

RESOLUTION 23-22

**TO APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON AND
MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA
FOR THE OPERATION OF THE BLOOMINGTON/MONROE COUNTY CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT BOARD AND THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-1-7, *et seq.*, allows local government entities to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to contract with other governmental entities for the provision of services to the public; and

WHEREAS, the City and County each possesses the power and authority to engage in activities that promote tourism and recreation and to construct and operate improvements to further those ends; and

WHEREAS, Bloomington/Monroe County is a highly sought-after destination for groups seeking to hold events of significant size in Indiana; and

WHEREAS, people attending events at the Monroe Convention Center (“Convention Center”) also patronize restaurants and shops in the County and City, which has benefited the local economy by hundreds of millions of dollars since the existing Convention Center began operating; and

WHEREAS, the Convention Center was upgraded and remodeled, but not enlarged, in 2012, and its current size has limited its ability to accommodate many groups desiring to hold events in Bloomington; and

WHEREAS, the City and County agree that an expanded Convention Center (“Expanded Convention Center”) would provide civic benefits as well as significantly enhance the local economy through additional visitors to the area and increased employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the City and County agree that the success of an Expanded Convention Center project requires an effective distribution of responsibility for funding and managing the construction and future management and operation of the Expanded Convention Center and related amenities such as a hotel and/or parking garage (collectively, the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the City and County have negotiated an Interlocal Agreement to provide for collaborative support for the Project and the entities, including the Capital Improvement Board (“CIB”) and Convention & Visitors Commission (“CVC”), managing the Project and Convention Center operations, which Interlocal Agreement includes appropriate terms governing the contribution to the Project of real property assets and certain tax revenues provided for under Indiana Code § 6-9-41-0.3, *et seq.* (“Food and Beverage Tax”), and under Indiana Code § 6-9-4-1, *et seq.* (“Innkeepers Tax”); and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement reflects a partnership between the City and County to achieve community economic, civic, and sustainability goals; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council considers it in the best interests of the City to enter into the Interlocal Agreement;

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

SECTION 1. The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Bloomington and Monroe County, Indiana For the Operation of the Bloomington/Monroe County Capital Improvement Board and the Convention and Visitors Commission, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby approved.

SECTION 2. If any sections, sentences or provisions 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 ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington and approval of the Mayor.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon this _____ day of _____, 2023.

SUE SGAMBELLURI, 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 _____, 2023.

NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this _____ day of _____, 2023.

JOHN HAMILTON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution approves the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City and the County for mutual and collaborative support of an expanded Convention Center, any related amenities, and necessary related entities, including the Capital Improvement Board (“CIB”) and Convention & Visitors Commission (“CVC”), managing the expansion project and Convention Center operations.