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## Officials support new highway

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By MARY BASKERVILLE For Sun-Times Media

WILMINGTON--The Wilmington City Council called for support of an east-west corridor stretching from Interstate 55 in Illinois to Interstate 65 in Indiana during Tuesday's regular meeting.

The resolution of support urges the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning to include the project in its GoTo2040 Plan.

Mayor Marty Orr said he and others recently toured the area with U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood to demonstrate the need for the new arterial highway. Orr said the group of mayors was able to show LaHood the "congestion on rural roads and state highways."

LaHood became secretary in 2009. Before being named secretary, LaHood served in the U.S. House from the 18th District of Illinois.

### In other action:

The council heard no comments from the public during a hearing on the annexation of the Cinder Ridge golf course and the Lakepoint Club to the city. A vote on the annexation is expected Tuesday during a special meeting of the council.

Annexation of the 788 acres, including the seasonal club with 675 lots, is key to providing connectivity to the proposed RidgePort Development project, which is also to be considered during the special meeting.

The annexations would stretch the city's boundaries west of Interstate 55 for the first time, City Administrator Tony Graff said.

The council also approved:

- A resolution designating the Rodney Bowen House at 725 Widows Lane as a historically significant structure and granting authority to Will County to designate the site as a Will County Historic Landmark.

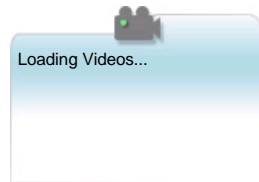
- Tag days for the Wilmington Wolves 10 U Girls Softball Tournament team on Saturday and the St. Rose Athletics on May 15.

- Payment for Len Cox & Sons Excavating for the Kankakee River Drive reconstruction project in the amount of \$61,801; and the March bills in the amount of \$248,355.

Council members Jonathan Mietzner, Joseph Hermes and Frank Studer were absent.

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