

Resolution: 2023-3

Date: March 14, 2023

A Resolution of Support for a Food and Beverage Tax for the Funding of Eagle Park

WHEREAS: The City of Columbia City has undertaken the construction of a new park, known as Eagle Park, located on North Whitley Street between North Street and Collinwood Ave; and

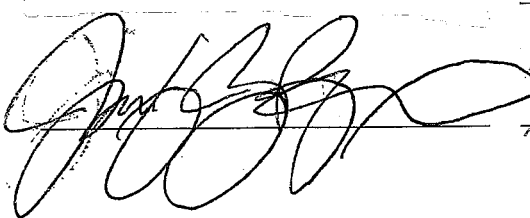
WHEREAS: The Common Council, Mayor, and Clerk-Treasurer have found it prudent and necessary to consider different funding options for future construction phases of Eagle Park; and

WHEREAS: The Food and Beverage Tax is a legislatively granted, locally approved funding mechanism that captures up to 1% of sales receipts on prepared food and beverages within the corporate limits of the municipality; and

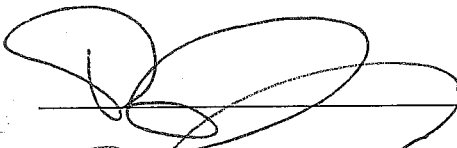
WHEREAS: The Whitley County Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, Columbia City Connect (the Indiana Main Street organization), as well as numerous local restaurateurs have signed a petition of support for this action.

NOW THEREFORE: The Common Council of the City of Columbia City, with the support of the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer, do hereby urge and encourage the Indiana General Assembly to allow the City of Columbia City to pass a 1% Food and Beverage Tax for the purposes of funding construction at Eagle Park.

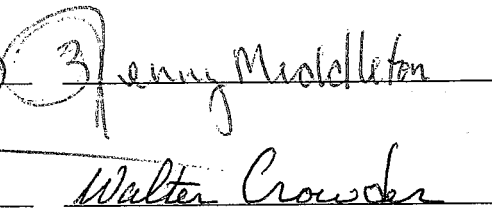
Further, the Common Council, Mayor, and Clerk-Treasurer commits to transparency and public input in the adoption phase, while encouraging and supporting a sunset of 20 years for this tax.



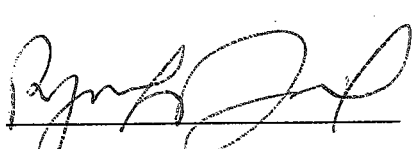
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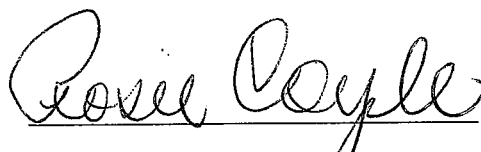
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Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer