



Minutes of the Goshen Common Council Regular Meeting of July 7, 2020

6:00 p.m. Council Chambers, Police & Court Building, 111 East Jefferson Street, Goshen, Indiana

The digital audio recording of these proceedings is intended to accompany and supplement this document.

Mayor Jeremy P. Stutsman swore in Hazany Palomino as Youth Advisor to the Goshen Common Council.

Mayor called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Jim McKee (Dist 1), Doug Nisley (Dist 2), Gilberto Pérez, Jr. (Dist 5), Matt Schrock (Dist 3),
Megan Eichorn (Dist 4), Julia King (At-Large), Council President Brett Weddell (At-Large)
Youth Advisor Hazany Palomino (Non-voting)

Absent: None

No minutes were presented.

King/Pérez moved to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote FAILED 3-4 as:

Eichorn:	No
King:	Yes
McKee:	Yes
Nisley:	No
Pérez:	No
Schrock:	Yes
Weddell:	No

Weddell/Nisley moved to add Resolution 2020-19 (distributed to Council via email by Mayor Stutsman the prior evening) to the agenda.

Voice vote to add Resolution 2020-19 to the agenda and approve agenda as amended. PASSED 7-0

Privilege of the Floor

No one spoke.

Elected Official Reports

Nisley: Asked about lack of recent meeting minutes. Scharf replied. Discussion.

Weddell: Compliment on Main St. downtown project.



Special Presentation: Interfaith Hospitality Network

Representatives of various affiliated organizations presented to the council regarding local homelessness, non-profit partnerships, expansion of current service offerings including building a new shelter on E. Lincoln Ave. (Slide presentation attached as *Exhibit A*.)

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Resolution 2020-15 Preliminary Finding Concerning Lippert Components Manufacturing, Inc.'s Compliance with Statement of Benefits for Personal Property

Weddell/Nisley moved for passage of Resolution 2020-15.

Community Development Director Mark Brinson provided background and summary of the request.

City Attorney Bodie Stegelmann explained the legal options available to the council. Discussion.

Tom Bowers, Lippert Components, addressed the council.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

Glenn Null, Goshen, addressed the council.

Nick Kieffer, Chamber of Commerce, addressed the council via message submitted to Weddell

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Nisley/Weddell moved to adopt Option 1 in Resolution 2020-15.

Roll call vote to adopt Option 1 in Resolution 2020-15. PASSED 5-2 as:

Eichorn:	Yes
King:	No
McKee:	Yes
Nisley:	Yes
Pérez:	No
Schrock:	Yes
Weddell:	Yes



Roll call vote to pass Resolution 2020-15 with Option 1 chosen. PASSED 5-2 as:

Eichorn:	Yes
King:	No
McKee:	Yes
Nisley:	Yes
Pérez:	No
Schrock:	Yes
Weddell:	Yes

Resolution 2020-16 Ratifying the Approval of a Loan with First State Bank of Middlebury for the Acquisition of Real Estate

Weddell/King moved for passage of Resolution 2020-16.

Clerk-Treasurer Adam Scharf provided background on the resolution.

Voice Vote to pass Resolution 2020-16: PASSED 7-0

Resolution 2020-17 Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with InDOT for Construction, Installation and Maintenance of Water Main and Lighting Fixtures at US 33 and College Avenue

Weddell/Pérez moved for passage of Resolution 2020-17.

Director of Public Works Dustin Sailor provided background on the resolution.

Voice Vote to pass Resolution 2020-17: PASSED 7-0

Resolution 2020-18 Endorsing the Elkhart County Health Department's Mandate on Wearing Face Coverings and Recommending a Reduction in the Maximum Number of Attendees At Any Private or Public Gathering

Weddell/King moved for passage of Resolution 2020-18.

Mayor Stutsman provided background on the resolution.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Glenn Null, Goshen



Voice Vote to pass Resolution 2020-18: PASSED 7-0

Ordinance 5045 Prohibiting Commercial Vehicles on Main Street

Weddell/Eichorn moved for passage of Ordinance 5045 on first reading.

