

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WAS HELD IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM AT THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mickey Thompson, member, Cheryl Cotner-Bailey, member, and Warren V. Nash, president.

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilman Phipps, Bryan Slade, Chris Gardner, Jessica Campbell, Sidney Main, Police Chief Bailey, Assistant Police Chief Fudge, Fire Chief Juliot, Fire Marshal Koehler, Sandy Boofter, Linda Moeller, Alicia Meredith, Larry Summers, David Hall, Tonya Fischer, Jessica Campbell and Vicki Glotzbach

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Nash called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

BIDS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Kim Barbour re: Sign at Uncommon Cups and Cones at 518 Vincennes

Ms. Barbour stated that the plan commission instructed her to come to this board to get permission before they would approve it.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve subject to the approval of the plan commission, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

2. Ryan Westphal re: Sidewalk cut request for Dragon Kings Daughter to enlarge a water line

Mr. Westphal stated that they have a leak at their water meter on the side of the building and while addressing that they would like to install a larger line due to demand. He added that they don't have a date for when they want to do the work just yet but once the work is being done, it should only take a few days. He stated that they would like to fix it as soon as possible but they have to meet with IN-AWC first.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if it will be maintained in the sidewalk.

Mr. Westphal stated that from what he understands, the leak is 5-6' off the building where the meter is.

Mr. Thompson stated that it is on the W. 1st Street side of the building and added that he met with the contractor and the water company. He added that if they are upsizing the line they may need to get into the street but the contractor will let him know if that is the case.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve subject to the approval of the right-of-way coordinator, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC

Jessica Smith, stated that she was a big proponent of the two-way conversion and still is but speed is a problem because there are no stop signs or stop lights where she thinks there needs to be. She explained that a hit and run accident occurred on Elm Street and now they had a skateboarder hit last night so safety is a real concern. She stated that the flashing pedestrian crosswalks give such a false sense of security because driver's in this area are not educated or familiar with a walkable city so she feels they need to be taken out and replaced with stop sign or stop lights.

Roger Baylor stated that Matt Brewer was a happy go lucky guy and we lost him around 9th Street and Spring Street last night and the speed in this area continues to be a serious safety concern for this city. He explained that he thinks the street grid conversion was a massive waste of opportunity because all that managed was to change to two-way traffic. He stated that all the other ideas to slow traffic were left on the cutting room floor and that is something that this city needs to address along with enforcement of speeding and parking laws.

Derek Misch, Dan Cristiani, passed out road closure requests for Nelson Avenue for the Grant Line Road project for today and tomorrow as well as a lane closure in front of 1017 Mt. Tabor Road on Saturday.

Mr. Summers stated that currently there are gas line relocations going on so he didn't want to have multiple sets of flaggers working going in different directions which is why he asked them to work on Saturday.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked that the work being done on Grant Line Road on Saturday starting at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Misch stated that they can do that.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the street closure on Nelson and the lane closure on Mt. Tabor, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

Councilman Greg Phipps, stated that last night the accident on Spring Street galvanized the concerns that they have expressed to this board regarding traffic on Spring, Market and Elm. He explained that he doesn't know the details of the accident but he has been to this board several times requesting simple solutions and he keeps hearing "we'll look into it." He stated that he is not disrespecting anyone on this board but he is tired of getting that answer because the speeding issues continue and Chief Bailey can't have officers there round the clock. He asked the board to tell him if they didn't intend to do anything about the issues that he brings before them because the council does control their budget and he will pursue other avenues to address these issues. He stated that he wants to see some action and he wants to see something done.

Greg Roberts, President of the East Spring Street Neighborhood Association, stated that the two-way streets are great but the traffic that cuts through flies down the street and the yellow caution lights do absolutely nothing to slow traffic. He mentioned several incidents where speeding was involved in accidents and stated that they need to see action by this board and not just hear that they will be looking into it. He stated that after the accident last night, he was the one that had to identify Matt Brewer and then had to give that news to his wife and that needs to stop. He added that he doesn't care if the traffic plan dictates it or not, it is a neighborhood and something needs to be done to slow the traffic down. He reiterated his previous request of 4-way stops at 13th & Elm, 13th & Market and one at 10th & Spring because the price of not doing this could be the loss of more lives.

Rachel Henry, HMB Engineers, M Fine Project - presented to request for a parking restriction on 14th Street to do sidewalk work starting tomorrow for approximately one week.

Mr. Summers asked if there are any residents that will be affected.

