

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 20, 2007

The Common Council of the City of Crawfordsville, Indiana, met in a special session, 12:00 noon, July 20, 2007. Present were Mayor John Zumer, who chaired the meeting, City Attorney David Peebles, and Clerk-Treasurer Nellie Thompson. Also present were Council members, Steve Frees, Dennis Cook, Roger Rockenbaugh, Phil Michal, Charlie Coons and Charles Fiedler. Councilman Rodger Walther was absent.

No other officials were present

The press was also present.

Chairman Zumer called the meeting to order; and led the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Zumer asked Clerk-Treasurer Nellie Thompson to call the roll for purpose of attendance, a quorum was present.

PUBLIC MEETING

Chairman Zumer opened the public hearing at 12:02 p.m. for comments regarding a resolution proposing to the County Income Tax Council adoption of a local option income tax to provide property tax relief. Offering comments from the public were Dave Long and Indiana State Senator Phil Boots. Offering comments from the council were Denny Cook, Charles Fiedler, Phil Michal and Charlie Coons. Hearing no further comments Chairman Zumer closed the public hearing at 12:30 p.m.

Chairman Zumer presented a resolution proposing to the County Income Tax Council the adoption of a local option income tax, as authorized by House Enrolled Act 1478, at a rate of one-tenth of one percent (0.10%) on the county taxpayers of Montgomery County in order to provide property tax relief in the form of additional homestead credits to owners of real estate in Montgomery County. Councilman Cook moved to accept the resolution. Seconded by Councilman Fiedler. Chairman Zumer called for comments from the Council and the public. Offering comments from the council were Phil Michal, Denny Cook, Roger Rockenbaugh. Offering comments from the public was County Council president Donald Peterson. Hearing no further comments the roll was called for a vote. The resolution passed with a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION # 15-2007

**Resolution Proposing To County Income Tax Council
Adoption of a Local Option Income Tax to Provide Property Tax Relief**

WHEREAS, House Enrolled Act 1478 authorizes counties to impose additional rates of COIT to fund property tax relief;

AND WHEREAS, House Enrolled Act 1478 requires that the County Income Tax Council adopt the local option income tax to fund property tax relief on or before July 31, 2007;

AND WHEREAS, the effective date for the local option income tax will be October 1, 2007;

AND WHEREAS, because changes in the property tax laws have caused many citizens to experience substantial increases in their property tax bills for 2006, payable in 2007;

AND WHEREAS, these changes in the property tax law have adversely affected residential property owners to a greater degree than other taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Montgomery County that the Montgomery County Income Tax Council adopt an additional rate of 0.10% in order to provide additional homestead credits;

IT IS, THEREFORE, RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Common Council of the City of Crawfordsville hereby proposes adoption by the Montgomery County Income Tax Council of an additional local option income tax, as authorized by House Enrolled Act 1478, at a rate of one-tenth of one percent (0.10 %) on the county taxpayers of Montgomery County in order to provide property tax relief in the form of additional homestead credits to owners of real estate in Montgomery County;
2. If adopted, this tax will become effective October 1, 2007.
3. The ordinance proposed is attached hereto and marked Exhibit A.
4. Immediately upon passage, the Crawfordsville Clerk-Treasurer shall send a copy of this resolution to the Montgomery County Auditor, and the Montgomery County Auditor is instructed to count all votes of the City of Crawfordsville in favor of adoption of the attached ordinance.

ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE
THIS 20th DAY OF JULY, 2007.

Signed/// Mayor John P. Zumer
John P. Zumer, Mayor & Presiding Officer

PRESENTED AND APPROVED BY ME THIS 20th DAY OF JULY, 2007

Signed/// Mayor John P. Zumer
John P. Zumer, Mayor

ATTEST: Signed/// Nellie Thompson
Nellie Thompson, Clerk-Treasurer

There being no further business, Councilman Cook moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Frees. The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Signed by me this 20th day of July, 2007.

Signed///John Zumer
John Zumer, Mayor

ATTEST: Signed///Nellie Thompson
Nellie Thompson, Clerk/Treasurer