

RESOLUTION 2026-21

REQUESTING THE FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX ADVISORY COMMISSION TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPENDITURE OF FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX REVENUES

- WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington ("City") and Monroe County ("County") are collaborating on a project to expand the Monroe County Convention Center (the "Project"); and
- WHEREAS, a Capital Improvement Board ("CIB") was established in July 2023 by the County through adoption of County Commissioner Ordinance 2023-24 for the purpose of managing and directing the affairs of the Project; and
- WHEREAS, the City and the County have since executed an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement ("Agreement") for the operation of the CIB and the Convention and Visitors Commission; and
- WHEREAS, in the Agreement, the City and County agreed that, during the Project design and construction period, the CIB has authority to determine its budget solely with the Common Council, using City food and beverage tax revenues or any other city-designated funds; and
- WHEREAS, according to Indiana Code § 6-9-41-15, "money deposited in the city food and beverage tax receipts fund may be used only to finance, construct, operate, or maintain a convention center, a conference center, or related tourism or economic development projects;" and
- WHEREAS, according to Indiana Code § 6-9-41-16(b), the Common Council, as legislative body of the City, "must request the advisory commission's recommendations concerning the expenditure of any food and beverage tax funds;" and
- WHEREAS the CIB has submitted a proposed 2027 budget, attached hereto as Exhibit A, for the Common Council's review and approval;

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

SECTION 1. The Common Council, under Indiana Code § 6-9-41-16(b), hereby requests the Food and Beverage Tax Advisory Commission to consider and adopt written recommendations regarding the CIB's proposed 2027 budget to be funded from the City's portion of food and beverage tax revenues.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 16th day of September, 2026.



ISAK ASARE, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:



NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 18th day of September , 2026.



NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 24 day of September, 2026.



KERRY THOMSON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution is a request from the Common Council for the Food and Beverage Tax Advisory Commission to recommend expenditures of food and beverage tax revenues toward a 2027 budget for the Capital Improvement Board.

EXHIBIT A - CIB 2027 Budget Memorandum

To: Members of the City of Bloomington Common Council

From: John Whikehart, President
Jim Silberstein, Treasurer
Jeffrey Underwood, Controller/Assistant Treasurer

Re: 2027 Construction Budget

We are pleased to present the 2027 budget for your review. In coordination with the Council and Administration we seek a resolution from the Council in September. Upon your approval we would then work with the City Council and Administration to submit the request to the Monroe County Food & Beverage Tax Advisory Council for their review and recommendation. Assuming a positive recommendation we would then seek formal adoption of our request along with the City’s 2026 budget.

The total proposed budget is \$4,513,616 broken down as follows:

Category 1 – Personnel Services:	\$0
Category 2 – Supplies:	\$1,000
Category 3 – Services:	\$4,512,616
Category 4 – Capital	\$0

Much of this request is contained in Category 3 – Services:

Professional Services-Internal includes services that would be provided by the Board’s Attorney and Controller as follows:

Legal	\$144,900
Controller	\$71,500

Professional Services-External includes services such as Owner’s Representative as follows:

Owner's Rep	\$131,100
-------------	-----------

“Other” includes services such as, but not limited to, design and maintenance of Website, Testing and Environmental services, Commissioning, Signage, Communications, and Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment as follows:

Website	\$2,000
Insurance	\$14,000
Communications (AV/IT)	\$400,000
Commissioning	\$60,000
Security	\$100,000
Graphics & Signage	\$500,000
Relocation Services	\$50,000
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	\$400,000
Contingency	\$2,639,116

We are happy to answer your questions and thank you for your consideration of our request.

