

**MINUTES OF HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018
GENERALIZED SUMMARY**

President Schwartz called to order the Regular meeting of the Hamilton County Council at 07:00:16 p.m. Those in attendance were Councilors Jeff Hern, Amy Massillamany, Rick McKinney, Fred Glynn, Steve Schwartz, Brad Beaver and Paul Ayers. A quorum was declared by Auditor Robin Mills.

Councilor Ayers gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilor Massillamany moved to approve minutes of August 1, 2018. Councilor Beaver seconded motion, motion carried 7-0.

7:02:06 PM PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Wendy Gamble, Executive Director of Cherish Center & Tom Dickey, Board President
 - Cherish Center is Hamilton County's Child Advocacy Center established in 2009 and operates under a ten-member board
 - Budget is 70% grant driven through VOCA and DCS. Board is focused on going out in the community and raising money and have two events each year. Death by Chocolate Event is coming up November 15 2018. Money raised goes to providing therapeutic services.
 - Provides child abuse investigations and coordinates in collaboration with every law enforcement agency, Department of Family and Child, Prevail Victim Advocacy Services, Nurse Practitioners and Therapists.
 - Conducted investigations for over 2,500 families and 2,500 kids just for the child abuse alone.
 - All services are brought to the child

- Becky Terry, Executive Director Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville
 - Established in 1951 above Kirk's Hardware and most recently moved into a new facility located on 17th Street.
 - Provides services to children ages 5-18. Serve 2,200 members (97% from Hamilton County of which 84% are Noblesville residents) each year and additional 14,000 youth come through community center which houses sports activities.
 - \$1.2 million budget and most is raised through individuals and corporations. They are also a United Way agency but most of the fund raising is done in house and receive very little government funding. Do receive some support from the local Trustees office and the City donated to the capital campaign.
 - Focus on academic success, healthy lifestyles and good character and citizenship. Provide homework help, tutoring and stem programming in the academic arena; health and life skills we are focusing on physical fitness programs, cooking clubs to teach nutrition; good character and citizenship we have leadership clubs and do a lot of community service activities especially with the teenagers.
 - Focus that has seen tremendous growth over the last 10 years is the Food programming. Started meal program in partnership with Second Helpings. Serve meals to children two nights per week. Program has grown from 30 meals 1 night a week to 200 meals twice a week. Also provide 200 snack packs every Friday night to kids to help with food insecurity in the home. Club also provides summer food program as well as the after--school snack program that is funded through the Federal government. The federal programs require pre-qualify as a reduced lunch participant in order for the

Club to receive reimbursement. Board will not turn a child away from their food programs, and kids aren't labeled as low income. In 2017 gave out 30,590 snacks and 5,446 meals

- Key partnerships are Noblesville Schools, every child has ability to come to the club through bussing. The Elementary Schools bus to the Club and the Club picks up at the Middle Schools and High School. Parks Department works with Club on several different projects through out the year. Works with all the Hamilton County Youth Assistance Programs.

7:16:25 PM COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORTS

President

- Councilor Schwartz reported that he and Councilor Beaver attended the ribbon cutting for the Westfield Riverview Hospital and took a tour of the new facility.
- Provided quick update on the morgue project, floor was installed today, when it dries the facility will be open.
- Visited Jail cell project which is well underway and on time for a completion date of 3/11/19. On September 11th a crane will be on sight to set the cell walls in place if anyone wants to see the operation.

Vice President

- Councilor Beaver moved to amend agenda and add Hamilton County Veteran Services Officer. Councilor McKinney seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.
- Congratulated Noblesville Marching Millers for their second consecutive win in the Indiana State Fair Marching Band Competition

Highway

- Councilor McKinney stated the committee did meet and items will be discussed later on the agenda

Finance – No Meeting

Personnel – No Meeting

Miscellaneous

- Councilor Glynn stated he attended the Prevail Gala

7:19:41 PM UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None

7:20:15 PM TABLED BUSINESS – No Action

7:20:25 PM NEW BUSINESS

Lynn Epperson, Hamilton County Veteran Service Officer (VSO) addressed the Council asking for support of additional staff in her office.

- Responsible to assist Veterans and their families by educating them on the benefits they have earned for their service. Will soon complete 4th year as Hamilton County's VSO but has been an advocate for over 28 years.
- Every County has to have a VSO and code also requires the VSO maintain state accreditation and be an honorably discharged veteran. Lynn is a US Airforce Veteran.
- 90% of VSO job is veteran benefits and includes everything from burial, disability compensation, education, health care, home loans, life insurance and pensions. All

of these benefits come from 1 of the 3 administrations that is under the National Department of Veteran Affairs.

- Monday – Thursday VSO sees 4-5 Veterans a day to start claims. Current work load of 120-150 open claims rotating from month to month.
- VSO goes to those Veterans who can't get into the office, housebound or in hospital. VSO also works with Assisted Living and Nursing home facilities throughout the County to ensure Veterans and Surviving Spouses receive their aides and attendants benefits to offset the cost of their care.
- VSO assist Veterans with obtaining State Veteran benefits such as Disable property tax deduction; reduced hunting and fishing, the Disabled Veteran license plate. Also assist Veterans with a 1-time grant for those in a finance crisis
- Hamilton County is the fifth largest Veterans population in the state with just over 14,000 Veterans in the county behind Marion, Lake, Allen and St. Josephs county.
- Marion County Veteran are told to seek assistance from a donut county
- Lynn will provide current IC code to Councilor McKinney regarding responsibilities of counties establishing VSO office.
- Hamilton County currently pays \$500 for burial and \$100 for grave marker. VSO primary job is assisting Veterans with obtaining Federal and State benefits for which they are entitled.
- Cities can also establish VSO

Councilor Ayers moved to approve vendor claims. Councilor Beaver seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Councilor McKinney moved to approve Resolution 09-05-18-01 "A Resolution Concerning the Purchase of Real Estate For the 276th Street Phase II Improvement Project". Councilor Beaver seconded motion, motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Glynn moved to accept proposed 2019 meeting dates. Councilor Beaver seconded motion, motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Beaver moved to accept vacancy backfill 144's for the following positions. Councilor Massillamany seconded motion, motion carried 7-0.

1. Court Administration	1000.0000.0018.1016-006	Receptionist	BL1	15.7768 ph
	1000.0000.0018.01019-004	Court Reporter	BL1	19.7775 ph
2. Sheriff	1000.0000.0037.1051-049	CO	BL1	18.3313 ph
	1000.0000.0037.1051-085	CO	BL1	18.3313 ph
3. Communications	1222.0000.0000.1005-005	DOA/S	BL4	36.2813 ph
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APPROPRIATIONS / REDUCTIONS, 144 Amendments, Transfers

7:39:00 PM President Schwartz opened the Public Hearing concerning additional appropriations.

Councilor Glynn moved to approve County General Assessor 144 Amendment of the following positions: 1017-002 Real Estate/Sales Disclosure Deputy Title Change and Job Description update; 1017-007 Adm Assistant/Sales Disclosure Deputy Title Change and Job Description update; 1018.004 Administrative Deputy Reclassification to 1020-012 Field

Appraiser; 1020.012 Field Appraiser COMOT F BL1 at \$21.1613 per hour. Councilor Massillamany seconded motion, motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Massillamany moved to approve Clerk County General transfer of \$2,500 from 1000.0000.0009.4500 Machinery & Equipment to 1000.0000.0009.3500 Outsourced Repairs & Maintenance. Councilor Beaver seconded motion, motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Hern moved to approve Buildings & Grounds County General transfer of \$30,000 from 1000.0000.0019.2200 Operating Supplies; and \$55,000 from 1000.0000.019.2300 Repairs & Maintenance to 1000.0000.0019.3500 Outsourced Repairs & Maintenance. Councilor Massillamany seconded motion, motion carried 7-0.

Steve Wood gave an update on the Solar Project and Jail Cell Project. Solar Panels will be activated at 4 PM on September 24, 2018. Steve will also get time frames of the placement of the jail cells. Weed control under Solar Panels will be handled with spray and mowing.