Ms. Henry stated that there is one that would be affected but they have been trying to work with them.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that someone does need to contact them.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the sidewalk closure subject to the notification of the residents, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

Matt Hines, United Consulting, State Street Signal Project - stated that design finally came through and is under review so as soon as it is approved, the contractor will get started. He explained that starting tomorrow they will be on site to install the remaining loops and they will need a possible lane closure/shift.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the lane shift/closure at Home Depot, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

Mr. Hines, Mt. Tabor Road – he stated that last week they installed the signs for the detour that will start on Monday. He explained that the lane closure will only allow westbound traffic on Mt. Tabor and the detour will utilize McDonald Lane

Mr. Summers stated that the closure has already been approved and this is just reminding the board that it will start on Monday and will be several months.

West Christmas, Clark-Dietz, Paving – he stated that work has resumed this week and the plan is to complete milling/paving on Navajo Drive and Shelby Street as well as patch work on Slate Run Road. He added that they are still finishing up striping as well. **Basin 7** – he stated that all of the work associated with the original scope of the project is done but they asked them to go back and expand some of the paving to include several allies and the prep work for that started today. **Basin 16, Division B** – he stated that the roads that were disturbed first will be paved first so they will begin on Carlton and work through and they plan to start the work on Monday. He added that the contractor would like to close one block at a time during the restoration but they will allow access to those that live there and they will get notices out to everyone that would be affected.

Mr. Nash asked how long a block will take.

Mr. Christmas replied 1-2 days but they will probably not be back-to-back days.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the block closures for restoration for the Basin 16 project subject to notification to the residents, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

Mr. Nash asked about St. Mary's.

Mr. Christmas stated that it is progressing well and hopefully by the end of August most of the work will be done and they will start on the access roads in September.

Mr. Nash asked when it will be done.

Mr. Christmas stated that at the end of August the basin should be functional with grading restoration taking place in September.

Jim Silliman, Jacobi, Toombs & Lanz, Reas Lane – he stated that this project continues to progress but there were a couple of utility conflicts that were addressed quickly. **Grant Line Road** – he stated that signal construction continues and the storm sewer constitution is starting at the north end. He added that they have a progress meeting with the contractor this afternoon so he should have more information for them next week.

Mr. Thompson stated that it did come up at the council meeting again last night and he did contact the street department to freshen up the arrows.

Mr. Silliman stated that he can have the contractors go out there and do that so he will bring it up at the progress meeting today.

Mr. Thompson asked if the additional lighting was put up on Reas Lane.

Mr. Silliman stated that his inspector told him that three lights were installed recently.

Dr. Jason Roseberry explained that he felt compelled to come in and talk to the board after having to tell his boys this morning about what happened to Matt Brewer. He stated that he does appreciate all the work that has been done on the roads but that curve around 9th Street has always been a concern for him and he implored the board to look at that area specifically because it is a very dangerous area and the traffic speeds through there without hinderance.

Jeremy Otey requested permission to place a 20-yard dumpster in two parking spots in front of 423 State Street.

Mr. Thompson stated that the parking lane is the only space for him to place the dumpster and asked how long he wants it to be there.

Mr. Otey replied a week or two.

Mr. Thompson stated that he would like to look at it because he believes there is a lane shift there.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if it would be possible to put it on the sidewalk.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the dumpster request subject to Mr. Thompson's inspection and approval, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Vicki Glotzbach re: Banner permit for NABBB Fest

Mrs. Glotzbach explained that Mr. Gaetano has called about the status of this request several times.

Mr. Thompson stated that the request was for three and explained that there are two locations available.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve two locations for banners, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Vicki Glotzbach re: Handicap parking at 1601 Culbertson Avenue

Mrs. Glotzbach explained that traffic division approved the above request and now the board needs to approve it.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

2. Police Chief Bailey re: Concerns of the East Spring Street Neighborhood Association

Police Chief Bailey stated that he doesn't want to comment on the investigation of the tragic accident that happened last night because it is not completed but he does not feel that the roadway design played a part in the accident. He explained that he met with the city engineer this morning to talk about the accident and they will be looking at any factors that contributed to it as well as any other incidents that were brought to the board's attention today.

Mr. Summers stated that he will be working closely with Police Chief Bailey to review the data on these incidents to see what changes need to be made.

Police Chief Bailey stated that in the meantime, his traffic officers have been reminded that this is a place to be monitored and analyzed.

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

Mrs. Boofter presented the following claims for the period of 07/17/18 to 08/06/18 in the amount of \$2,064,164.93:

General Claims (Bank 1):	153,249.64	
Fire Department:	26,817.13	
Police Department:	23,920.00	
Street Department:	463,339.51	
Parks Department:	41,439.94	
	Total From Above:	708,766.22
Medical/Drug Fund:	205.51	
(Bank L)		
Payroll Claims:	824,930.27	
(Bank 2)		
Sanitation Fund:	-	
Thursday Utility Claims:	530,262.93	
	Total From Above:	1,355,398.71
	Grand Total:	2,064,164.93

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the above claims, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for July 31, 2018, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Warren V. Nash, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk