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The Common Council of the City of Knox met in regular session on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 7:00 PM CST at the Knox City Hall with the following members present Mayor, Rick Chambers; Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Houston; Councilmembers, Jeff Berg, Linda Berndt, Don Kring, Ron Parker and City Attorney, Dave Matsey. Councilmember, Greg Matt was absent.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to the Councilmembers prior to the meeting for their review. Jeff Berg made a motion, seconded by Don Kring to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mrs. Guzman from Guzman Jewelers complained she only saw a policeman only once in the alley over the week end and once on Main Street making an arrest. Mayor Chambers noted that there is no police report of anyone breaking into her establishment and urinating on her husband. Mrs. Guzman said the police had spoken to the man and he was supposed to return the next day to clean up the mess he made. she said she hoped for more patrols and she is concerned about a Thanksgiving celebration they plan on having this week.

RE: RESOLUTION #930 - APPROVING CREATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA

Mayor Chambers presented Resolution #930 to the Council. Jason Sember of Umbaugh and Associates explained the resolution. He said that adoption of the resolution is the last step in a five step process to develop the Economic Development Area in the Knox Industrial Park.

He noted that no one spoke against creating a new TIF district in the Park. Any new assessed value that is generated after January 1, 2016, the taxes collected from the new assessed value can be captured and used for capital projects in serving or benefiting that area.

Charlie Weaver, Director of the Starke County Economic Development Foundation noted that the TIF only applies to properties zoned for industrial use. Mr. Weaver listed some of the projects and improvements in infrastructure in the area that the revenue could be used for. Linda Berndt made a motion, seconded by Ron Parker to approve Resolution #930 by title only. Motion passed with Four (4) ayes and No (0) nays.

KNOX COMMON COUNCIL

RESOLUTION #930  
REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
KNOX INDUSTRIAL PARK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA

WHEREAS, the Knox ("City") Redevelopment Commission ("Commission"), on October 30, 2015, initially approved an economic development plan ("Plan") for the Knox Industrial Park Economic Development Area ("Area") in the City and adopted a declaratory resolution initially declaring that the Area is an economic Development area ("Declaratory Resolution") and subject to economic development activities pursuant to IC 36-7-14 and IC 36-7-25 ("Act"); and

WHEREAS, IC 36-7-14-41(c) requires that the determination that a geographic area is an economic development area be approved by the Common Council of the City; and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2015 the Common Council approved the Declaratory Resolution, the Commission's Economic Development Plan approved by the Declaratory Resolution and the written order of the Knox Plan Commission regarding the Declaratory Resolution and the Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Common Council hereby finds and determines that it will be in the best interest of the City to establish the Area as described in the Declaratory Resolution.
2. The establishment of the Area as described in the Declaratory Resolution and set forth on the map attached as Exhibit A to the Declaratory Resolution is hereby approved.
3. This resolution shall be effective from and after passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Knox, Indiana, this 24th day of November, 2015.

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOX, INDIANA

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Presiding Officer

Attest:

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Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Knox, Indiana, this 24 day of November, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

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Jeffery J. Houston, Clerk-Treasurer

