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RESOLUTION 15-04

CALLING UPON INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH'S LEADERSHIP TO ACCEPT THE CITY'S ONGOING OFFER TO RE-ENGAGE CITY GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY IN A TRANSPARENT AND MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION ABOUT KEEPING INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH BLOOMINGTON HOSPITAL AT ITS CURRENT LOCATION

WHEREAS, a hospital is a community's primary guardian of health – hospitals mend bodies, save lives, provide emergency services, and advance critical public health initiatives; and

WHEREAS, a hospital's influence extends far beyond its walls – hospitals transform communities by driving commerce, attracting businesses, and employing residents; and

WHEREAS, located in the heart of the city and a community anchor since 1905, Bloomington Hospital (now Indiana University Health Bloomington Hospital ["the Hospital"]) provides easily-accessible care for Bloomington residents, is one of the city's largest employers, and is an economic engine for our community; and

WHEREAS, with the exception of Indiana University, there is no single institution in Bloomington that is more important to the welfare and quality of life of our city; and

WHEREAS, the mission of IU Health is "to improve the health of our patients and community through innovation and excellence in care, education, research and service;" and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Hospital announced its intent to merge with Clarian Health Partners. At that time, community members expressed overwhelming concern that the merger was an early step toward relocation of the Hospital out of the Downtown and to an area outside of the corporate boundaries, at Curry Pike and State Road 46, known as "North Park;" and

WHEREAS, since 2008, the City has taken a clear position against the relocation of our hospital away from the 2nd Street medical campus; and

WHEREAS, while the Hospital serves individuals from 11 counties, the majority of the Hospital's inpatient discharge population resides in Monroe County, most of whom live within Bloomington's city limits; and

WHEREAS, with the relocation of the Hospital out of the city's center, it is reasonable to anticipate that both medical services and ancillary businesses connected to the Hospital will be shifted far to the west of the community's greatest area of population density; and

WHEREAS, uprooting this system of associated services and businesses outside of Bloomington's corporate boundaries will translate into a loss of revenue and economic vitality for the community; and

WHEREAS, moving vital health care services away from the community's population center will significantly reduce accessibility and will significantly increase travel time to the hospital for most Bloomington residents, while the proposed new location will save residents from outlying counties a negligible amount of time, if any; and

WHEREAS, increased distance to the hospital may mean longer ambulance rides for many city residents; and

WHEREAS, increased distance from the hospital may disproportionately affect the community's most vulnerable residents – the poor and elderly – who do not have access to reliable transportation; and

WHEREAS, a relocated hospital significantly compromises the community's commitment to sustainability and also conflicts with the City's community-generated land use plans, goals, and vision for the future; and

WHEREAS, the necessary increased travel for a majority of hospital users and the nearly-total elimination of transportation options other than private personal automobiles, will harm the health and well-being of the community by increasing pollution and decreasing physical activity, in contradiction with the stated mission of the Hospital; and

WHEREAS, while significant, the cost cited for relocating the Hospital does not take into account the cost of abandoning the current site – without any sort of reinvestment in this property, what once was an icon of health and healing becomes a community blight, and a symbol of decay; and

WHEREAS, absent reinvestment by the Hospital, an abandoned Hospital campus will become a significant burden on Bloomington taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, for these reasons, the City has taken a number of actions since 2008 designed to assist the Hospital in remaining at its current location:

- In 2008, the City provided the Hospital with a *Medical District Land Use Analysis*. The purpose of this plan was provide stakeholders with a better understanding of both the constraints and the opportunities of expansion and an understanding of all the properties that would require redevelopment should the Hospital vacate its current location.
- From 2009-2010, the City participated in a 24-member Task Force designed to examine whether the Hospital's current location could accommodate expanded facilities.
- In October 2010, Mayor Kruzan sent a letter to the Hospital citing the City's preference for "phased redevelopment on the existing 2nd Street campus" over potential relocation. Recognizing the Hospital's concern about traffic congestion on 2nd Street, the City offered its services to facilitate a resolution of this issue.
- The City has taken a number of steps to provide the Hospital with assurances concerning access to the 2nd Street campus by: 1) coordinating with the Hospital during I-69 discussions to address interchange and frontage-road needs that would provide better access to the Hospital; 2) proposing a conceptual plan designed to resolve congestion along the 2nd Street corridor by converting both 2nd Street and 1st Street to one-way pair designs; and, 3) gaining approval from the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to include a feasibility study for the 2nd Street corridor in the MPO's *2014-2017 Unified Planning Work Program.*
- In 2009, the City's Redevelopment Commission expanded the Adams Crossing Tax Increment Finance District to provide a critical local funding mechanism for either Hospital expansion or redevelopment of the area; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Hospital presented viable plans to the Task Force to keep the Hospital at its current location; and

WHEREAS, since 2012, City Councilmembers, City leaders, and community leaders have made numerous and sustained attempts to reach out to members of the Hospital board to discuss the future of the Hospital. Until recently, these efforts have been ignored; and

WHEREAS, last December, the Hospital's Board of Directors submitted a formal request to build a new, expanded facility. The location of the new, expanded facility is a decision that is made by IU Health leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Hospital issued a statement in the afternoon on Friday, February 13, 2015, revealing that the IU Health system will not construct a replacement hospital at its current 2nd Street campus; and

WHEREAS, according to Mark Moore, the Hospital's President and CEO, funding has not been approved to build a replacement hospital; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the Hospital's statement, Mayor Kruzan announced the formation of a community-based Hospital Site Reutilization Steering Committee "to protect the community's best interests as the future of the site is determined;" and

WHEREAS, the values articulated by the Hospital are: trust, excellence, accountability, and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of these values, IU Health leadership has a responsibility to engage City leaders and the whole community in a meaningful discussion about the future of our hospital.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION I. In the interest of the health and welfare of Bloomington residents and the community, we request that Indiana University Health Bloomington Hospital, Indiana University Health, and Indiana University engage City government and the community in a transparent and robust discussion about utilizing and improving the Hospital at its current Downtown location.

SECTION II. Relocating the Hospital out of the Downtown core will have significant and long-lasting consequences for our community. In the interest of accountability, if the Hospital intends to relocate, we expect that the Hospital will reinvest in its 2nd Street site and will actively partner with the City of Bloomington and the community in working toward a positive and productive redevelopment of the area.

SECTION III. We encourage Bloomington residents to lend their voice to this important community decision by contacting Indiana University Health Board of Directors, Indiana University Health Bloomington Board of Directors, and the President of Indiana University.

SECTION IV. We direct the City Clerk to send copies of this Resolution to Indiana University Health Board of Directors, Indiana University Health Bloomington Board of Directors, and the President of Indiana University.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 18th day of February, 2015.

DAVE ROLLO, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 19th day of FEBRUARY, 2015.

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 20th day of February, 2015.

MARK KRUZAN, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution is unanimously sponsored by all members of the Bloomington Common Council: Councilmembers Granger, Mayer, Neher, Rollo, Ruff, Sandberg, Spechler, Sturbaum, and Volan. The resolution calls upon Indiana University Health's leadership to engage City government and the community in a transparent and meaningful discussion about the future of Indiana University Health Bloomington Hospital. Documenting the importance of the Hospital's Downtown location to the Bloomington citizenry, the resolution calls upon the leadership of Indiana University Health Bloomington Hospital, Indiana University Health, and Indiana University to engage City government and the community in a discussion about utilizing and improving the Hospital at its current Downtown location. Pointing out the long-term consequences of a move away from the Downtown, the resolution points to the Hospital's accountability in any decision, and makes it clear that, should the Hospital move, the City expects that the Hospital will reinvest in its 2nd Street site and will actively partner with the City of Bloomington and the community in working toward a positive and productive redevelopment of the area.

Note: This resolution was revised after it was distributed in the Council's Legislative Packet to reflect recent communication from Indiana University Health Bloomington Hospital and Mayor Kruzan's announcement of a community-based Hospital Site Reutilization Steering Committee.

Signed copies to:
Controller
Legal (5)
Plan/Draw
IU Health Bloomington
IU Res McRobbie
Hospital Site Reuse S.C.

CA/CA
Clerk