

# **CONSOLIDATED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING GOVERNANCE**

## **I. GOVERNANCE – GOVERNANCE**

### **A. City**

1. The name of the New City will be Greenwood.
2. The New City will be a second-class city.

### **B. Common Council**

1. Composed of 11 members.
2. Supported by a Council Advisory Commission of standing committees that parallel the functions within the executive branch.
3. Residency requirements relative to unincorporated White River Township representation are defined for members during the transition period of July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2019.
4. The common Council will oversee and give final approval to the work of the Redistricting Commission.

### **C. Redistricting Commission**

1. The City judge shall appoint four members.
2. The Mayor shall appoint one member.
3. This commission shall prepare the ordinance creating common council districts following each decennial census.
4. Residency requirements relative to unincorporated White River Township representation are defined for members during the transition period of July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2019.
5. A plan for redistricting approval has been defined.

### **D. City Controller**

1. The position of a city controller is created.
2. The Mayor will appoint a Certified Public Accountant to be head of the Department of Finance.

### **E. City Clerk**

1. The current elected position of Clerk Treasurer will be eliminated. That position will be replaced by an elected City Clerk.
2. The City Clerk will serve as clerk to the Common Council and to the City Court.
3. The City Clerk will be responsible for and administer poor relief in White River Township.

- F. Board of Public Works and Safety
  - 1. Five-member board.
  - 2. Appointed by the Mayor.
  - 3. At least two members from old city and two from unincorporated White River Township.
  - 4. May appoint members from Common Council, but not required.
  
- G. Deputy Mayor
  - 1. The Mayor may appoint one or more deputy mayors.
  - 2. Qualifications for the position to be determined by the Mayor and Common Council.
  
- H. Ordinances
  - 1. The new City of Greenwood will be a second-class city
  - 2. Common Council will be composed of 11 members.
  - 3. There will be residency requirements for At Large Common Council members through December 31, 2019.
  - 4. January 1, 2020, the Common Council will reduce from 4 At Large Council members to 3.
  - 5. The transition of two units of government (White River Township and City of Greenwood) into a single unit shall be defined in such a manner as to minimize the legal standing of debts and obligations that each unit of government may have before the reorganization

**II. PARKS AND RECREATION – GOVERNANCE**

- A. Park Board
  - 1. Mayor appoints 8 members to the Park Board.
  - 2. Equal representation for old city of Greenwood and unincorporated White River Township during transition period.
  - 3. Staggered appointment termination dates.
  - 4. No change in compensation standards.
  - 5. Each school corporation within the New City will be invited to appoint a member of the school board to the Park Board. The school board members will rotate among themselves a single vote.
  - 6. Common Council appoints one of its members as a non-voting Park Board member each year.
  - 7. There are residency requirements.
  - 8. Director appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Park Board.

- B. Pathways Board
  - 1. New advisory group formed and reporting to Department of Public Works.
  - 2. Mayor appoints 3 members.
  - 3. Staggered appointment terms.
  - 4. One appointment shall be from Park Board.
  - 5. One appointment shall be from each old city of Greenwood and unincorporated White River Township.
  - 6. Same compensation standards as park Board.
- C. Ordinances
  - 1. New residential developments require a specific area of aggregate green space.
  - 2. New developments require perimeter pathways.

### **III. INFRASTRUCTURE – GOVERNANCE**

- A. Storm Water Utility
  - 1. Establish a storm water utility to serve the entire city.
  - 2. Engineering services to be provided by the Community Services Department.
  - 3. Oversight relative to planning and execution shall be provided by the Board of Public Works and Safety.
  - 4. Special focus shall be those areas defined by the White River Township and Greenwood Fire Departments impacted by the flooding of June 2008.
- B. All Other Utilities
  - 1. All other required utilities are currently in place to serve the New City.
  - 2. Capacities to serve the New City are adequate at this time.
  - 3. The Board of Public Works and Safety shall have oversight responsibility for maintaining capacity margins for future growth.
  - 4. Extend sewers into urban areas when requested and when feasible.
- C. Roads
  - 1. Maintenance and improvements to the road system for the New City shall be the responsibility of the Greenwood Street Department.
  - 2. Oversight relative to planning and execution shall be provided by the Board of Public Works and Safety.
  - 3. The Common Council shall establish an advisory committee on Infrastructure to assist its decision making relative to roads.
  - 4. Continue interim services by the previously budgeted current road maintenance providers during the transition period.

D. Early Storm Warning Sirens

1. The Board of Public Works and Safety shall oversee the early warning system of the New City.
2. The Board oversight shall include the integration of the system planning, installation, and maintenance being performed by the Greenwood Fire Department serving the New City.

E. Ordinances

1. Establish a Storm Water Utility.
2. Access Management principles to be applied to roads required for new development, and to correct existing conditions when redevelopment occurs.
3. Road repairs priority to be governed by a common rating system.

