

BILL NO. R-13-08-18

RESOLUTION NO. R-_____

RESOLUTION
ON
EXPENDITURE BY PARKS DEPARTMENT TO MOVE THE
STATUE OF GENERAL ANTHONY

WHEREAS, the City was facing a large budgetary shortfall in 2014 due to property tax caps resulting in decreased city revenues; and

WHEREAS, the short fall was projected to cause harm to the City with insufficient funds to adequately fund road repair, public safety and quality of life and the City Council voted a 0.35% income tax increase due to this fiscal crisis; and

WHEREAS, the City Council was specifically informed by the Administration and Parks Department that the parks were severely in need of \$3 million additional funding for necessary capital needs in the parks; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Board will be considering a request from the Administration on August 15 for \$75,000 to move the General Anthony Wayne statue from Freimann Square to Courthouse Green; and

WHEREAS, the Allen County Courthouse Preservation Trust which has raised large sums to preserve the Courthouse Green opposes this move and has offered to fund enhancement of the presentation of the statue in its present location; and

WHEREAS, this would be a purely optional expenditure and not a necessity;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE:**

SECTION 1: That City Council recommends the Parks Board refrain from approval of the aforementioned expenditure and utilize said funds for the absolutely necessary capital needs of the parks for which the Parks Department recently testified to City Council.

SECTION 2: The foregoing Resolution is non-binding and represents the opinion and/or position of the members of Common Council who have sponsored and voted in favor of the Resolution.

John Crawford, Council Member

Mitch V. Harper, Council Member

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Joseph G. Bonahoom, Attorney for City Council