

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WAS HELD IN ROOM 100 AT NEW ALBANY CITY HALL ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: David Brewer, member, Cheryl Cotner-Bailey, member, and Mickey Thompson, president.

OTHERS PRESENT: Police Chief Bailey, Fire Chief Juliot, Fire Marshal Mayfield, Linda Moeller, Phil Aldridge, Brad Fair, Sidney Main, Krystina Jarboe, Tonya Fischer, David Hall and Vicki Glotzbach

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

BIDS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Evan Thie with NAHA re: Closing W. 1st between Elm and Oak

Dave Duggins stated that they would like start closure on October 14 for the demolition of Riverview Towers to begin on October 17. He added that the project is scheduled to run through December but they will update the board if there are any changes.

Mr. Thompson stated that they have reached out to the eye doctor to work out closing part of the parking lot.

Mr. Duggins reported that they fencing is up on Beechwood and the demolition has begun.

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

2. Derek Misch, Cristiani re: Request encroachment permit for installing a sewer lateral at 1119 Vincennes Street

Mr. Thompson stated that they are going to bring this to next week's meeting because Mr. Misch requested to push it to next week's meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Melissa Zink stated that she would like to get permits for dumpsters per the request of the board.

Mr. Thompson explained that they placed a dumpster on Culbertson Avenue and it was there well past the approved time which the city had to have removed, and then they placed a dumpster at a second property without a permit at all so the board asked that someone from the company be present at a meeting to go over the proper procedure and expectation.

Ms. Zink stated that she was unaware of the full process until recently and boils down to a lack of communication with her team.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if she has relayed the procedures to her group so that this won't happen in the future.

Ms. Zink stated that she has made it clear that they aren't to place any dumpsters until she has an approved permit.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that any time there is a request to place anything on a public street or sidewalk it has to come through this board.

Ms. Zink stated that with a few of the projects they were able to put it on the property so they didn't run into this issue until they got to properties that they could no longer do that for.

Mr. Thompson stated that this is the main reason they asked her to be here in person for a meeting to make sure the policy wasn't ignored and that it wouldn't continue to be ignored because these stipulations are in place for public safety. He asked if she is present to request a dumpster at 1802 Elkin Avenue.

Ms. Zink replied yes and stated that she also needs a permit for 1002 Indiana Avenue but she needs to check on the progress of that first.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if there is any place on either of these properties to place a dumpster.

Ms. Zink stated that they are both elevated which makes it difficult to access the property.

Mr. Thompson stated that he did do a site visit for both locations.

Ms. Zink stated that Ekin Avenue has alleyway access but there is elevation in the back as well.

Mr. Brewer asked what kind of work they are doing.

Ms. Zink stated that they are remodeling and flipping houses.

Mr. Thompson asked how long she will need the dumpster on Ekin Avenue.

Ms. Zink stated that she is requesting two weeks today but it could go longer because there is a lot of interior demolition that needs to be done.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if there is any way they can get the work done in the two week time period.

Ms. Zink stated that they can try but these homes are very old and unfortunately need a lot of work. She added that they have been piling debris inside of the home waiting on the approval of a dumpster and they still need to get an electrician and plumber in the building.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey added that they would prefer that she be present at the meetings when she needs to make a request.

Mr. Brewer moved to approve the dumpster permit at 1802 Ekin Avenue for two weeks beginning on Thursday, October 6, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

John Hughes, Main Street Project Update – he reported that they are finishing up the storm structures in front of Pearl Street, which is going a little slower than they anticipated, but they plan to get the two structures set today and backfilled. He stated that they will clean everything up and be out of the area by Wednesday evening, they will be off site and Thursday and Friday, and will be sure that they can safely channelize all pedestrians across the intersections and Pearl and Bank streets. He reported that when they come back next week they will be working at the State Street corner.

Mr. Thompson asked Mr. Hughes if he is the point of contact if businesses have issues.

Mr. Hughes replied yes. He stated that he did get an email from Mr. Summers regarding the issue in the alley and he did move them to allow for a larger area for trucks but that is about all that they can do to adjust it.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if the intersection at Pearl will be open during Harvest Homecoming.

Mr. Thompson stated that Pearl Street will not be open to vehicular traffic but will be open to pedestrian traffic.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Tonya Fischer re: Joint Resolution Transfer Property

Mrs. Fischer explained that there are two parcels on West 1st Street that were inadvertently left in the city's name when they were purchased and in order to correct that the board needs to approve the joint resolution to take it out of the Board of Works name and into the New Albany Redevelopment Commission and then into the brewery's name.

Mr. Thompson explained that this is just housekeeping so the board of works needs to transfer to redevelopment and then redevelopment will transfer to the brewery.

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

2. Mickey Thompson re: Right-of-Way Permit request for Duke

Mr. Thompson stated that Duke needs to bore 160' down the alley between E. 3rd Street and E. 4th Street between E. Main Street and the floodwall to replace overhead lines that are too close to the new construction for the work to continue safely.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if there will be any traffic issues.

Mr. Thompson replied no and stated that it is on the west side which is already closed off for a city project.

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

3. Mickey Thompson re: Right-of-Way Permit request for Spectrum

Mr. Thompson stated that Spectrum needs to bore 247' in the right-of-way on Technology Avenue to service a new commercial building (Netter Dentistry). He added that restoration will be made at the time of install and it should not affect traffic.

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

4. Mickey Thompson re: Work on Silver Creek

Mr. Thompson reported that the work on the trail extension is requiring some temporary lane shifts but it isn't a scheduled thing that they can come to the board to ask for permission because it will be as the work dictates. He stated that they have been putting out barrels and arrow boards and wanted to make the board aware of this.

5. Vicki Glotzbach for Michael Davis re: Dumpster permit request at 622 E. 5th Street

Mrs. Glotzbach explained that Mr. Davis called her office this morning because he was not aware of the permit process for a dumpster to be placed in the right-of-way and the dumpster was to be delivered today. She stated that they could possibly only need it for one day but there is no room to place it on the property. She requested the dumpster for one week just to be safe.

Mr. Thompson stated that if the board approves it he will make contact with him because HHC parking does spread out to that area.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the dumpster to be placed today until no longer than Tuesday, October 11th, Mr. Brewer second, motion carries.

6. Mickey Thompson re: Clark Dietz Update

Mr. Gies reported on the following:

Progress for the Week:

