



MEMO FROM COUNCIL OFFICE:

To: Members of the Common Council

From: Stephen Lucas, Council Administrator/Attorney

Date: April 26, 2024

Re: Resolution 2024-08 - A Resolution Calling for a Cessation of Hostilities and for Delivery of Humanitarian Aid to Civilians in Gaza

Synopsis

This resolution is sponsored by Councilmembers Piedmont-Smith and Rollo. It calls for national leaders to work toward a cessation of hostilities directed at innocent civilians in Gaza, a multilateral ceasefire to allow for the provision of humanitarian aid backed by significant financial support, the release of all hostages, and a lasting solution to the conflict between Palestinians and the State of Israel.

Relevant Materials

- Resolution 2024-08
- Memo from Councilmembers Piedmont-Smith and Rollo

Update after Mayoral Veto for April 17, 2024 Regular Session

This item was considered and adopted by the Council at its April 3, 2024 Regular Session by a vote Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstentions: 0. The resolution was presented to the Mayor for signature by the City Clerk's Office on April 9, 2024. By April 19, 2024, ten days after the resolution was presented for signature, the Mayor failed to approve the resolution and had not returned it with a message announcing a veto and stating the reasons for it. In the absence of approval or express veto, the item is considered vetoed under state law.

Indiana Code [36-4-6-16](#) and [BMC 2.04.350](#) govern the actions the Council should take if it wishes to pass the resolution over the Mayor's veto. These provisions require the Council to pass the resolution by a 2/3's majority vote at its first Regular or Special Session following the Mayor's normal 10-day period for signing legislation if it intends for the resolution to go into effect. Neither a motion to amend nor a motion to postpone would be in order. Failure to attain a 2/3's majority on a Motion to Adopt the resolution would result in the resolution being defeated by veto.

The procedure for considering the resolution may follow the usual course. With introduction, the Clerk typically reads the legislation by title and synopsis only. The Council should then entertain a Motion to Adopt Resolution 2024-08 over the Mayor's veto. The phrasing of the motion is not critical, but the passage by a 2/3's majority is.

A vote to override the Mayoral veto, if successful, will need to be certified by the President and attested by the City Clerk.



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Summary

Councilmembers Piedmont-Smith and Rollo are sponsoring this resolution, which calls on national leaders to work toward a multilateral ceasefire in Gaza. Similar types of resolutions have been passed by other cities across the United States, including Chicago, Illinois; Seattle, Washington; St. Louis, Missouri; Ann Arbor, Michigan; among many others. A [U.S. Municipal Ceasefire Resolution Tracker map](#) shows the localities that have passed or proposed local items of legislation calling for a ceasefire.

The resolution directs the City Clerk to send a copy of the legislation, once signed, to Indiana's Congressional delegation and to President Biden. The sponsors do not anticipate any fiscal impact to the City as a result of this resolution.

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