Sailor introduced and explained the ordinance.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Glenn Null, Goshen

Voice Vote to pass Ordinance 5045 on first reading: PASSED 7-0

All councilors consented to hear second reading.

Weddell/Eichorn moved for passage of Ordinance 5045 on second and final reading.

Pérez comment, Mayor replied regarding enforcement.

Voice Vote to pass Ordinance 5045 on second and final reading: PASSED 7-0

Ordinance 5048 An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 3011, Known as the Zoning and Use Regulations Ordinance for the City of Goshen, Indiana, by Rezoning the Area of Real Estate Hereinafter Described from Agricultural A-1 District to Residential R-3 District

Weddell/Eichorn moved for passage of Ordinance 5048 on first reading.

City Planner Rhonda Yoder presented the packet materials.

Andrew Cunningham, JPR, representing the petitioner, addressed the council.

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John Piraccini, Coldwell Banker Commercial Real Estate
Dustin Sailor, Goshen
Dean Slabach, RE/MAX Realty listing agent

COUNCIL DISCUSSION



Voice Vote to pass Ordinance 5048 on first reading: PASSED 7-0

Weddell/Eichorn moved for passage of Ordinance 5048 on second and final reading.

Voice Vote to pass Ordinance 5048 on second and final reading: PASSED 7-0

Resolution 2020-19 A Resolution Recognizing and Supporting the Goshen City Police and Commitment to the Community

Weddell/McKee moved for passage of Resolution 2020-19.

Mayor introduced and gave background on resolution, then read the resolution text.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

Glenn Null, Goshen

Pérez/King moved to postpone Resolution 2020-19 to July 21.

Roll call vote to postpone Resolution 2020-19 to July 21. FAILED 2-5 as:

Eichorn:	No
King:	Yes
McKee:	No
Nisley:	No
Pérez:	Yes
Schrock:	No
Weddell:	No

Roll call vote to pass Resolution 2020-19. PASSED 7-0

Nisley/King moved to adjourn. PASSED 7-0

Meeting Adjourned 8:42 p.m.

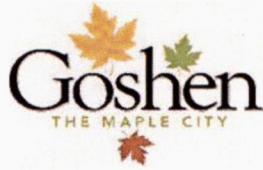
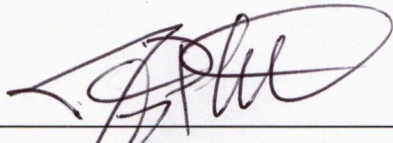


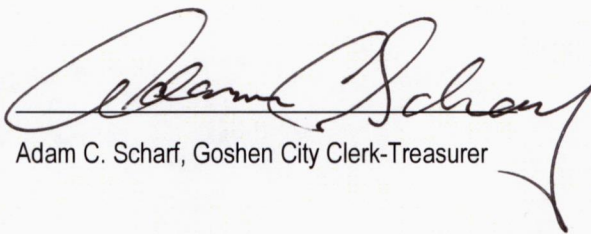
Exhibit A: Interfaith Hospitality Network slide presentation

