

**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, JANUARY 18,
2018 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Stein, Mr. Hall, Mr. Thompson, Police Officer and Mrs. Glotzbach

President Knable 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. Phipps moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for December 21, 2017, **Mr. Coffey** second, all voted in favor.

Mr. McLaughlin moved to approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes for January 4, 2018, **Mr. Phipps** second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Barksdale moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for January 4, 2018 with corrections, **Mr. Coffey** second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS):

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

Mr. Barksdale gave the council members a flier on the Community Health Fair which will be held on Saturday, February 24th at St. Marks Church. He said that the flier gives more information on the particulars that will be offered.

Mr. Coffey stated that in the past, we have had agenda and non-agenda public communications at the beginning of the meeting so that people that are speaking to non-agenda items do not have to sit through the entire meeting to speak. He said that he is in favor of going back to that because he thinks that it better serves the public.

Dr. Knable stated that he is of the same mind and perhaps after the re-establishment of the committees tonight, the rules committee can have a meeting and look into things like that. He also stated that if they do that, they probably should have a survey among the members in the community with regards to any changes they may want to see.

Mr. Nash asked why it was changed.

Mr. Coffey stated that it was changed because some people didn't want to listen to other people. He also stated that before he came on the council, one meeting of the month was

for voting on ordinances and the other meeting was for discussion of the ordinances before they came forward.

Dr. Knable thanked Mrs. Glotzbach and Ms. Milburn for putting the council agenda on the public website in advance of the meeting and feels that will be useful to see if people want to turn out or not. He also thanked Mr. Joe Ham, Mr. Mickey Thompson and the entire street department for maintaining the roads during the snow and making them passable in real time.

Mr. Phipps stated that A-18-01 will be tabled tonight until the first meeting in February. He stated that he will also bring forward in that meeting the ordinance to raise fines for traffic violations.

Mr. Aebersold asked if that ordinance is about the parking.

Mr. Phipps replied no and stated that they already passed the ordinance about parking in more than one space and he hears that it is not being enforced. He said that this ordinance is just raising fines to bring them in line with other cities our size.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that he also wanted to commend the street department on maintaining the roads during the snow because he felt they did a good job.

Mr. Blair explained that there is a gentleman that owns some land on I-265 on the east side closer to Silver Creek and he called and inquired about erecting a billboard on that property. He said that the clerk's office did a good job communicating with him and giving him the zoning codes as well as the billboard resolutions that the council passed. He said that the gentleman had more questions so he had a conversation with him to explain why the moratorium was passed and he thinks that the point is that it worked and discouraged him so he wanted to give the council that feedback.

Mr. Coffey asked how long the moratorium is in effect.

Mr. Blair stated that it is in effect until we pass the new zoning code and asked Mr. Phipps if he knows when it will come before the council.

Mr. Phipps stated that he is hoping that it will come to the council by March.

Dr. Knable asked Mr. Phipps to reinforce that the council would like to have a look at it to give our thoughts in a meaningful time frame.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

Mr. Hall stated that the mayor wanted to pass along his thanks to Mr. McLaughlin for his service for the past years as council president and also wanted to congratulate Dr. Knable and wish him well on the upcoming year. He then asked Mr. Barksdale for one of the Community Health Fair fliers to put on the city's website.

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:

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

Dr. Knable stated that it is his intention to get the committees in a more regimental habit of reporting so he hopes to have a calendar of those expectations no later than the second meeting in February. He recommended that some of the committees that have more financial responsibilities such as Horseshoe, redevelopment, etc., give a report at least every other month and as needed for any significant events that might happen.

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

READING

A-18-01	Appropriation to Provide Funding to Haven House for the Provision of Homeless Services	Caesar/ Phipps 3
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Mr. Phipps moved to table this item until the first meeting in February, **Mr. Caesar** second.

Mr. Caesar stated that there was not enough time to properly advertise the public hearing.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Dr. Knable stated that he believes the council is very pleased with Ms. Stein's representation and her contract is year-to-year but wasn't signed until April of last year so unless he hears differently, he would like to request that her contract be renewed. He asked Ms. Stein to provide her contract so that the council can review it to see if it needs to be amended in any way before execution.

Ms. Stein said that she would do that.

Dr. Knable then thanked Mr. McLaughlin for his help in the transition and his willingness to be ready for any phone calls that may come up because he has been very gracious in his assistance.

STANDING COUNCIL COMMITTEES

- BUDGET – Council as Whole
- DEVELOPMENT & ANNEXATION – Blair, Caesar
- RULES & FINANCE - Blair, Caesar, Knable
- PUBLIC UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION - Coffey, Phipps, Knable
- POLICE DEPARTMENT - Blair, Aebersold, McLaughlin
- SCHOOL & LIBRARY - Barksdale, Phipps
- PUBLIC WORKS – Nash, Caesar
- PUBLIC SAFETY & TRAFFIC - Nash, Aebersold, Phipps
- FIRE DEPARTMENT - Caesar, Phipps, McLaughlin

COMMISSION & BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- HORSESHOE BOARD - Aebersold, Nash
- PLAN COMMISSION - Phipps
- BUILDING AUTHORITY - Bill Cochran
- ZONING APPEAL BOARD - Steve Pacciano
- DEVELOP NEW ALBANY - Barksdale

SOLID WASTE - Coffey
PARKS & RECREATION – McLaughlin
URBAN ENTERPRISE - Barksdale
REDEVELOPMENT - Barksdale, Stewart
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Blair
BUILDING COMMISSION - Caesar
ANIMAL CONTROL - Aebersold
HEAD START - Ms. Hardin
HUMAN RIGHTS – Knable, Kiger
HISTORIC PRESERVATION - Barksdale
TREE BOARD - Barksdale

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

Dr. Knable stated that he limited the restriction with regards to being specific on subjects prior to the meeting. He said it has been tried both ways and he wants to try it again without the restriction and see if he can manage the clock on that. He also said that he wanted to remind folks that speak at the podium that if they are not questioned by the council, it is really a monologue and an opportunity for the public to state a case and if a council member is compelled then we can pursue action on that afterwards or we could even hold public meetings where is it more of a Q&A type of thing. He stated that his idea on limiting time is such that if there is ample time, we can open it up a bit but if we are constrained on time then the speakers' time may be limited a little and he will try to give everyone an indication of that as they approach the podium.

Mr. Paul Holba, One Southern Indiana, said that he is the Director of Talent and Workforce Development and he is present to give the council a quarterly update which the council has requested. He then thanked the council for the donation that they made to the initiative to help fund the programs that he is pursuing. He said that one of the directives given to him by this body was to foster collaboration with NAFC Schools and he wanted to let the council know that Wendy and he have appeared twice before NAFC School Board, most recently just last week. He explained that they addressed not only continued support of their efforts but the SkillUP!3 program as well. He also explained that he submitted a grant for \$4.9M to the Department of Workforce Development which has essentially three prongs. He said that the first is to advance the academy model of high school region tech which is something that Greater Clark has started in their schools. He stated that the second piece is that we are grossly undermanned in terms of skilled trades here in southern Indiana so he has talked with companies such as Koetter Construction, MAC Construction and Mr. Charlie Smith with the Builders Association and they would support the creation of a center that would not only continue what is being trained at Prosser, but also offer up to other individuals who have been out of the workforce or are looking for a new direction. He explained that it would be hands on training as well as getting appropriate sponsorship from the businesses that are going to support it so the individual will not have to pay for the full tuition but the company can hire them on a probationary period and pay the tuition for the continuation of their training. He went over the statistics and stated that the most important number is the 62.1% of the jobs needed in 2024 which will require less than an Associate's Degree.

Mr. Coffey asked if the wages are based on 2014.

Mr. Holba replied yes.

Mr. Coffey stated that the reason he asked is because some of the trades are probably up 20%-25% over what they were in 2014.

Mr. Holba stated that the other thing that Hoosier Hot 50 doesn't account for is that a lot of the skilled trades do not advertise their jobs, it is word of mouth so we can't even begin to account for those folks as well as what those wages are.

Dr. Knable asked who compiled the Hoosier Hot 50 Jobs.

Mr. Holba replied the Department of Workforce Development.

Dr. Knable stated that he is surprised that aviation is not on there with us being a hub so close to things and the fact that they are advertising a shortage of pilots. He then asked Mr. Holba what he has learned in the last six months and if there was a goal.

Mr. Holba replied yes and stated that the reason for the skilled trades training center is because his initial focus was on manufacturing and he found that it is very difficult to give away the money that he planned giving to allocate for SkillUP!. He said that the money is still there but he has shifted to construction because if we want to continue to grow, one of the biggest shortages in this area is rooftops. He said that we can't bring in large companies such as Amazon if we don't have places for that workforce to live.

Mr. Coffey asked how long it will take to get the type of workforce that we need.

Mr. Holba stated that they will find out before the end of the month whether or not they are granted the money from the grant. He said that they are looking at the Sears building in Greentree Mall as a potential place to start and would hope to have something up and running by summer.

Mr. Blair asked if he has looked at any other facilities or locations.

Mr. Holba stated that he didn't want to get too far ahead of himself in case they don't get the money.

Mr. Blair stated that he is thinking more about New Albany such as the industrial park or the old Colonial Manor Shopping Center on Charlestown Road. He also stated that he thinks that is something that our redevelopment department would be interested in partnering in.

Mr. Coffey asked how long it takes people to get to where they need to be to go out and get that job.

Mr. Holba stated that they are modeling it off of some of the programs that are going on currently in Denver and Atlanta and it is six weeks of classroom work and then immediately they are out in the field and working on actual sites with the businesses that have sponsored them.

Mr. Coffey stated that he was really excited when he first heard about this.

Dr. Knable thanked Mr. Holba for his update. He then stated that Mr. Scott Stewart is present tonight and is more than willing to informally do a meet and greet after the meeting.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Al Knable, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk