolution 2, 2024 to the end of the agenda.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION 3, 2024 – Appointing Michael A. Slagle as City Council Attorney <Boland>

RESOLUTION 3, 2024 was read by digest. Motion was made by Councilperson Nation and seconded by Councilperson Dinkel to pass RESOLUTION 3, 2024. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code § 36-4-6-24 the Council may hire or contract with competent attorneys on terms it considers appropriate; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Rules and Regulations of the Council, Section II. B., the President may appoint, upon sufficient appropriation approved by the Council, an attorney licensed to practice law in Indiana to provide such legal counsel to the Council as may be deemed appropriate; and,

WHEREAS, at this time the President of the Council wish to appoint Attorney Michael A. Slagle to provide legal counsel to the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Common Council for the City of Terre Haute that Attorney Michael A. Slagle is appointed to provide legal services to the Council.

Introduced by: Tammy Boland, Councilman

Passed in open Council this 8th day of February, 2024.

Tammy Boland, President

ATTEST: Michelle L. Edwards, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor this 8th day of February, 2024 at 6:35 pm o'clock.

Michelle L. Edwards, City Clerk

Approved by me, the Mayor, this 8th day of February, 2024.

Brandon C. Sakbun, Mayor

ATTEST: Michelle L. Edwards, City Clerk

RESOLUTION 4, 2024 – Approving the expenditure for City Council Attorney <Boland>

RESOLUTION 4, 2024 was read by digest. Motion was made by Councilperson Azar and seconded by Councilperson Chalos to pass RESOLUTION 4, 2024. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 4, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA:

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Council Rule Section I. J., any expenditure for a product or service paid to an individual and/or a vendor that exceeds \$250.00 in a calendar year must first be approved by a resolution passed by a majority of the members of the City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has appointed Attorney Michael A. Slagle to provide legal counsel to the Council; and,

WHEREAS, it is expected the fees incurred for legal services for the remainder of 2024 may be up to Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000.00).

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Common Council for the City of Terre Haute that the expenditure of funds for legal services to be provided by Michael A. Slagle not to exceed a maximum total payment of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$22,000.00).

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Passed in open Council this 8th day of February, 2024.

Tammy Boland, President

ATTEST: Michelle L. Edwards, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor this 8th day of February, 2024 at 6:36 pm o'clock.
Michelle L. Edwards, City Clerk
Approved by me, the Mayor, this 8th day of February, 2024.
Brandon C. Sakbun, Mayor
ATTEST: Michelle L. Edwards, City Clerk

REVIEWING CF1 FORM

200 South 6th Street LLC CF1 Form Resolution 3, 2020

Motion was made by Councilperson Nation and seconded by Councilperson Chalos to find 200 South 6th LLC CF1 Form Resolution 3, 2020 in substantial compliance. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2, 2024 – Supporting an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Palestine and Israel <Nation>

RESOLUTION 2, 2024 was read by digest. Motion was made by Councilperson and seconded by Councilperson to pass RESOLUTION 2, 2024. Motion was defeated with four (4) yes votes and four (4) no votes with Councilpersons DeBaun, Hinton, Nation and Boland voting yes and Councilpersons Azar, Chalos, Dinkel and Thompson voting no.

RESOLUTION NO. 2, 2024

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN IMMEDIATE AND PERMANENT CEASEFIRE IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL, THE RETURN OF ALL HOSTAGES, AND THE DELIVERY OF HUMANITARIAN AID; AND AFFIRMING OPPOSITION TO ANTISEMITISM, ISLAMOPHOBIA AND ANTI-ARAB BIGOTRY WITH THE AIM OF ACHIEVING A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

WHEREAS, all human life is precious, and the targeting of civilians is a violation of international humanitarian law; and

Whereas, 1,139 Israelis and foreigners were killed by Hamas on October 7th 2023, and over 26,000 Palestinians have been killed since October 7th 2023, with 70 percent of the casualties being women and children; and

Whereas, continued hostilities have forced 85% of Palestinians in Gaza (1.9 million people) to flee their homes, being displaced multiple times; and

Whereas, more than one hundred Israeli hostages are being held by Hamas and more than 8,000 Palestinians are held without due process under Israeli martial law; and

Whereas, more than half of Gaza's homes have been damaged or destroyed, over 370 educational facilities have been damaged, at least 30 of the 35 hospitals in Gaza are not functioning, over 2.2 million people in Gaza are at imminent risk of famine, and 94 journalists have been killed; and

Whereas, hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent risk without an immediate and permanent ceasefire, restoration of basic necessities, and delivery of adequate and unconditional humanitarian aid without delay to Palestinian civilian noncombatants; and

Whereas, the United States government holds immense diplomatic power to save Palestinian and Israeli lives, and US law requires that foreign military aid not be used in the contravention of international law; and

Whereas, the United States provides ongoing military aid to Israel, as well as humanitarian aid to Palestine; and

Whereas, the majority of countries in the United Nations have voted in favor of a ceasefire resolution, and millions of people worldwide, including residents of Terre Haute, have joined in peaceful protests since October 7 to amplify this call; and Whereas, Islamophobia, anti-Palestinian/anti-Arab bigotry, and antisemitism have risen significantly across the United States and around the world because of these events, with direct impacts on communities – from

synagogues and mosques to schools, universities, homes, offices, and places where communities gather, as well as at protests and rallies; and

Whereas, all of these forms of bigotry, violence, and oppression serve to divide our communities and weaken our efforts to achieve collective safety, justice, and true multi-ethnic, multi-racial, multi-religious democracy here and everywhere.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terre Haute City Council that:

We unequivocally condemn both the attack on October 7, 2023 on Israeli citizens by Hamas, and the subsequent killing of civilians in Gaza and West Bank by the state of Israel; and

We affirm our commitment to combat anti-Palestinian/anti-Arab bigotry, antisemitism, and Islamophobia; and

We affirm our support for all people in Palestine and Israel to live in peace, justice, and security; and

We affirm our support for the rights of all people, including residents of Terre Haute, to live, learn, work, play, worship, and engage in peaceful protest, all without intimidation, coercion, or the threat of violence; and

We affirm the first amendment rights of all citizens to criticize government or government policy, and affirm that criticism of governments in Israel and Palestine is not inherently antisemitic or anti-Arab; and

We affirm our commitment to US laws requiring that arms transfers be used in accordance with international law; and

We support the delivery of immediate, unconditional, and sufficient humanitarian aid including water, food, energy, shelter, medical and sanitary supplies to the noncombatant people of Gaza; and

We ask our congressional delegation to support all resolutions and legislation that match the values stated in this resolution, especially those aiming to alleviate the urgent humanitarian disaster in Gaza, the release of Israeli hostages, and peaceful diplomatic processes resulting in equal rights for Palestinians and Israelis; and

We direct the Terre Haute City Clerk's Office to provide a copy of this resolution to United States Congressman Larry Buschon, United States Senator Mike Braun, United States Senator Todd Young, and President of the United States Joe Biden.

Introduced by: Todd Nation, Councilperson

DEFEATED

Motion was made by Councilperson Azar and seconded by Councilperson Nation that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Kelley Duggins
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Tammy Boland, President

Michelle L. Edwards, City Clerk