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RESOLUTION 15-25

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE  
ESTABLISHING A COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE DEVELOPMENT OF A  
COMMUNITY CENTER TO REPLACE THE FORMER SOUTH MADISON  
COMMUNITY CENTER**

WHEREAS, the South Madison Community Center, familiarly known as The Multi, was razed in 2006 in conjunction with the Hope 6 grant, with the caveat that a new community center ("Community Center") would be built during Phase 1 of the building of the Millenium Place residential development project; and

WHEREAS, the Hope 6 grant was later modified and the promise to replace the Community Center was removed; and

WHEREAS, the Industry neighborhood in particular, and the City of Muncie as a whole, was greatly distressed at the loss of such a Community Center, especially our children; and

WHEREAS, the City of Muncie lost an important gathering place that provided intellectual, physical and spiritual programming and a safe space for our City's children, as well as assistance for working parents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Muncie over multiple administrations has made promises to the community that the Community Center would be replaced; and

WHEREAS, youth attending local information gatherings and educational programs overwhelmingly cite having a community center in their neighborhoods as their most important need; and

WHEREAS, multiple studies have shown community centers can have a stabilizing effect on the lives of young people as well as their surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, a report from the University of Chicago links afterschool programs, such as those afforded by "The Multi", with reduced drug use; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Muncie desires to create a committee to study the contingencies of building a new Community Center; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF MUNCIE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1 – Establishment of Committee: There is hereby created the Community Center Development Advisory Committee ("Committee").

Section 2 – Appointments of Committee: The Committee shall consist of the following five (5) individuals:

- A member of the Common Council to be appointed by a majority vote of the Common Council.

- The Mayor of the City of Muncie.
- The President of the South Central Neighborhood Association or his/her designee.
- The President of the Industry Neighborhood Association or his/her designee.
- The President of the Blaine Neighborhood Association or his/her designee.

Section 3 – Duration of Committee: The Committee shall remain in existence until such time that a Community Center is completed or until termination by resolution of the Common Council of the City of Muncie.

Section 4 – Duties of Committee: The Committee shall be responsible for obtaining public input and advising the City of Muncie regarding the development of a Community Center. The Committee's duties shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, considering the feasibility of developing a Community Center in a vacant building located at Heekin Park as proposed by the Mayor, exploring alternative locations for the development of a Community Center if necessary, advising the Mayor regarding the needed features and components of a Community Center, and identifying and exploring additional funding sources for the development of a Community Center.

Section 5 – Fornat of Meeting: The Committee shall be responsible for conducting meetings in compliance with the Indiana Open Door Law. Meetings shall be scheduled at a time and location that encourages public input and transparency.

Section 6 - This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from after its passage by the Common Council and its approval by the Mayor of the City of Muncie, Indiana.

Passed by the Common Council of the City of Muncie, Indiana, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

|                  | Yeas  | Nays  | Abstained | Absent |
|------------------|-------|-------|-----------|--------|
| Jeff Green       | _____ | _____ | _____     | _____  |
| Nora Powell      | _____ | _____ | _____     | _____  |
| Brandon Garrett  | _____ | _____ | _____     | _____  |
| Sara Gullion     | _____ | _____ | _____     | _____  |
| Jerry D. Dishman | _____ | _____ | _____     | _____  |
| Harold Mason     | _____ | _____ | _____     | _____  |
| Dale Basham      | _____ | _____ | _____     | _____  |
| William McIntosh | _____ | _____ | _____     | _____  |
| Ro Selvey        | _____ | _____ | _____     | _____  |

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President, Common Council

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Belinda Munson, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor for his approval this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Belinda Munson, City Clerk

The above Resolution is approved/vetoed by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dan Ridenour, Mayor

This Resolution is proposed by Council Member

Harold B. Munson Jr.

This Resolution is proposed by Council Member

William B. Smith

This Resolution is approved in form by Legal Counsel

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