

TAX MATTERS

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REVIEW OF PAST TAX MATTERS

AUGUST 20, 2009 (#09-33)

- **I-69: DEAD OR ALIVE? – US 41/I-70 COULD STILL BE**
 - The Hoosier Environmental Council's view that the Interstate 69 alternative route that uses existing roads is still possible
- **WASHINGTON ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL RELOCATION**
 - The many responses to an article concerning the Vigo County School Board proposal to relocate the Washington Alternative High School to Terre Haute South were negative
- **CAPS AGAIN**
 - There are a few problems being discussed which could be addressed if a local caps forum were to happen

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- **LOCAL BUDGET REVIEW & ADOPTION FAQ**
 - Complete paper from the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance
- **FAQ – WASHINGTON H.S. PROPOSAL**
 - We have several concerns about the VCSC proposal to move the Washington Alternative H.S. program to South Vigo .
- **A SECOND WORKSHOP – CAPS**
 - Watchdog Indiana is trying to schedule discussion panels throughout the state this fall. The purpose of the panel is to educate Hoosiers regarding the constitutional property tax caps in Senate Joint Resolution 1. The Taxpayers Association will volunteer to host one of these workshops.

The Taxpayers Association is a not-for-profit organization supported by membership dues. Any citizen or group of citizens in Vigo County may be a member. Current members are encouraged to promote membership in the organization by giving the attached application to a potential member. [See the TA application and dues structure.](#)
This is NOT an invoice for your dues.

1. BUDGETS PROPOSAL

Recently the City Council, County Council and Vigo County School Corporation have released proposed budgets for the year 2010. We have all these budgets available at the TA office if you are interested in looking at them. You can also click on the following links to access digital versions of the proposed City and School budgets:

PowerPoint presentation of VCSC Proposed Budget: <http://www.taxtopics.org/SchoolBudget2010PresentationBW.pdf>

Proposed City Budget in Adobe format –

Part 1: <http://www.taxtopics.org/THBudgetpart1.pdf>

Part 2: <http://www.taxtopics.org/THBudgetpart2.pdf>

Revisions to Budget: <http://www.taxtopics.org/CHANGESTO2010CITYBUDGET.pdf>

(Note: Links will not be active until later Thurs. evening)

2. CITY HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Back in the July 23, 2009 *Tax Matters*, we outlined a proposed city ordinance that would establish a historic preservation commission and historic preservation districts. We bring this to your attention again because the proposal will be discussed at the Area Planning Commission meeting next month. The outline is printed below, while the complete 15-page ordinance is available at <http://www.taxtopics.org/go-10-09historicpreservationord.pdf>.

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 10, 2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING *TERRE HAUTE CITY CODE*, CHAPTER 2, TO ESTABLISH A HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND CHAPTER 10, TO ESTABLISH HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISTRICTS AND GUIDELINES.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Terre Haute, Indiana, declares that the research, protection, maintenance, restoration, rehabilitation, reconstruction, or development of historic districts is in the public interest; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Ordinance to provide a means to promote the cultural, economic, and general welfare of the public through the preservation and protection of structures and areas of historic and cultural interest within the City of Terre Haute and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Ordinance to implement a comprehensive program of historic preservation by the creation and appointment of a Historic Preservation Commission and by the establishment of a historic preservation district or districts in accordance with the provisions set forth below, now therefore;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TERRE HAUTE ,
INDIANA :

SECTION 1. That *Terre Haute City Code*, Chapter 2 is hereby amended by inserting the following Section:

Sec. 2-68 Historic Preservation Commission.

- a. **Establishment.**
- b. **Composition; Appointment.**
- c. **Term.**
- d. **Commission Administrator.**
- e. **Officers.**
- f. **Rules.**
- g. **Meetings.**
- h. **Powers and Duties.**

SECTION 2. That *Terre Haute City Code*, Chapter 10 is hereby amended by inserting the following Article:

**CHAPTER 10
ARTICLE 4. HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

- Sec. 10-380 Purpose and Intent.**
- Sec. 10-381 Definition and Terms.**
- Sec. 10-382 Historic Districts and Guidelines.**
- Sec. 10-383 Interim Protection.**
- Sec. 10-384 Certificates of Appropriateness (COA).**
- Sec. 10-385 Staff Approvals.**
- Sec. 10-386 Visual Compatibility.**
- Sec. 10-387 Preservation of Historical and Architectural Character Upon Alteration or Relocation Mandated.**
- Sec. 10-388 Maintenance.**
- Sec. 10-389 Relationship with Zoning Districts.**
- Sec. 10-390 Interested Parties.**
- Sec. 10-391 Enforcement, Penalties, and Judicial Review.**

3. PUBLIC MEETINGS

The purpose of this calendar is to encourage taxpayers to attend public meetings. Taxpaying persons working at your business or living in your neighborhood should be encouraged to attend a meeting of their choice at least once per year. The date and time for the meetings listed below are always subject to change. Organizations that are underlined have a web page that can be accessed by clicking on their respective hyperlinks. The contact person is also listed. You should call the appropriate office and confirm the date and time if you plan to attend.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Public Meeting</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Contact Info</i>
Tue. Sep. 1	9:00 am	<u>County Commissioners</u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Tue. Sep. 1	10:00 am	<u>City Board of Sanitary Commissioners</u>	City Hall – 3 rd Floor	Sally 235-5458
Tue. Sep. 1	4:30 pm	<u>Honey Creek Conservancy District</u>	3241 S. 3 rd Place	Craig 232-4311

Wed. Sep. 2	9:00 am	<u>City Board of Zoning Appeals</u>	City Hall – 1 st Floor Conf. Room	Judy	462-3367
Wed. Sep. 2	7:00 pm	<u>County Area Planning Commission</u>	County Annex	Vickie	462-3354
Thur. Sep. 3	7:00 pm	<u>City Council – Sunshine Meeting</u>	City Hall – Courtroom	Michelle	232-3375
Tue. Sep. 8	9:00 am	<u>County Commissioners</u>	County Annex	Judy	462-3367
Tue. Sep. 8	4:15 pm	<u>Vigo County Redevelopment Commission</u>	County Annex	Amanda	234-2524
Tue. Sep. 8	7:00 pm	Seelyville Town Board	Seelyville Water Office	Tamara	877-2665
Wed. Sep. 9	4:30 pm	<u>City Park Board – General Meeting</u>	Deming Park	Eddie	232-2727
Wed. Sep. 9	7:00 pm	<u>Airport Authority</u>	Airport	Kara	877-2524
Thur. Sep. 10	7:00 pm	<u>City Council – Regular Meeting</u>	City Hall – Courtroom	Michelle	232-3375
Mon. Sep. 14	2:00 pm	<u>Board of Public Works and Safety</u>	City Hall – 1 st Floor	Robin	232-4767
Mon. Sep. 14	6:00 pm	West Terre Haute Town Board	500 W. Nat'l, WTH	Melody	533-2034
Mon. Sep. 14	6:30 pm	Riley Town Board	Riley Town Hall	Wanda	894-2410
Mon. Sep. 14	7:00 pm	<u>Vigo County School Board</u>	VCSC Board Room	Judy	462-4216
Tue. Sep. 15	9:00 am	<u>County Commissioners</u>	County Annex	Judy	462-3367
Tue. Sep. 15	10:00 am	<u>City Board of Sanitary Commissioners</u>	City Hall – 3 rd Floor	Sally	235-5458
Tue. Sep. 15	12:00 noon	Taxpayers Association Board Meeting	Terre Haute Savings Bank (533 Ohio St.)	Bernard	235-1361
Wed. Sep. 16	9:30 am	Clay-Owen-Vigo Solid Waste District	109 E. Nat'l, Brazil IN	Janet	800-387-3380
Wed. Sep. 16	10:00 am	<u>County Board of Zoning Appeals</u>	County Annex	Judy	462-3367
Wed. Sep. 16	4:00 pm	<u>City Redevelopment Commission</u>	City Hall – 1 st Floor	Phenny	232-0018
Thur. Sep. 17	2:00 pm	Tree Advisory Board	City Hall Mayor's Conf. Room	Jennifer	232-4028

4. SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“America is a land of taxation that was founded to avoid taxation.”

- Laurence J. Peter

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