Councilor Massillamany moved to approve Sheriff County General 144 Amendment of position 1000.0000.0037.1051-022 CO, to pay above entry level of POLE I as BL3 at 19.7978 per hour. Councilor Beaver seconded motion, motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Ayers moved to approve Fund 1025 HCAA Capital Fund additional appropriation of \$65,000 in 1025.0000.0000.4400 Improvements Other Than Buildings. Councilor Massillamany seconded motion, motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Glynn moved to approve Buildings & Grounds Fund 1138 transfer request of \$20,000 from 1138.0000.0019.2300 Repairs & Maintenance to 1138.0000.0019.3500 Outsourced Repairs & Maintenance. Councilor Massillamany seconded motion, motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Massillamany moved to approve Fund 8120 2017/2018 Immunization Grant transfer of \$36.92 from 8120.0000.0000.2100 Office Supplies to 8120.0000.0000.4500 Machinery/Equipment. Councilor Glynn seconded motion, motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Massillamany moved to approve Fund 8221 FHWA Reimbursement Fund additional appropriations of:
\$29,908.40 in 8221.0050.0161.6100 Inter-Fund Transfer
\$22,340.97 in 8221.0138.3154.6100 Inter-Fund Transfer
\$25,585.19 in 8221.0140.0760.6100 Inter-Fund Transfer
Councilor McKinney seconded motion, motion carried 7-0.

Councilor McKinney moved to approve Fund 9130 Court Recidivism Reduction Grant transfers of
\$ 358.47 from 9130.0000.0000.1401 Social Security
\$1,466.36 from 9130.0000.0000.1402 Group Insurance
\$.39 from 9130.0000.0000.1011 PAT B
\$ 6.99 to 9130.0000.0000.1501 Retirement Benefits
\$1,818.23 to 9130.0000.0000.6100 Inter-Fund Transfers
Councilor Beaver seconded motion, motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Massillamany moved to approve Fund 9131 Pre-Trial Supervision Grant transfers of \$ 492.38 from 9131.0000.0000.1401 Social Security
\$2,261.60 from 9131.0000.0000.1402 Group Insurance
\$3,109.66 from 9131.0000.0000.1011 PAT B
\$ 392.07 from 9131.0000.0000.1501 Retirement Benefits
\$6,255.71 to 9131.0000.0000.6100 Inter-Fund Transfers

Councilor Beaver seconded motion, motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Glynn moved to approve Fund 9132 JDAI Grant transfers of
\$ 700.00 from 9132.0000.0000.3100 Travel/Communication
\$1,000.00 from 9132.0000.0000.4500 Equipment
\$1,700.00 to 9132.0000.0000.2200 Operating Supplies
Councilor Beaver seconded motion, motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Schwartz closed the public hearing 7:55:26

7:55:31 PM ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHERIFF COMMENTS None

COUNCIL ATTORNEY COMMENTS None

AUDITOR'S COMMENTS

- Annual letter concerning Public Hearing & Final Adoption in packet. Please plan to attend.

Meeting was duly adjourned at 7:56:31 PM

Those present:

D. Lee Buckingham, II, Prosecutor
Wendy Gamble, Exec Dir Cherish
Steven Pawluczyk, Veteran & Resident
John Clark, Veteran Issue
Bill Doss, Hamilton County Veterans
Becky Terry, Exec Dir Boys & Girls Club
Stephanie Ruggles, Pretrial Services
Dianna Lynch, Veterans
Jake Bates, 5th Third Bank
Cynthia Sweet, Community Member
Robin Ward, Assessor
Mark Heirbrandt, Commissioner
Dan Stevens, Director of Adm
Bob Bragg, Probation

John Chalfin, Coroner
Tom Dickey, Board President Cherish
Joan Clark, Veteran Matter
Skip Stackhouse, US Navy Club
Lynn Epperson, HC VSO
Gavan Pearson, Personal Interest
Stephen Wood, Transfer
Don Hawkins, Veteran
Connor Sullivan, Massillamany Jeter
Tammy Baitz, Clerk
Brad Davis, Highway
Mark Bowen, Sheriff
Brad Cozza, HCAA
Barry McNulty, Health

APPROVED HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL

Paul Ayers
Brad Beaver
Jeff Hern
Fred Glynn
Amy Massillamany
Rick McKinney
Steve Schwartz

ATTEST

Robin M. Mills, Auditor
DATE APPROVED: 10/03/2018