

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART INDIANA

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 16

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL TO CONSIDER ENACTMENT OF INDIANA FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX TO DEVELOP AND IMPROVE THE US 30 CORRIDOR INCLUDING A SPORTS COMPLEX PLUS SIDEWALKS, TRAILS, AND GREATER CONNECTIVITY TO SURROUNDING MUNICIPALITIES

WHEREAS, the City of Hobart, Indiana ("the City" or "Hobart") seeks to improve residents' quality of life, encourage economic growth and development, and promote and invigorate tourism in the area;

WHEREAS, the City has adopted a Master Plan ("the Plan"), which provides for construction, improvement, and economic development of the US 30 Corridor with the focus on building a sports complex;

WHEREAS, expansion and improvement of the streets, parks, trails, sidewalk systems and the sports complex investment will help keep the most highly traveled corridor connected to residents, schools, and neighboring communities, plus bring new visitors to the area;

WHEREAS, the City requires an additional reoccurring revenue source in order to fund projects contemplated by the Plan;

WHEREAS, pursuant to statute, the City may adopt an ordinance enacting a local food and beverage tax, which may not exceed 1%, the reoccurring revenues of which would be used to fund projects contemplated by the Plan and further enhance the City's appearance, economy, and reputation;

WHEREAS, legislative approval is required by statute to allow and provide for the City to enact a food and beverage tax;

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is in the best interests of its citizens to request legislative approval to enact a local food and beverage tax, the revenues of which will be used to fund the Plan and construct and improve the City's sports park, parks, trails, sidewalks, and economic development investments related to tourism and growth;

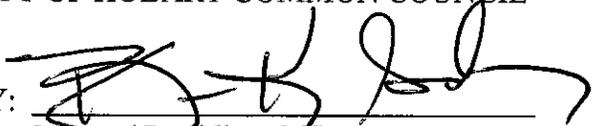
WHEREAS, the City councilmembers, as signatories of this Resolution, hereby affirm that if the Indiana Legislature approves the City's request for approval, the City will enact a local food and beverage tax, and utilize the revenues to fund projects contemplated by the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART, INDIANA, THAT:

- (1) The above recitals are incorporated herein by reference.
- (2) The City of Hobart, Indiana, requests legislative approval to enact a food and beverage tax pursuant to statutory procedures.
- (3) This resolution shall become effective on the date of passage.

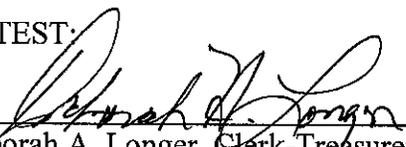
ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Hobart, Indiana, on this 16th day of December, 2020 by a vote of 5 in favor and 1 against.

CITY OF HOBART COMMON COUNCIL

BY: 

Mayor / Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


Deborah A. Longer, Clerk-Treasurer