**IV. PLANNING AND LAND USE – GOVERNANCE**

A. Planning Commission

1. The City Engineer
2. A Park Board Member
3. A member of Board of Public Works
4. A Council Member
5. Six citizens appointed by Mayor:
  - a. Three from old Greenwood.
  - b. Two from Urban District of unincorporated White River Township.
  - c. One from Rural District of unincorporated White River Township.
6. Two appointed by County Commissioners if Commission exercises jurisdiction outside of city.
7. After December 31, 2019, Mayor's appointees revert to five without prior political subdivision residency requirements.

B. Board of Zoning Appeals

1. The Mayor shall appoint three residents of the new community to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals.
2. One appointee must reside in the old City of Greenwood.
3. One appointee must reside in the Urban District of the prior unincorporated portion of White River Township.
4. One appointee shall represent the Rural District of the new City.
5. Other appointments will remain the same.
6. After Dec. 31, 2019, the Mayors appointees will not have a political subdivision residency requirement. City residency requirement shall continue thereafter.

C. Economic Development Commission

1. There shall be no change in the size or in the appointment procedure; however, at least one member will reside in prior Greenwood and one member will reside in prior unincorporated White River Township until December 31, 2019.
2. The responsibility of the Commission shall be expanded to include in their planning the transportation corridors of State Road 144, State Road 37, and the future I-69 Interstate. They shall also include the areas designated as Old Town Greenwood, and Old Smith Valley Community.

D. Urban and Rural districts

1. The land area composed of current City of Greenwood and that of the unincorporated White River Township shall be divided into an “Urban” District and a “Rural” District.
2. That division of land is demonstrated by the included map.
3. The Urban District contains the highest concentration of residential and commercial properties.
4. The Rural District contains those properties dedicated to active agricultural pursuits.
5. The Rural District preserves the “right to farm”, and the rural life style, by establishing the exclusion of applicable city ordinances.
6. An Agricultural designated parcel or parcels may exist in the Urban District. The reverse of an Urban designation within the Rural District shall not be permitted.

E. Ordinances

1. Establish an “Urban” and “Rural” District.
  - a. Adopt the agriculture use zoning classification of Johnson County.
  - b. Grandfather Johnson County development standards for existing subdivisions in unincorporated White River Township that have been approved prior to the final approval of the Reorganization.
  - c. Create any new zoning classifications where current land use in unincorporated White River Township does not comply with existing City of Greenwood classifications (i.e. mining and minor platting).
  - d. The Plan Commission with the approval of the Council will control the transition from Rural to Urban classification.
  - e. Review the boundary and land use of the Rural District not less than once a year.
2. Define “Agricultural” as a parcel, or parcels of adjoining land, equal or exceeding 10 acres, that is currently used, and continues to be used, for agricultural purposes.
3. Establish a “TIF” district and an “ERA” along the transportation corridors of State Road 144, State Road 37, and the future Interstate I-69.
4. Establish a “TIF” district and an “ERA” for the areas designated as Old Town Greenwood, and Old Smith Valley Community.

**V. HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE – GOVERNANCE**

**A. Ordinance Enforcement**

1. Ordinances are enforced by the City of Greenwood Police Department.
2. Ordinance exclusions for the Rural district include:
  - a. Prohibition of livestock, poultry, and other farm animals.
  - b. Prohibition of animal noises, farm machinery, and other loud noises.
  - c. Prohibition of animals running at large.
  - d. Prohibition of vegetation above 12 inches in height.
  - e. Prohibition of accumulation of materials, lumber, and metals.
  - f. Prohibition of barbed wire and/or electrical fences.
  - g. Prohibition of open burning.
3. Discharging of Fire Arms
  - a. A city ordinance will prohibit the discharge of firearms in the Rural District within 500 feet of a residence other than one's own.

**B. Nuisance Complaints**

1. Enforced in the same manner as the current City of Greenwood.
2. Includes, but not limited to:
  - a. Abandoned homes with high weeds and/or grass, and/or trash.
  - b. Abandoned and/or non-plated vehicles on either private property or city streets.
  - c. Improperly parked or stored boats, recreational vehicles, and large trucks (both private and commercial).
  - d. Attempt to resolve a nuisance complaint dispute before a hearing is scheduled and fines imposed.

**C. Poor Relief**

1. Poor Relief will be the responsibility of the City Clerk.
2. Assistance standards currently applied by the White River Township Trustee will be followed.

**D. Abandoned Cemetery Maintenance**

1. Abandoned cemetery maintenance will be the responsibility of the Mayor.
2. Services will include, but not limited to:
  - a. Mowing.
  - b. Keeping headstones erected.
  - c. Proper fencing.
3. Maintenance standards as defined by IC 23-14-68-1/5 will be followed.

**E. Ordinances**

1. Urban district will adopt current Greenwood ordinances.
2. Rural district will have exclusions as outlined in I(A).

