

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATE: May 19, 2009
CALLED TO ORDER: 5:34 p.m.
ADJOURNED: 6:37 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDING MEMBERS

Susie Day, Acting Chairwoman
Paul Bateman
Barbara Malone
Joanne Sanders
Ryan Vaughn

ABSENT MEMBERS

Jackie Nytes
Marilyn Pfisterer

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 145, 2009 - amends the Code to transfer the ordinance violations bureau from the office of corporation counsel to the office of finance and management

"Do Pass"

Vote: 4-0

PROPOSAL NO. 147, 2009 - amends Article V of Chapter 283 of the Revised Code of the Consolidated City and County with respect to the Marion County Early Intervention Planning Council

"Do Pass"

Vote: 4-1

PROPOSAL NO. 185, 2009 - approves a form of amendment to the Lease of certain secondary jail facilities with Building Authority and authorizes the execution of such amendment, the issuance of refunding bonds by the Authority, and related matters

"Do Pass"

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 186, 2009 - approves the issuance of refunding bonds of the Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation and certain special taxing districts

"Do Pass"

Vote: 5-0

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Administration and Finance Committee of the City-County Council met on Tuesday, May 19, 2009. Acting Chairwoman Susie Day called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. with the following members present: Barbara Malone, Joanne Sanders, and Ryan Vaughn. Jackie Nytes, and Marilyn Pfisterer were absent. Paul Bateman arrived shortly thereafter. Robert Elrod, General Counsel, represented Council staff.

PROPOSAL NO. 145, 2009 - amends the Code to transfer the ordinance violations bureau from the office of corporation counsel to the office of finance and management

Manny Mendez, Deputy Controller, Office of Finance and Management (OFM), said that in the past, the Ordinance Violations Bureau (OVB) was housed with the Office of Corporation Counsel (OCC) in the Collections Division. He said that when the Collections Division was transferred to OFM, OVB should have also been transferred but was not. This proposal would move OVB back into the Collections Division under OFM.

Councillor Sanders asked if there will be any staffing changes. Mr. Mendez answered in the negative.

Councillor Vaughn moved, seconded by Councillor Malone, to send Proposal No. 145, 2009 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 147, 2009 - amends Article V of Chapter 283 of the Revised Code of the Consolidated City and County with respect to the Marion County Early Intervention Planning Council

Jennifer Hubbard, Director of the Department of Child Services (DCS), said that she serves as the co-chair of the Early Intervention Planning Council (EIPC) and serves along with a member of the City-County Council. EIPC was created by the City-County Council in 2006, and over the past few years, it has taken on a different purpose. She said that there was a contract with Indiana University-Purdue University of Indianapolis (IUPUI), who submitted some very comprehensive studies that outlined the services available to children at risk in the community. She said that EIPC has contracted with an agency that coordinates those early intervention services. Ms. Hubbard said that the purpose of this ordinance is to explain the purpose and function of the council, the memberships, and to give it some sustainability.

[Clerks note: Councillor Bateman arrived at 5:47 p.m.]

Councillor Sanders asked if the definition of EIPC is more applicable to the Regional Services Council. Ms. Hubbard said that EIPC has a lot of similarities to the Regional Services Council, but the definition is not the same. She said that the Regional Services Council serves as an advisory board to DCS. Councillor Sanders asked if the City-County Council has any appointments to the Regional Services Council. Ms. Hubbard answered in the negative. Councillor Sanders asked if the Regional Services Council is statutorily driven. Ms. Hubbard answered in the affirmative. Councillor Sanders asked if the appointments to the Regional Services Council come from the state. Ms. Hubbard answered in the negative and said that they

are all local appointments. Councillor Sanders asked if any of the kids in this program would be sent out of Marion County. Brant Ping, Juvenile Court, said that the county funds would not be used to pay for placement costs for the kids, unless the Council took some type of action to make this change. He said that EIPC did not contemplate placement, nor did it contemplate those kids that are within the purview of the Regional Services Council. Councillor Sanders said that early intervention is the key target and she is not sure if that is the focus of the Regional Services Council.

Councillor Vaughn asked what the focus of the committee is moving forward. Ms. Hubbard said that the Regional Services Council is established in each DCS region of the State of Indiana, and there are 18 regions. Lake County and Marion County serve as their own regions. The other regions typically include about five counties. She said that Regional Services Council is an advisory committee to the department regarding a host of issues. She said that there are issues that arise with prevention dollars the department commits to various prevention projects, but it is just a small piece of what the Regional Services Council does. Ms. Hubbard said they also accept and review all proposals by service providers who want to contract with the department or with probation to provide services in ongoing cases of kids who are already in the system. The Regional Services Council also coordinates efforts between various stakeholders in the juvenile system. She said EIPC is focused completely on the Indianapolis/Marion County community and on the early intervention aspect. The study that was completed by IUPUI identified that there are 38,000 kids at risk for entering the system. They identified the children who are in need of these services who were not identified early enough; they also identified the gaps or lack of services in the county when it comes to mental health patients that have not been picked up by the delinquency system or the Children In Need of Services (CHINS) system, which leaves them at risk. She said that McCoy Foundation has been selected to identify entities that will provide services for the needs of the children in the most cost-efficient manner.

Councillor Vaughn asked what type of funding EIPC will need moving forward. Ms. Hubbard said that this is a difficult question to answer because this ordinance envisioned more of a collaborative effort with a few different organizations. She said that EIPC will receive a grant that Councillor Pfisterer applied for which will sustain EIPC for the next two years. She said that in the future, there may be other sources of funding that will be explored. Mr. Ping said that it was identified by many of the local agencies that there needs to be a strong coordination among the local entities. He said that the McCoy Foundation will actively seek funding avenues. The second part of what the McCoy Foundation is contracted to do is to get improved information and resources for Marion County kids.

Councillor Malone asked how much overlap there is regarding court ordered services and services provided by EIPC. Ms. Hubbard said that if a person has entered the system, then they will be ordered to complete those services in the case through which they enter the system. Councillor Malone said that there is so much overlap and nothing is really getting done. Ms. Hubbard said that EIPC will monitor and evaluate the implementation of the plan and report back to the City-County Council. She said that this is an essential part in the board really knowing if the process is working. Councillor Malone said that the problem is that there is nothing specific explaining what information will be used to monitor how many different types

of people EIPC serves in the different communities. Councillor Malone said that without that information, this proposal is almost meaningless. Ms. Hubbard said that this ordinance was drafted with the intent of being as inclusive as possible. She said that if the ordinance was made too specific, it would eliminate certain possibilities.

Councillor Bateman asked how often EIPC meets. Ms. Hubbard said that currently, they are meeting monthly, but the statute says that EIPC must meet quarterly.

Councillor Sanders asked if the definition of EIPC in this proposal is new or is a definition of a plan that was developed by the Regional Services Council. Ms. Hubbard said that this definition is part of the relationship between EIPC and the Regional Services Council. She said that the statute that is cited in the proposal is that of the Regional Services Council. The idea that was contemplated in terms of family preservation was that EIPC and the Regional Services Council would not make separate plans, but that they should work together to create one overall plan. Councillor Sanders asked if there is a model that is being used from any other state. Mr. Hubbard answered in the negative.

Councillor Vaughn moved, seconded by Councillor Bateman, to send Proposal No. 147, 2009 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 4-1, with Councillor Malone casting the negative vote.

[Clerk's Note: Consent was given to hear Proposal Nos. 185-186, 2009 together.]

PROPOSAL NO. 185, 2009 - approves a form of amendment to the Lease of certain secondary jail facilities with Building Authority and authorizes the execution of such amendment, the issuance of refunding bonds by the Authority, and related matters

PROPOSAL NO. 186, 2009 - approves the issuance of refunding bonds of the Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation and certain special taxing districts

Kevin Taylor, Director of the Indianapolis-Marion County Local Public Improvement Bond Bank, said that these two proposals are to refund outstanding bonds. Proposal No. 185, 2009 is the 1997A taxable series, and the bonds are outstanding in the amount of \$6.2 million. This proposal would authorize a request to do a refunding in an amount not to exceed \$6.8 million, which would generate savings for the Building Authority. He said that the present value savings is just under 12%, which translates into about \$733,000 of savings for Building Authority. Mr. Taylor said that Building Authority debt is through a lease, and the refunding simply requires an amendment to the existing building lease. Mr. Taylor said that the proposed refunding incorporates the 2002C series, which is an IndyGo bond outstanding in the amount of \$3 million, for a savings of \$8,150,000. He said that the 1999B series bonds are an aggregation of Flood Control Sanitary District and Redevelopment District General Obligation bonds, and the refund amount will be \$5,635,000. Mr. Taylor said that the bond bank is aggregating these all together in one issuance in order to spread the cost of issuance and recognize savings. He said that the June bond market provides a good influx of investors and new dollars, and the market should improve and increase the savings for all of the bonds. These refundings are addressed in

Proposal No. 186, 2009. He said that the bond bank has been working closely with IndyGo, the Controller's Office, Building Authority, and the Department of Public Works on this refunding.

Councillor Sanders asked if all of these bonds were backed by property taxes. Mr. Taylor answered in the affirmative. Councillor Sanders asked what jail is related to the Building Authority 1997A Series bonds. Mr. Taylor said that he does not know which facility is involved.

Councillor Vaughn asked if the Councillors can get a copy of the lease payment amount that corresponds to each payment date. Mr. Taylor said that he will get the Councillors a copy of the lease payment and the dates.

Councillor Vaughn moved, seconded by Councillor Sanders, to send Proposal Nos. 185 and 186, 2009 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

There being no further business, and upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susie Day, Acting Chairwoman

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