

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WILL BE HELD IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM AT THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Juliot, Fire Marshal Koehler, Bryan Slade, Robert Lee, Chris Gardner, Sidney Main, Larry Summers, David Hall, Jessica Campbell, Police Chief Bailey, Assistant Police Chief Fudge, Alicia Meredith, Linda Moeller, Kristina Jarboe, Claire, Courtney Lewis 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. James Thornton with J Marr Construction re: Sidewalk and alley closure in front of the Hitching Post

James Thornton stated that he is the managing contractor and Ed Scott Properties is the general contractor on the job. He requested a temporary fencing around the perimeter of the Hitching Post as well as an alley closure for demolition. He added that they would like to use the area on the side of the building up to the parking lot as a staging area.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if they will be in parking lot.

Mr. Thornton replied no.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if they will need to use any of the parking.

Mr. Thornton stated that some of the contractors may need to park there.

Mr. Nash asked how long they will need the sidewalk closed.

Mr. Thornton stated that if everything goes well with the permits they have demo scheduled for next Tuesday which will take at least 8 days.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if this is for the alley as well.

Mr. Thornton replied that the alley will only be used as needed and explained that they have it set up to install fencing across it on the days that they need it.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that the only concern she has is that some restaurants get deliveries through the alley and that could be a problem and asked that they be mindful of their needs as well.

Mr. Thompson asked if they have been in touch with the surrounding businesses.

Mr. Thornton replied yes.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked how long the sidewalk will be closed.

Mr. Thornton stated that it will need to be closed starting next Tuesday for eight days to do demolition work and then they will need to close it down again to get the blocks back in.

Mr. Nash asked when they expect the work to be completed.

Mr. Thornton replied four months and they expect the outside area to take 2 months.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if the sidewalk and alley will be accessible for the Harvest Homecoming Festival.

Mr. Thornton replied yes.

Mr. Thomas stated that they will need advance signage to direct pedestrians to the opposite side of the road.

Mr. Nash asked that Mr. Thornton come back to the board if any problems arise.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the closure of the sidewalk and alley at the Hitching Post beginning next Tuesday, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

2. Terry Hubert with Clark Nichols, Inc. re: Street cut request on Green Valley Road in front of school

Terry Hubert explained that they are going to do a water tap in the middle of Green Valley Road to supply the school with water so they will need to close Green Valley Road and detour around Daisy Lane. He stated that the school will be on fall break so they would like to do the work October 3-5.

Mr. Thompson asked what the reason is for a new main.

Mr. Hubert stated that it is a new facility and required a new main.

Mr. Nash asked if they could work from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Hubert replied yes.

Mr. Nash asked where he will put his signs.

Mr. Hubert passed out a map of the signage and closure for the board to review. Said map is on file with the city clerk's office.

Mr. Thompson stated that he would like to speak with Mr. Summers, IN-AWC and check on paving before this is approved.

Mr. Thompson moved to take it under advisement, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

3. Rhonda Trimble with Bottom Sign Co. re: Directional sign at Underground Station with tenants' names

Rhonda Trimble passed out tenant panels which will look like a street sign to direct people to the Underground Station. She added that she has the certificate of appropriateness and approval from the historic society.

Mr. Thompson stated that he is not sure that it won't interfere with the wayfinding signs that are used in the city so he would like to check into that.

Mr. Thompson moved to take this item under advisement, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

4. Renaissance Designs re: Curb cut request for storage facility on Mt. Tabor Road

Grant List passed out a drawing of the curb cut and reviewed it with the board.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if there was a reason that the sidewalk panels were removed without permission from the city.

Mr. List stated that he thought that they had permission to do the work.

Mr. Thompson asked if they received zoning approval.

Mr. List stated that he believes they do but he hasn't worked much on this project.

Mr. Thompson asked if where they took the sidewalk out is where the drive is going to be.

Mr. List replied yes.

Mr. Thompson asked if the existing driveway will be closed up.

Mr. List stated that it will be demolished.

Mr. Thompson advised that in the future if they take any sidewalks out for a project they need to get this board's approval before the work is done.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the curb cut request, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

5. Vectren re: Cut permit for 2556 Cannon St. (15116418) – street cut

Rob Philpot stated they are renewing the service and the street cut will be spot holes for boring.

Mr. Thompson asked if they are able to do it while the water company is working there.

Mr. Philpot replied yes and explained that they had some damage so they retired the service.

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

Mr. Philpot informed the board that the restoration has started on Twin Oaks and Roanoke and they should start paving tomorrow.

6. Asif Rehman re: Green Cab Taxi Service

John Nader stated that he is an advisor to Mr. Asif Rehman and they are here in regards to an application for a new taxi service. He explained that they had one in service a year ago but it lapsed. He stated that they have had one vehicle examined and believes they have complied with everything that the city requires including \$1M insurance policy.

Mr. Nash asked Police Chief Bailey if he has reviewed this request.

Police Chief Bailey replied yes and stated that they have complied with the ordinance and they have inspected one vehicle as well as check the status of the operator. He recommended approval.

Mr. Thompson asked if it is still only one cab.

Mr. Nader replied yes because they don't know what the demand will be.

Police Chief Bailey stated that each new vehicle needs to be inspected by his department.

