

**Enrolled Memorandum of the Meeting
Data Center Advisory Committee
Wednesday, November 20, 2024**

The Data Center Advisory Committee met on **Wednesday, November 20, 2024**, at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Council study chambers, 7820 Broadway Avenue, Merrillville, Indiana. 46410

Attendance: Councilor Rick Bella, Town of Merrillville; Tim Fortier; Mike Kapitan; Curt Hildebrand; Bryon Mesarch; Jason Simon, Wylie Capital; Randy Palmateer, NWI Building Trades Council; Michelle Quinn, The Post-Tribune; Councilor Leona Chandler-Felten, Town of Merrillville; Dan Brown, Merrillville Building Inspector; Joseph Pete, The TIMES of NWI; Councilor Marge Uzelac, Town of Merrillville; Stephen Muenstermann; Spiros Bamiatzis, and George Van Til.

Town Manager Michael W. Griffin was present and memorialized the proceedings, notwithstanding the duty in IC 36-5-6-6(b)(9).

General Substance of Matters Discussed

1. **Wylie Capital Proposal.** Mr. Jason Simon offered a brief overview of the development his firm was financing of 87 acres on 93rd Avenue, between Broadway and Georgia Street, for a proposed data center.

Mr. Simon indicated that there was communication with Indiana American, the potable water provider for Merrillville, regarding its ability to support the cooling function needed to support the data center. Mr. Simon indicated that the investor-owned utility could support their needs.

During informal questions from the persons present, Mr. Simon indicated that he expected no interruption to the Hospital's electrical service.

Mr. Simon indicated that the developer intends to try to manage the possible noise pollution.

There were questions regarding traffic. Mr. Simon indicated that there would not be heightened traffic. It would not be like that associated with the Amazon warehouse example.

Mr. Simon suggested that the appeal of a Data Center development is the higher salaries paid to the workforce, the added value to the property tax base, and the low impact in terms of the need for services, including public safety.

Zoning. It was noted that the use of the property is approved for the existing zoning.

Mr. Simon and the committee discussed the likely need for improvements along Broadway Avenue near the site that would be desirable or necessary to support the development.

During the discussion, there was a suggestion that a letter of support in the committee's name be drafted and sent to NIPSCO. There was no objection to this.

There being no further business necessary or desired to be discussed by the Data Center Advisory Committee of the Town of Merrillville, the regular meeting of the Committee

on **Wednesday, November 20, 2024**, was adjourned by the Town Council President at 7:10 p.m.

Michael W. Griffin

Michael W. Griffin, M.P.A., IAMC/MMC/CPFA/ACPFIM/CMO
Town Manager
Recorder Pro-Tempore, notwithstanding the duty in IC 36-5-6-6(b)(9).

Approved by the proper body at its meeting of _____, 2024.

**Town Council of the Town of Merrillville,
Lake County, Indiana**

Rick Bella, President

Attest:

Eric O. January, C.P.A.
Merrillville Town Clerk-Treasurer