

Committee Chairman Pat Sherman called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Paul Reed, Pat Sherman, Dr. Eric Kapke,
Forrest Chambers, Don Hanlin,
David Payne, Dale Tumey
Non-Voting Advisors: Forrest Mellott, John Griffin

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Paul Reed made a motion to approve the Minutes from the meeting held on 1/26/09. Mr. Forrest Chambers seconded the motion, and it was approved with a vote of 7-0. Mr. Paul Reed made a motion to approve the Minutes from the meeting held on 2/12/09. Mr. Don Hanlin seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 7-0.

Mr. David Payne clarified a motion that he had made in the meeting held on 2/12/09 regarding discussions between the media and Committee Chairs; that this included any type of media contact, not limited to just media releases.

Regarding Sub-committee Reports, Mr. David Payne advised that the Infrastructure Sub-committee met on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, and was mainly an informational meeting, with discussions on goals and purposes. Mr. Paul Reed advised that the Finance Sub-committee has met once, and was also mainly informational, and set another meeting date for Wednesday, March 3, 2009 for the purpose of setting task assignments. Mr. Forrest Chambers advised that the Health and Safety Sub-committee met on February 23, 2009, and assigned duties to the members. The remaining Sub-committees had not met for their meetings as of yet. Mr. Sherman again stressed the interdependent nature of the Sub-committees, noting that communications via the various Sub-committees' Minutes will be very important, and offered to help in anyway with the distribution of the Minutes for all to review.

Mr. Sherman advised that the Sub-committee Objectives have been revised based on the suggestions of the Committee Members, and had been prepared in its final draft for review and consideration of the Greenwood Common Council, and the White River Township Board at 7:00pm, following this meeting. Mr. Sherman asked if there was anything further that the Members would like to discuss or refine. Mr. Don Hanlin referred to Governance, 3) Services, a., asking if this should be interpreted to determine how much of White River Township should be included in the reorganization. Mr. Sherman answered that all of White River Township that is not presently incorporated would be involved. He added that, the charge to the Committee is to take the City of Greenwood and unincorporated White River Township, and come to a plan of reorganization for those two geographic areas. Further, Mr. Sherman explained that rural vs. urban services will be studied, but still in the same reorganized community. Mr. Dale Tumey added that, although premature, he thought that some of the rural areas would probably be treated somewhat differently as far as services that they might need or want, those probably being less, but still part of the city. He noted that, originally, Greenwood

had more rural areas, and they were treated differently, as they were agricultural areas. Mr. Sherman stated that, based on the way the document was structured, Planning and Land Use will actually draw the line, with an agreement made at that time as to whether two areas will exist, rural and urban. Once that decision is made, Governance then considers how the two areas will be governed. Mr. Forrest Chambers advised that he had the coordinates within his Sub-committee (Health and Safety), and there would almost certainly need to be some difference in ordinances between rural and urban areas. Mr. Sherman added that the Infrastructure Sub-committee will also be looking at this issue. Input from Mrs. Umbarger and Mr. Walker will be valuable in giving agricultural information in this area. Dr. Eric Kapke summarized that the community will all be Greenwood, just urban and rural areas. The limits of the community will extend to the northern end of Union Township, excluding the areas that are currently incorporated by the City of Bargersville. Mr. Hanlin added that, if people living next to Bargersville want to be part of Bargersville, this could preempt that. Mr. Sherman agreed.

Mr. Reed stated that the purpose of this Committee was to study what the outcome and cost would be, and what advantages/disadvantages of any recommendation by the Committee. It is still up to the voters of both Greenwood and White River to decide whether or not they want to combine. He added that he felt that all should keep in mind the advantages or disadvantages, and advise the findings to the Township Board and the Council. Mr. Chambers noted that the voter's answer will be a "yes" or "no" vote, so the findings need to show what would suit both communities.

Mr. Sherman directed the Members to review the Indiana Code that is referenced in the Objectives, being IC36-1.5-4-18b, (7) (A) and (B), which state:

- “(7) Any other matter that the:
 - (A) reorganization committee determines to be necessary or appropriate; or
 - (B) legislative bodies of the reorganizing political subdivisions require the reorganization committee; to include in the plan of reorganization.”

Mr. Sherman clarified that section (B) would apply to the Township Board and the City Council. Therefore, this document reflects that matters are not in "stone" as per this excerpt. If further investigation is ordered by the Township Board or the Council, this excerpt would allow that consideration. The findings will not be in final form until all the work is done and the plan is submitted to the Board and Council. Approval of the Sub-committee Objectives tonight does not mean that it will not be changed.

Mr. Payne, referring to the Governance Objectives, 3) c., Services, as it applies to conducting a review of zoning and ordinance regulations, advised that he felt that Planning and Land Use should be investigating that area. Mr. Sherman advised that the Governance Subcommittee still will decide how it will be done. Planning and Land Use

may decide which ones they are going to use, but Governance will be involved also. Mr. Sherman added that this is why the Sub-committees are so inter-woven. Governance will need to decide “how” this will finally happen, if it happens. Planning and Land Use will need to determine which of the ordinances and resolutions are appropriate for which parts of the city, and then Governance will determine how those will be codified. Mr. Payne stated that, under Planning and Lane Use, 2) Control, involving the Department of Community Development, Board of Zoning and Appeals, etc. should also be covered under the Governance objectives. Mr. Sherman advised that the same answer applied to this, in that, all those departments need to be involved in the investigation to see how they do what they are doing. Mr. Dale Tumey advised that many of the same issues are going to be addressed by the various Sub-committees. Mr. Sherman predicted that many of the Sub-committee meetings will be joint meetings, as all will need to communicate with each other, adding that those meetings will be public, due to the fact that more than 3 Committee Members will be present.

Mr. Dale Tumey made a motion to approve the WHITE RIVER/GREENWOOD REORGANIZATION SUBCOMMITTEE OBJECTIVES, as presented, dated 2/24/09. Mr. Paul Reed seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 7-0.

Concerning the Budget, Mr. Sherman advised that the Personal Services account includes \$3,000 for the use of Recording Secretary De Lane, upon the approval of the Committee, the White River Township Board, and the Greenwood Council. \$15,000 for Legal Services is included, along with \$1000 for postage, and \$1000 for printing and mailing. It is hoped that the use of email will keep the mailing costs down, and Mr. Sherman advised that everything possible would be done to keep the costs as low as possible. Mr. Payne asked if there was any allowance for the expense of maps from the county and similar items. Mr. Sherman advised that some funds could be moved around to cover that cost, if needed. He added that Kathy Fritz, from the Clerk-Treasurer’s office assisted in the setting up of the fund numbers and procedures. The entire budget is \$20,000.

Mr. Don Hamlin made a motion to approve the 2009 White River Township/Greenwood Reorganization Committee Budget as presented. Mr. Forrest Chambers seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 7-0.

Mr. Sherman recalled that, in the last meeting, a letter from Mr. Alan Townsend, Bose, McKinney & Evans, had been discussed. Mr. Townsend had offered a 10% discount in fees, with a cap of \$15,000, using an hourly rate. He had been the attorney for the Zionsville Reorganization Committee, and is experienced in this field, and is aware of statutes applying.

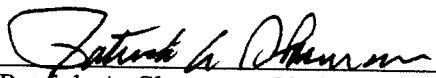
Mr. Paul Reed made a motion to approve Mr. Alan Townsend, Bose, McKinney & Evans for legal work in regards to the White River Township/Greenwood Reorganization Committee. Mr. Forest Chambers seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 7-0.

Regarding the meeting dates to be scheduled for the Committee, De Lane advised that the 1st and 4th Thursdays of the month were available for use by the Committee, in the Council Chambers. Mr. Jay Marks, White River Township Trustee, had requested the specific Thursday evenings be advised for the meetings held at his office. After discussion by the Committee, it was decided that the 1st Thursday evening of the month would be used for the Committee meetings, to be held at the Greenwood Council Chambers, 2 North Madison Ave., Greenwood, IN, and the 3rd Thursday evening of the month be used for the Committee meetings, to be held at the White River Township Trustee Office, 2929 S. Morgantown Road, Greenwood, IN. The meeting start time was determined to be 6:30pm. The first of these meetings was scheduled for March 5, 2009, at the Greenwood Council Chambers. It was further determined that the Sub-committees could meet immediately following the Committee meetings at the same locations.

Dr. Eric Kapke made a motion to approve the meeting dates of the Committee; those being the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, at 6:30pm, at alternating locations, with the 1st Thursday meeting held at the Greenwood Council Chambers, and the 3rd Thursday meeting held at the White River Township Trustee Office, with Sub-committees meeting immediately thereafter, at approximately 7:30pm. Mr. Paul Reed seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 7-0.

White River Township Trustee Jay Marks presented a letter from Peters Municipal Consultants, P.C. to the Committee. The accounting firm would like to handle any accounting needs of the Committee, and Mr. Marks was submitting it to the Committee for their consideration. Mr. Marks also submitted correspondence dictating that all Sub-committees were required to adhere to the Open Door Law. Mr. Sherman advised that all of the Committee and Sub-committee meetings will be open to the public, however only “deliberative” Sub-committee meetings will be public meeting.

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm, with a reconvening immediately following at the Council Chambers.



Patrick A. Sherman, Chairman

RECAP OF MOTIONS

Minutes of 1/26/09 and 2/12/09 Meetings Approved, 7-0

2009 White River Township/Greenwood Reorganization Committee Budget Approved,
7-0

WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP – GREENWOOD REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE
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Mr. Alan Townsend Approved for Legal Counsel of White River Township/Greenwood Reorganization Committee, 7-0.

Meeting Dates Schedule Adopted (1st, 3rd Thursdays, Greenwood Council Chambers, White River Trustee Office, Alternately to be Used), 7-0