

COMMON COUNCIL, RETREAT, CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
MARCH 8, 2005

The Common Council of the City of Noblesville met in a special retreat session on Wednesday, March 8, 2005. Mr. Hinds called the meeting to order pursuant to public notice with the following members present: Dale Snelling, Alan Hinds, Mary Sue Rowland, Terry Busby, Brian Ayer and Kathie Stretch. Laurie Hurst was absent.

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Janet Jaros, Mayor Ditslear, Rusty Bodenhorn, Mike Reuter, Jim Treat and members of the media.

Mr. Reuter went over the fiscal plan that was sent out to the Council for review. He went over the assumptions. They will drop the workers compensation percentage to 15% from 20%. The plan has built in a 3% raise. Mr. Busby asked what amount is it per percentage. Mr. Reuter stated it is around \$150,000. If you include the FICA and PERF, it would be around \$165,000.00. He also discussed the inventory tax and what that will do to the revenue. He gave the Council an update on the COIT lawsuit. He stated that the State is now working with them to provide information but it will be a long slow process and doesn't feel it will be resolved before they do the 2006 budget process. He then went over the General Fund and the COIT Fund pages. He passed out new fund pages using only 100% of COIT and ones for 100% of COIT and no new personnel. The only changes would be in the General Fund as both used 100% of the COIT dollars. The General Fund still included the capital amounts that had been requested. That could be an area that could be reduced. He went over the individual funds that are in the report. There was a question concerning the Parking Meter Fund and if it could be used to fund the General Fund. Mr. Reuter stated the original ordinance would need to be looked at to see if any could be transferred. He passed out information concerning the funds that could be transferred to help the General Fund. One is the CCI and \$100,000.00 is being transferred in 2005 to support the General Fund. None of these bring in new revenue. They discussed the special census and when that would take effect. They talked about the funds that get a property tax, where the levy could be reduced in order to generate more tax dollars in the General Fund. One of those would be the Cum Fire. You could take it back to the low rate and still be OK. Mrs. Jaros cautioned them that they need to look at the obligations for that fund. There are leases on fire trucks and ambulances that are paid from that fund. There was a discussion on road and park impact fees and where they could be used. It was suggested that Mr. Howard review that with them and define the uses.

Mr. Jim Treat went over the TIF areas. He outlined the revenue that was collected in 2004 and bond payments for each area. He stated there are three active TIF areas. There were questions on why they are using TIF funds when it might be good to use the road impact fee funds. They will present those concerns to Mr. Howard.

Mr. Snelling stated he will bring up the discussion about the trash collection. There was a discussion concerning looking for other areas for revenue and they didn't feel they were ready to go down that road.

Mr. Hinds passed out the philosophy of the budget study committee. He went over those with the Council. They felt they would be giving direction to the administration concerning the number of new employees and the amount of COIT that will be used to fund the budgets. They did not have a time frame of when that would be.

There was no further business to discuss. The Council adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

John Ditslear, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janet S. Jaros, Clerk-Treasurer

