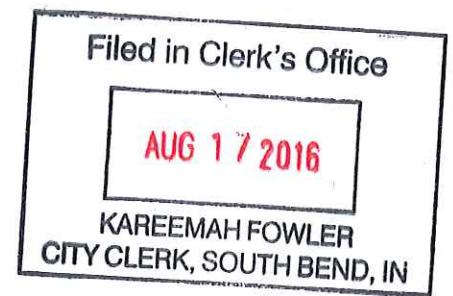




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Members of the Common Council
4th Floor County-City Building
South Bend, Indiana 46601

August 16, 2016

Re: Bill No. 16-57 Proposed Clean Energy Resolution

Dear Council Members:

Greetings. Bill No. 16-57 has been the topic of discussion at two (2) informational meetings held by the Council's Utilities Committee to date.


Ongoing discussions have taken place with Therese Dorau, the City's Director of Sustainability, since the proposed Resolution was continued at the July 25th Council meeting. She is continuing to work on providing additional data on best clean energy practices for the City of South Bend.

In order for more information and updates to be prepared, I am requesting that Bill No. 16-57 not be heard at the August 22nd Common Council meeting, so that more data can be collected. In this way, the Utilities Committee would have the opportunity to have additional discussions.

To date, we have received a great deal of public comments, along with candid updates from representatives from AEP Indiana Michigan Power and the Sierra Club.

As Dr. Varner noted, when he chaired the last Utilities Committee, he would like the final version of the proposed Resolution "...to be supportive of the best parts of both rather than completely objective to only one (1) side". I believe that that is a reasonable objective, that we should continue to pursue. I therefore request that Bill No. 16-57 be continued to September 12th.

Sincerely,


Council Member Oliver J. Davis
Council Vice-President
6th District Council Member

cc: The Office of the City Clerk
Therese Dorau, Director of Sustainability
Sierra Club & AEP Indiana Michigan Power representatives
News Media

Resolution No. 16-57

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
IN SUPPORT OF A REASONABLE TRANSITION TO CLEANER SOURCES OF ENERGY FOR SOUTH
BEND

Whereas, South Bend is experiencing fast-growing interest in cleaner sources of energy, such as lower-carbon and distributed generation as well as energy efficiency; and

Whereas, South Bend's residents, businesses, non-profits, and anchor institutions, including city government; have increased investments in efficiency projects and renewable energy installations; and

Whereas, the City of South Bend has a concerted interest in the financial, physical, and social wellbeing of its citizens and businesses; and

Whereas the City of South Bend is interested in exploring cleaner energy's potential to add local jobs, reduce energy bills, and reduce pollution in a manner that preserves reliability and affordability; and

Whereas, the City of South Bend recognizes that energy issues are impacted by a complex system of federal and state policies as well as local utility operations;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of South Bend, Indiana, as follows:

Section I. The Common Council encourages Indiana Michigan Power and the State of Indiana, including the Indiana State Legislature, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, and the Indiana Office of Energy Development, to reduce dependence on coal-based power as expeditiously and cost-effectively as possible via investment in lower-carbon and distributed generation and demand-side management, in a manner that provides long-term affordability and reliability for South Bend ratepayers and responsibly stewards ratepayer investments.

Section II. The Common Council offers a number of suggested measures in the attached Exhibit, and encourages their consideration and evaluation by the afore-mentioned bodies.

Section III. The Office of the City Clerk shall send a copy of this Resolution, following Common Council disposition, to Indiana Michigan Power Company, the Indiana Office of the Utility Consumer Counselor, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, the Indiana Office of Energy Development, the Indiana Department of Environmental Quality, and the State senators and representatives currently in office, as well as the Sierra Club state and South Bend chapters. Additionally, the Office of the City Clerk shall send a copy of this resolution to officials newly-installed in January 2017 at the above agencies by February 2017.

Section IV. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor.

Council Member Oliver J. Davis, 6th District
Council Vice-President,
Vice-Chair, Utilities Committee

Council Member David Varner, 5th District
Chair, Utilities Committee

Council Member Tim Scott, 1st District
Council President

Council Member at Large Gavin Ferlic

PRESENTED
NOT APPROVED
ADOPTED