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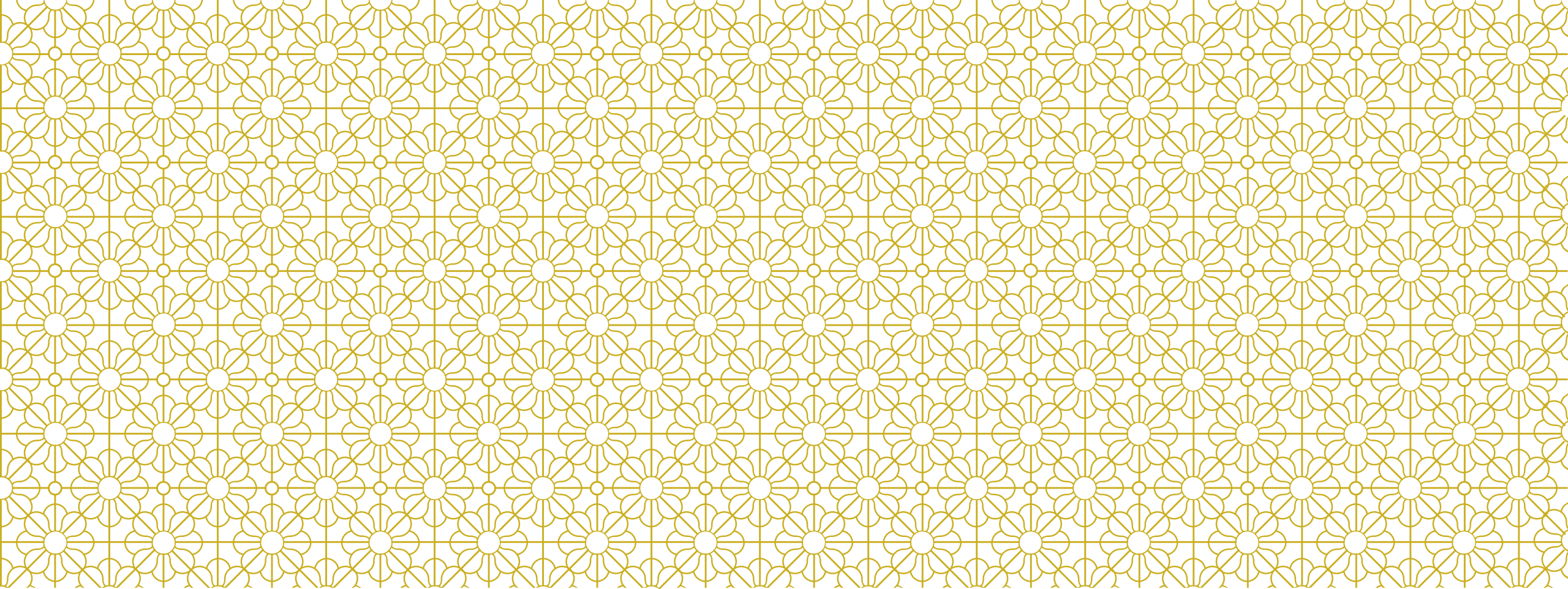


Jeremy F. Stutsman, Mayor of Goshen

ATTEST:



Adam C. Scharf, Goshen City Clerk-Treasurer



Interfaith Hospitality Network

Making a difference for

25

years

WHO WE ARE:

- A 24 hour Homeless Shelter
- We serve anyone with minor age children and single ladies
- Individual Programed based
- We operate on the 2nd floor of St. Mark's United Methodist Church.



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WHAT WE HAVE DONE:

- Served over 1800 homeless families since opening our doors in October 1995
- In Nov. 2017 we started accepting single homeless ladies and have served 58 with 74% maintaining sobriety & housing
- Helped with Low Barrier Warming Shelter for previous 2 years



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WHO WE CAN BE:

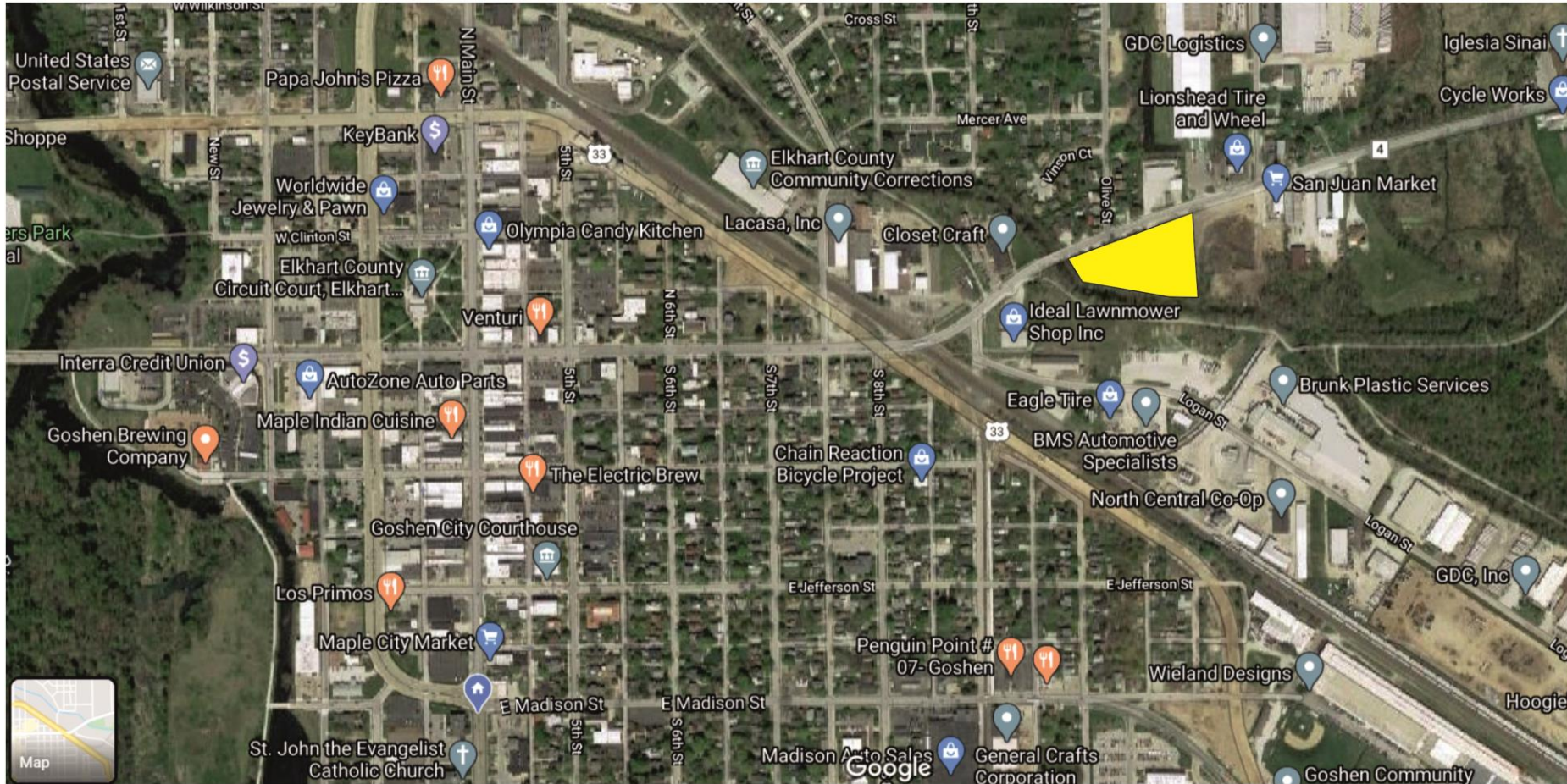
- Our proposed homeless shelter can house 8 men, 8 women and 8 families not exceeding Goshen's "Fair Share".
- We can help cut cost to community members and hospitals by local ER not being used for emergency shelter, costing approx. \$1 850/per visit.
- We will help reduce work & transportation for local authorities by having a local homeless shelter.
- Partnering with the City and offering a place for a Warming Shelter.



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WARMING SHELTER:

- In Dec 2018 we opened our 105 S Third Street location for a low barrier/behavior based warming shelter. We worked with multiple agencies in serving 28 individuals. 92 % of these individuals were from the city of Goshen.
- In 2019 due to code we moved warming shelter to area churches. We served 32 different individuals with only one for one night being from the prior year. 85% of the individuals we served were from the city of Goshen.
- While operating both shelters, we only had 6 calls to the police/fire/ambulance



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Questions & Answers



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