

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA,
HELD A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY
ROOM OF THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017 AT
7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Mr. Coffey, Mr. Caesar, Mr. Phipps, Mr. Nash, Mr. Blair, Mr. Aebersold, Mr. Barksdale, Dr. Knable and President McLaughlin.

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Stein, Mr. Duggins, Mrs. Moeller, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Wood, Mr. Hall, Police Officer Applegate, Mr. Gibson and Mrs. Glotzbach

Mr. McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mr. Caesar moved to approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes for April 3, 2017, **Mr. Phipps** second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Coffey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for April 3, 2017, **Mr. Barksdale** second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS):

Aaron Hellems, 2229 Fawcett Hill Road, spoke in favor of the commitments being presented tonight and stated that it reflects many hours of talking with the neighbors and a meeting that they had with Mr. Gibson. He added that it brings all parties as close to an “all win” situation as they can possibly get and balances the rights of the Kelly’s with that of the neighbors and development. He expressed his gratitude to Mr. Gibson for his work as well as the council and the plan commission who listened to the concerns.

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

Dr. Knable stated that there is a workforce issue and One Southern Indiana has put together a plan to try to address this and they are going to give a brief summary of the presentation for the council tonight. He updated the council on the water situation on Martin Drive and explained that the hospital has completed their study as promised and he has seen some information that the city is possibly going forward with their part of the solution. He stated that they will meet with Mr. Truman and the other neighbors and go over the updates with them hopefully in late May or early June. He stated that the newspaper talked about a petition drive in memory of Jacob Trulock, a senior at New Albany High School, who died tragically over spring break. He explained that this is driven by the soccer community and he is going to try to help them out and he will be asking all the members to get a resolution together to take to the parks department in support of their effort.

Mr. Coffey stated that he received a call from a principal from one of the grade schools about six weeks ago asking if the Knights of Columbus could help out with the collection

of underwear for grade school children. He added that sometimes those in politics get geared to one area that is important to them and they forget the people of the community and it is a sad situation. He explained that instead of having to wait until they get a call they all need to be out there looking to see what they can do to actually help with the quality of life.

Mr. Phipps stated that he knew of the program through his church because they were asked to collect them but it was his understanding that it was for the kids that have accidents while they are at school, not that they didn't have any to wear to school at all.

Mr. Coffey stated that he is bringing this up because there are some that don't like to continually give to certain programs and these things are important for the community.

Mr. Aebersold explained that the situation with the mailboxes on McDonald Lane is still going on. He read a couple of signs into the record requesting that the boxes be moved to the side of the road that the post office is willing deliver to and then stated that recently one of the residents had to go get their mail from the post office because their box was stolen and was told by the post office that they are no longer wanting to hold the mail because it was inconveniencing the mailman. He explained that he suggested to the mayor that they put the mailboxes on each side of the road so that they can move on with the situation.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if McDonald Lane is one of the few streets that only deliver on one side.

Mr. Coffey stated that Eagle Lane is the same way.

Mr. Phipps stated that he sees it as the federal government being unwilling to accommodate the needs of a local community and he would be supportive of bringing a lawsuit against them. He explained that it is a road right in the middle of our urban community and is for the benefit of the residence so he thinks it would be worth it to fight for them.

Mr. Aebersold stated that the reasons he has heard so far is that it cost too much and they have always done it that way.

Mr. Phipps stated that "we've always done it that way" is a poor excuse.

Mr. Nash stated that the third one is that they are not allowed to turn around but there is a roundabout in the middle of the road now.

Mr. Aebersold stated that they need to make a move to address this.

Mr. Phipps asked if any of the Republicans could possibly get Mr. Pence involved in it.

Dr. Knable stated that he has spoken with Mr. Young and Mr. Hollingsworth and one hand he hears the same excuses and then he hears that it was all discussed with local authorities prior to.

Mr. Caesar asked if there is anything we can do for the people who had their mailbox stolen.

Mr. Coffey suggested asking the head of the post office to come to a meeting and explain it to them.

Ms. Stein stated that she would draft a letter.

Mr. Blair thanked Ms. Stein for sending out the letter and her contract for them to review. He asked if anyone has any questions because he thinks they should make a motion to approve the contract formally.

Mr. Coffey asked if her ten hours a week includes meetings.

Ms. Stein replied yes and explained that they have her for 10 hours a week.

