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Two resolutions designed to give the City-County Council more authority over financial matters will be introduced tonight.

Republican Barbara Malone says she will propose that state leaders give the council oversight of township budgets.

The council currently can review the budgets but has no control over them.

The move follows an Indianapolis Star report last year that, statewide, townships are hoarding hundreds of millions in taxpayer dollars, including some designated for poor relief.

Also at the 7 p.m. meeting, Democrat Brian Mahern will introduce a resolution asking Indiana lawmakers to allow the council a say in property tax abatements, as bodies in Indiana's 91 other counties can do.

The resolution also would ask for the council to be able to weigh in on real estate acquisitions of more than \$25,000.

Mahern voiced concern last month over a deal approved by the Metropolitan Development Commission, the nonelected body that now holds that authority.

It included a \$6.7 million tax abatement for a proposed \$65 million apartment and commercial complex.

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