

RESOLUTION NO. 10-22 (Amended)

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION IN PROVIDING A STIPEND TO REMOTE WORKERS WHO RESETTLE IN WEST LAFAYETTE

WHEREAS, the City of West Lafayette is a desirable place of residence with strong community values and excellent schools;

WHEREAS, the City of West Lafayette is the home of Purdue University, an institution of higher education with a diverse and dedicated faculty;

WHEREAS, the City of West Lafayette has rising property values and low vacancy rates;

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of West Lafayette voted on March 29, 2022 to enter into a funding agreement with the Purdue Research Foundation to provide stipends to individuals who relocate to the City and the Purdue Research Park Discovery Park District, provided that such individuals “meet the following criteria: (i) prior to relocation, reside outside of the State of Indiana; (ii) be employed by a company and in a position that permits for remote work; (iii) have an annual salary in such job in excess of \$50,000 annually.”

WHEREAS, the funding agreement included the provision that the “City shall reimburse PRF for its actual expenses associated with the Services ... (the “PRF Expenses”), which PRF Expenses shall include the following: (i) 15% of the costs of the contract entered into by and between PRF and TMap, LLC (“TMap”) for the marketing of the City and District to out-of-state remote workers; (ii) 15% of the costs of the personnel employed by PRF that provide the Services, which shall include any related administrative load; (iii) a commission of \$2,100 to TMap for every relocation secured by TMap to the City that is not within the District; and (iv) a stipend of \$2,000 to the relocating resident for every relocation secured by TMap to the City that is not within the District. The City Contribution shall not exceed \$50,000, unless approved in writing in advance by City;”

WHEREAS, there is a gross asymmetry in the agreement that allows PRF to terminate it, whereas the City of West Lafayette is granted no such right;

WHEREAS, the cofounder and President of Tmap, LLC is the former manager of the campaign by Mitch Daniels for the office of Governor of the State of Indiana and is a former trustee of Purdue University having been appointed by Governor Mitch Daniels;

WHEREAS, there is the appearance of potential impropriety in the existence of a contract between PRF and Tmap, LLC;

WHEREAS, the City of West Lafayette has an interest in avoiding entanglement with contracts that have an appearance of impropriety;

WHEREAS, the West Lafayette City Council is responsible for fiduciary decisions;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Lafayette City Council expresses its opposition to the remote-worker-program funding agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the West Lafayette City Council urges the administration of the City of West Lafayette to persuade the Purdue Research Foundation to terminate the agreement in the interest of future amicable relations between the City and Purdue University; and

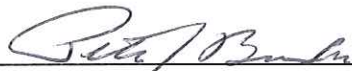
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the West Lafayette City Council declares that the Board of Public Works and Safety should not renew the funding agreement or enter into any similar agreements in the future without approval by the West Lafayette City Council.

INTRODUCED ON FIRST AND ONLY READING ON THE 2 DAY OF May, 2022.

MOTION TO ADOPT MADE BY COUNCILOR DeBoer, AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR Thomas.

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA, ON THE 2 DAY OF May, 2022, FAILED TO PASS THIS RESOLUTION BY A VOTE OF 2 IN FAVOR, 5 OPPOSED, 2 ABSTENTION, THE ROLL CALL VOTE BEING:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Blanco				✓
Brown		✓		
Bunder	✓			
DeBoer		✓		
Kang				✓
Leverenz		✓		
Parker		✓		
Sanders	✓			
Thomas		✓		


Peter Bunder, Presiding Officer

Attest:


Sana G. Booker, Clerk



PRESENTED BY ME TO THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

Sana G. Booker, Clerk

THIS RESOLUTION APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

John R. Dennis, Mayor

Attest:

Sana G. Booker, Clerk