Mr. Blair stated that she has agreed to pool the hours as well.

Mr. Blair moved to approve Ms. Stein's contract, Mr. Barksdale second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Blair stated that at the last meeting there was a discussion regarding the sewer department's purchase of the QRS property and loaning part of that property to the parks department. He explained that since that time he has had some conversations with Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Grimes and they explained to him that there was an engineering study and justification to buy the property. He stated that he initially questions how the clarifiers could be stored there with a flood plain and a flood wall but there is an opening at 10th street that they can run the pipes through. He explained that he asked Mr. Gibson for some additional information but hasn't received it but he does expect to receive it soon and would like to go through it to make sure he understands it. He stated that if there are 30 acres and only 10 is needed for the sewer department he isn't sure that the sewer should be funding it and they may want to look at splitting it up.

Mr. Aebersold stated that he would be okay with getting it on paper if they want it that way but they are paying for it either way so it really doesn't make any difference. He added that he would think there is already a plan in place for if/when they need any of the additional property but would imagine Horseshoe would want to know that plan beforehand.

Dr. Knable stated that he has had some discussions about this and his concerns have been allayed but if they are referencing potential terms with Horseshoe, when he was on the board the mechanism of purchases were not discussed. He asked that if this hasn't been discussed with them that it gets done so that they can make sure that they don't have any issues with the purchase. He added that if Horseshoe is okay with it then he is as well.

Mr. Blair stated that he understands that it is all tax dollars but they are separate groups.

Mr. Barksdale stated that there have been several concerned citizens in the 1800 block of McDonald Lane and he made contact with Mr. Brewer regarding a property in the area. He explained that Mr. Brewer was very knowledgeable about it and told him that actions are already being taken regarding the issues. He stated that he also shared that it is the same owner of the appliance repair place on Charlestown Road which is also getting out of hand.

Mr. Blair stated that he dealt with this particular property a couple of year and is sure that there is documentation regarding it. He added that what concerned him the most is that he was out there and the porch was cluttered and there were children present.

Mr. Barksdale stated that this Saturday at 9:00 a.m. there will be a tree walk in honor of Earth Day and the city arborist will be there and they will meet at Scribner.

Dr. Knable stated that they received the traffic study on Blackiston Mill Road and explained that they currently have a tabled item on it as well as a ticking clock. He asked Mr. Phipps and Mr. Wood if they are still okay.

Mr. Wood stated that it is not a problem

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

Michael Hall explained that Mayor Gahan wanted to let them know that the neighborhood beautification day has been moved to Sunday, April 30th from noon to 4:00 p.m. because of the impending weather. He stated that on Saturday, April 29th there will be a drone race from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the amphitheater. He added that the Carnegie Center has been working on plans to update the skate park and their goal is to turn it into a skateable work of art and they will be meeting down there on Saturday for a public listening session.

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:

Ms. Moeller presented the March financial reports and asked that it be read into the record.

REPORTS – COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR OTHER OFFICIALS AS REQUESTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COUNCIL:

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

READING

G-17-02	Ordinance Amending the City of New Albany Code Chapter 30 Section 15 Concerning Submitting Items to the City Clerk for the Common Council Agenda as Amended	Blair/ Caesar 3
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Mr. Blair introduced G-17-02 and moved to approve the third reading, **Mr. Caesar** second,

Mr. Caesar withdrew his second

Mr. Blair introduced G-17-02 as amended, **Mr. Caesar** second, all voted in favor. **Bill G-17-02** becomes **Ordinance G-17-04**.

Mr. Blair stated that he met with Mr. Gibson and Mr. Wood and they went through the agenda with calendars to determine when items should be submitted. He explained that they concluded that what was previously submitted does fit and while it isn't perfect it does give them extra time. He stated that the way it is written the deadline for the

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

R-17-06 Resolution regarding Certain Commitments Caesar
Regarding Summit Springs Planned Unit
Development District

Mr. Caesar introduced R-17-06 and moved to approve, Mr. Coffey second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Caesar stated that the Summit Springs Planned Unit Development has taken a long time to get together and because of that they felt like that this is a special case that they wanted phase 1 to come back to the council for a final reading.

Dr. Knable stated that he is glad that they were able to get together on this and thanked Mr. and Mrs. Hellemes, Mr. Gonder and Mrs. Wolfe as well as all of the residents for their patience with this.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

Wendy Dant Chesser stated that they are One Southern Indiana which is the chamber of commerce and economic development organization for Clark and Floyd County. She invited Matt Hall to talk to them about the economic development work

Matt Hall stated that their organization was formed in July 2006 and explained that they wanted to talk with the council about some of the projects and successes they have had in Floyd County. He went over a handout that was presented to the council that talks about economic development in the area since the organization was formed. Said handout is on file with the city clerk's office.

Ms. Dant Chesser stated that they have been hearing consistently that the businesses are not finding the talent or the workforce to match the skills for which they are looking and they are working to figure out why this is. She explained that they have created a 1st Talent Development Initiative (WorkHub) and introduced Paul Holba to speak more about talent partnerships.

Paul Holba talked about the number of jobs currently open without anyone to fill them and how it will be on the rise until 2024. He went over a graph showing how much activity is out there by various groups and organizations with WorkHub in the center and explained that it is his job to try to bring all of it together for businesses to match the skill sets that they need.

Mr. Caesar asked if this is about the estimated jobs without anyone to fill them and if that is in the entire state.

Mr. Holba replied that it is just region 10.

Ms. Dant Chesser stated that they have a budget of ~\$100,000.00 and of the private sector donations that have been made to date, 57% are coming from New Albany and Floyd County businesses. She explained through this program they will track their

successes and report as frequently as needed and they are asking for a \$30,000.00 commitment from the city.

Mr. Phipps asked if it is a yearly commitment.

Ms. Dant Chesser stated that she would like to come back annually.

Dr. Knable asked if they have had anymore discussions with the NAFC School and/or Prosser.

Ms. Dant Chesser stated that Mr. Holba is working on a skills up granted coordinator. She explained that NAFC schools are a partner in that and she believes that Prosser has been the lead representative from NAFC schools.

Mr. Holba stated that the NAFC schools have taken advantage of just under \$150,000.00 of grant money and they will spend \$152,000.00 this summer in training.

Ms. Dant Chesser stated that the grant pays for the purchase of manufacturing equipment to take into the high schools. She explained that the other challenge is skilling up the teachers in order to teach the children how to use that equipment.

Mr. Blair asked what other communities have made commitments or have been part of the conversation.

Ms. Dant Chesser stated that City of Jeffersonville has funded their economic development efforts at \$30,000.00 a year for close to 10 years. She explained that they have started meeting with the town of Clarksville and they have opened communication lines with the City of Charlestown.

Mr. Coffey stated that the types of jobs that they are talking about is what makes the middle class and that is what the city has lost. He explained that they need the workforce to get these jobs back in the area and it is a great opportunity for those that aren't suited or don't want to go to college.

Mr. Blair stated that he had the opportunity a couple of years ago to tour ERL on Charlestown Road and they did a great job of turning that into a manufacturing facility and the group of students he was with were amazed at how technical the facility was. He added that it was enlightening to see the students go through there as a potential work force for this manufacturer.

Mr. Caesar asked what the plan is to start grooming these children.

Ms. Dant Chesser stated that the reality is there will never be enough resources to hit all of the phases but where they have carved out to start is in this manufacturing niche because that is where they are hearing the loudest demand. She stated that they focus on where the best use of their resources will be and partner with schools at the high school level.

Mr. Caesar asked how they are going to get into the schools.

Mr. Holba stated that the counselors are focused on college and career so they expose whatever population they are assigned to what their options are. He explained that they take the kids on tours to give them a chance to see what is` out there.

Mr. Caesar asked if that money is coming out of the school's budget.

Mr. Hill replied yes. He explained that this summer they are using additional money from the skills grant to send teachers out to businesses to work so that they can go back into the classroom and apply what they have learned.

Mark Cassidy stated that a candidate that was running in the last election that brought up why certain meetings are held during the day when most people can't go and the answer from the incumbent mayor was that it has always been done that way. He added that he noticed the change on the sign-in sheet asking for specific subjects only.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that they get up at the end of the meeting and talk about things that have already been discussed and if they want to talk about these agenda items then they need to talk about them during that section that is dedicated to the agenda.

Mr. Cassidy stated that it has to be geared towards a certain group because there are only a few that show up to every meeting and the way it is worded now if he hears something during the meeting that he wants to talk about he doesn't have the opportunity to do so now. He added that he has appreciated the opportunity to do this over the years and never tried to waste their time.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Pat McLaughlin, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk