

RESOLUTION 18-28

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PREFERENCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE REPAIR OF THE 4TH STREET PARKING GARAGE AT THIS TIME

- WHEREAS, on October 15, 2018, the Redevelopment Commission proposed the issuance of \$29.5 million in TIF district revenue bonds for financing the demolition and construction of the 4th Street Parking Garage and the construction of a parking garage in the Trades District, which came forward for Council approval in Resolution 18-24; and
- WHEREAS, after discussions and formal deliberations over the course of many weeks, the decision on the approval of the issuance of bonds was divided into Resolution 18-24, regarding the financing of the demolition and construction of the 4th Street Garage at a maximum cost of \$18.54 million, and Resolution 18-25, regarding the financing of the construction of the Trades District Garage at a maximum cost of \$10.96 million; and
- WHEREAS, on December 12, 2018, after further discussion, much public comment, and an agreement between the Administration and the Council on various sustainable design and other aspects of these garages (e.g. convertibility of some floors, electronic vehicle charging stations, solar panels, parking for compact cars, carpool vehicles, and bicycles, public restrooms, and maintenance and caretaking plans for the life of the garages), the Common Council voted to approve Resolution 18-25, but voted to postpone Resolution 18-24 until the following week; and
- WHEREAS, those Council members who are not ready to support the funding a new 4th Street Garage at this time do not speak with one voice and expressed various concerns about a new parking garage that is expected to last at least 50 years; and
- WHEREAS, these reasons, among others, include questioning the wisdom of adding capacity for more motor vehicles given their adverse impact on global warming and prior to the implementation of a robust transportation demand management program, and concerns about the sheer height of this structure; and
- WHEREAS, the CE Engineering report commissioned by the City and released in May 2018 indicated options for 5-year, 10-year, and 15-year repair of the 4th Street Garage, indicating that it would be safe to conduct such repairs; and
- WHEREAS, in the event the Common Council rejects Resolution 18-24 on December 19, 2018, the Common Council desires to be on record and to formally declare its preference for the repair of the 4th Street Parking Garage as the safe and prudent option at this time;

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

SECTION 1. The Common Council declares its preference for the repair of the 4th Street Garage as the safe and prudent option at this time, to last at least five years, and asks the Administration to implement such repairs expeditiously.

SECTION 2. Severability. If any section, sentence or provision of this resolution, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this resolution are declared to be severable.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon this _____ day of _____, 2018.

DOROTHY GRANGER, 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 _____ day of _____, 2018.

NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this _____ day of _____, 2018.

JOHN HAMILTON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution is sponsored by Cm Ruff and Cm. Piedmont-Smith and expresses the preference of the Common Council for the repair of the 4th Street Parking Garage at this time over the construction of a new parking facility.

Note: This resolution was prepared after the weekly Council Legislative Packet was distributed on Friday, 14 December 2018 and the Agenda for the Regular Session on Wednesday, 19 December 2018 was revised to provide for its consideration that evening.