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**Former Deputy Mayor Has Accepted Muncie Sanitary District Position After Council Defunding**

 In a significant development following the recent city council decision to defund his position, former Deputy Mayor Richard Ivy has accepted the position of HR Director with the Muncie Sanitary District. This new role will leverage Ivy’s extensive experience in public service and commitment to community.

This development comes in the wake of the council's controversial decision to eliminate funding for the Deputy Mayor’s position, along with the Deputy Controller, Director of Communications and various other personnel cuts, citing budgetary constraints.

Mr. Ivy, who served as Deputy Mayor for nearly 4 years, has been instrumental in various initiatives, including the Muncie Industrial Revolving Loan Fund, the Gainbridge Field Project, and serving as the President of the Muncie Community Development Corporation. His dedication to improving city operations and fostering community engagement has earned him respect from both constituents and colleagues.

"I am excited to join the Muncie Sanitary District and contribute to our community in a new capacity, while still being a part of the City of Muncie team.” Says Ivy.

 “Richard Ivy’s hiring by the Muncie Sanitary District comes at a critical time and while he will certainly be missed as Deputy Mayor, I am thrilled that he will continue to be an asset to the City of Muncie and to the Muncie Sanitary District.” Says Mayor Dan Ridenour.