



RESOLUTION NO. 9-26

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE  
AUTHORIZING AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE FINANCIAL OPERATIONS AND  
INTERNAL CONTROLS OF THE CITY CONTROLLER’S OFFICE**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 32, Division 1, Section 32.08 sets forth the investigatory powers of the Common Council of the City of Muncie (the “Council”); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Indiana Code § 36-4-6-21, the Council possesses statutory authority to investigate City departments, officers, and employees of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 32, Division 1, Section 32.01, in addition to Indiana Code § 5-11-1-27 requires the legislative body of a political subdivision to ensure that internal control standards and procedures are adopted and implemented; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Board of Accounts (SBOA) Special Investigation Report of the Parks and Recreation Department covering the period of April 13, 2020, to December 20, 2024, identified significant noncompliance and deficiencies; and

**WHEREAS**, routine oversight by the SBOA has identified repeat findings and deficiencies in the internal control system related to receipts, financial reporting, budgetary compliance, and other matters that have, in some instances, taken years to correct; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council desires to ensure the accuracy of financial reporting, continued compliance with budget appropriations, and the timely remediation of any continuing or future internal control deficiencies; and

**WHEREAS**, to ensure the integrity of City finances, the Council should use every power at its disposal to understand where systems failed, including powers granted under Indiana Code;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1 – Purpose of Investigation:**

- (A) The Council hereby authorizes a formal investigation into the operations and internal controls of the City Controller’s office. The goals of this investigation are:
  - (1) To ensure that noncompliance identified by the State Board of Accounts (SBOA) has been effectively remediated,
  - (2) To ensure that processes are in place to detect and remediate any other instances of noncompliance,
  - (3) To ensure that processes are in place to guarantee the accuracy of annual financial reporting,
  - (4) To ensure that processes are in place to guarantee continued compliance with budget appropriations, and
  - (5) To ensure that that processes are in place that will allow future deficiencies to be identified and remediated in a timely manner.

**Section 2 – Scope of Investigation:**

- (A) The scope of this investigation shall include:
- (1) Any deficiency identified in SBOA Supplemental Compliance reports covering the period from January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2024.
  - (2) Any deficiency identified in the SBOA Special Investigation Report of the Parks and Recreation Department covering the period of April 13, 2020, to December 20, 2024, with a primary focus on "repeat findings".
  - (3) An examination of the City's current standards for internal control.

**Section 3 – Methods of Investigation:**

- (A) The Council shall conduct this investigation through the following methods:
- (1) Review of SBOA audit reports,
  - (2) Review of documentation related to the City's internal control standards,
  - (3) Review of Corrective Action Plans filed by the City Controller in response to repeat findings,
  - (4) Review of communications between the City Controller's office and the SBOA, and
  - (5) Written inquiries and a public hearing to obtain additional relevant information from the City Controller and relevant accounting staff.

**Section 4 – Procedural Timeline and Fairness:**

- (A) To ensure a fair and transparent process, the following procedures and timeline shall be followed:
- (1) Not later than 14 days following the effective date of this resolution, the City Controller's office will provide to the Council copies of:
    - (i) Corrective Action Plans,
    - (ii) Communications between the City Controller's office and SBOA during the period from January 1, 2020 through May 1, 2026, and
    - (iii) Documents specifying the City's internal control standards.
  - (2) Not later than 14 days following the receipt of all documents listed above, Council members shall submit specific questions in writing to the Controller's office.
  - (3) Not later than 14 days following the receipt of the Council members' questions, the Controller's office shall provide written responses.

**Section 5 – Public Hearing:** Not later than 14 days following the receipt of the written responses from the Controller's office, the full Council shall conduct a public hearing to interview the City Controller and accounting staff. The primary purpose of this hearing shall be for Council members to ask follow-up questions to clarify the written responses provided by the administration.

**Section 6 – Subpoena Power:** The Council is granted express authority to subpoena witnesses and documents, both electronic and physical, as deemed necessary in accordance with Indiana Code 36-4-6-21.

**Section 7 – Effective Date:** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council and its approval by the Mayor of the City of Muncie, Indiana.

Passed by the Common Council of the City of Muncie, Indiana this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

	Yeas	Nays	Abstained	Absent
Jeffrey Green	_____	_____	_____	_____
Nora Powell	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brandon Garrett	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sara Gullion	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jerry D. Dishman	_____	_____	_____	_____
Harold Mason Jr.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Dale Basham	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ro Selvey	_____	_____	_____	_____
William McIntosh	_____	_____	_____	_____

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Jeffrey Green, President Muncie Common Council

Presented by me to the Mayor for his approval, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Belinda Munson, Muncie City Clerk

The above Resolution is approved/vetoed by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Dan Ridenour, Mayor of the City of Muncie

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Belinda Munson, Muncie City Clerk of the Common Council

This Resolution is proposed by Council Member Nora Powell

This Resolution is proposed by Council Member William B. McIntosh

This Resolution is approved in form by Legal Counsel [Signature]