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

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Lindsey Corrie, Kentuckiana General Construction, requested a dumpster permit at 2308 Beeler Street for an interior residential remodel. She stated that the truck can't fit in the parking space in the alley to place the dumpster so they are trying to put it as close to the garage and out of the alleyway as possible.

Mr. Thompson stated that a neighbor called and filed a complaint which is why this was brought up.

Mr. Nash asked how long they plan to have it there.

Ms. Corrie stated that she plans to have the house done and on the market is 6 weeks or less.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked how long it has been there.

Ms. Corrie replied two days.

Mr. Nash stated they need to put reflective tape on it.

Mr. Thompson said that if they come to empty the dumpster just make sure that it is placed back in the same spot so it isn't blocking the alley.

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

Deborah Henry addressed the board regarding Elm Street. She stated that they have a lot of rentals with new tenants from 1500-1602. She stated that the properties were recently sold and in the transition nothing has been done to these properties. She explained that the properties are nasty and they have a lot of issues with crime and drugs in the area due to these tenants. She stated that when they tried to speak with the current rent collector he brushes them off and it has become a very scary area to live in.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked Mr. Brewer to check to see if the properties in question are registered on the rental registry.

Ms. Henry stated that the residents that own property in the area would like for some accountability of the property owners to maintain a level of peace and safety for everyone. She added that they don't seem willing to keep up a standard for the properties or the individuals that are renting the properties. She stated that it appears to be nothing being done or nothing that can be done and it isn't safe for those that live there.

Mr. Thompson stated that the city has started a registry so that they can address these issues.

Mr. Brewer stated that they are registered and he will get ahold of the owner right away. He added that he can send some of his code enforcement officers out as well and will update the board.

Paige Thomas, O'Mara, stated that they had a leak repair last week at 1119 Vincennes Street that was under the street and required a 5'X6' asphalt cut and a 3'X5' sidewalk cut.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the cuts at 1119 Vincennes Street, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

Paul Lincks, HWC Engineering, stated that today is a rather momentous occasion for the City of New Albany as the conversion began this morning on Spring Street. He explained that they began by un-bagging signals, removing old signs, picking up cones and running street sweepers. He stated that they will have a small procession drive the corridor and open the last intersection somewhere between 11-11:30 a.m. He added that tomorrow Bank and Pearl will be switched and crews will begin work at 7:00 a.m. doing the same work as today.

Jim Silliman, Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz, requested an amendment to the approved closure for the Bono Road project. He explained that they would like to keep it closed though Monday and open it up on Tuesday morning. He added that there is a lot of rain in the forecast but this operation is affected by the weather like paving operations are so they will likely be able to work through it. He stated that they would like they would like to request the same for the following week of the September 8-11 to extend the work through Monday.

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

Wes Christmas, Clark-Dietz, stated that crews are currently working on Silver Street and finished up milling yesterday. He explained that they will be doing patch work today, loop installation tomorrow and paving is scheduled for Thursday and Friday. He added that the paving may be impacted by the weather and if it is they will start the work as soon as they can. He stated that he has a request from the contractor to close a portion of Charlestown Road from September 5-17. He passed out a map of the closures and detours. Said map is on file with the city clerk's office.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the closure of Charlestown Road from the North Y to Vincennes Street from September 5th to September 19th, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

Mr. Nash asked if State Street is completed.

Mr. Christmas explained that paving is complete but they have striping left to finish.

OLD BUSINESS:

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Police Chief Bailey re: Conversion of Spring Street

Police Chief Bailey stated that the conversion has been going on since 6:00 a.m. and it is scheduled to be complete sometime around 11:00 a.m. He explained that they haven't had any issues connected to the conversion and traffic is currently flowing without any problems. He stated that the contractor continues to remove signs and cones and as far as public safety, there have been no incidents or problems.

2. Courtney Lewis re: Request from Wick's Pizza for Harvest Homecoming setup

Ms. Lewis explained that Wick's would like to use the parking spots closest to their building on October 10-16 during Harvest Homecoming. She added that there are maps attached to the event permit requested that was in their packets and stated that there will not be any alcohol sales outside.

Mr. Thompson asked if this is the same setup as last year.

Ms. Lewis replied yes.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the closure of the parking lane subject to the approval of the police department, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

3. Courtney Lewis re: Request from New Albany Farmers Market

Ms. Lewis explained that she handed out a permit this morning for the farmers market and stated that they are doing a farm to table dinner at city square on October 1. She stated that they would need to set up a tent that would be delivered on Friday and would be up until Monday and they will have a caterer handle all of the cooking.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked how the tent will be secured.

Mr. Lewis replied with water ballasts. She stated that she would like to block the parking on Bank Street next to city square as well as the alley prior and during the event.

Mr. Nash asked if this is a new event.

Ms. Kaempfer replied yes and stated that it is a fundraiser & ticketed event.

Fire Marshal Koehler added that they would have to get a permit from the state for the tent.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that she is concerned about blocking the parking for the weekend.

Mr. Thompson asked if it will be fenced in since there is alcohol.

Ms. Kaempfer replied yes.

Fire Marshal Koehler asked about the size of the tent.

Ms. Kaempfer stated that she isn't sure of the dimensions.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to take this request under advisement, **Mr. Thompson** second, motion carries.

4. Linda Moeller re: Bank Reconciliations

Mrs. Moeller presented the August bank reconciliation and asked that it be read into the record.

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for August 22, 2017 as amended, **Mr. Thompson** second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Warren V. Nash, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk