

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, FEBRUARY 2, 2016 AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Warren V. Nash, president, and Mickey Thompson, member. Cheryl Cotner-Bailey, member, was not present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Assistant Police Chief Fudge, Major Popp, Fire Chief Juliot, Jessica Campbell, Bryan Slade, Larry Summers, Chris Gardner, Brandon Sailings, Alicia Meredith, Courtney Lewis, Fire Marshal Koehler, David Duggins, John Rosenbarger, David Barksdale, Trent Baker, David Hall, Stan Robison, Linda Moeller, Wes Christmas, Mike Hall and Vicki Glotzbach

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Vectren re: Cut permits for 800 E 6th St(12985749)-Street Cut, 513 E Spring St(13035477)-Street Cut, 411 E Spring St(13002519)-Street Cut, 624 W 8th St (12936923)-Street Cut, Bank @ Culbertson(12929784)-Sidewalk Cut**

Mr. Steven Lewis stated that all of these street cuts have already been done and everything has been replaced to its original condition.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve, Mr. Nash second, motion carries.

- 2. Kathy Copas re: Memorial service for Indigent at Fairview Cemetery, March 31st at 4 p.m.**

Ms. Copas stated that a number of indigent people die here each year with no funeral or memorial service so she has been working with a group of people to plan a memorial service. She stated that she has spoken with Mr. Steve Burks, Trustee and Mr. John Mattingly at Fairview Cemetery and they thought it would be a good idea to run it through this board. She said that it will be on Thursday, March 31st at 4:00 p.m. and will last for about 30 minutes.

Mr. Nash asked how many passed last year.

Ms. Copas replied 20.

Mr. Nash asked who will perform the service.

Ms. Copas stated that they are going to get a variety of ministers from around the area representing all faiths.

Mr. Nash stated that what she is doing is a great thing and asked if she is going to make it an annual event.

Ms. Copas stated that she will see how it goes but feels that she wants to.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve, Mr. Nash second, motion carries.

- 3. Randy Griffith with Creek Enterprise re: Permission to install fiber optic from 114 W. Market and ending at Corydon Pike**

Mr. Griffith stated that Creek Enterprise won the bid for the AT&T upgrade for their fiber optic services. He said that the work will start on the 18th and should take a week.

Mr. Thompson asked if this is existing conduit.

Mr. Griffith stated that existing conduit is there.

Mr. Thompson asked if there would be any digging up or cuts.

Mr. Griffith replied no and stated there will be no digging unless something catastrophic happens.

Mr. Thompson asked if they will need a possible lane closure or shift.

Mr. Griffith stated that he thinks they can get away with signage and proper lane shifts but should not need any lane closures. He then presented plans for the board to review.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve, Mr. Nash second, motion carries.

4. IN-AWC re: Cut permits for 1632 Walnut Street (Main Break), 1819 East Oak Street (Main Break), 201 Albany Street (Replace Hydrant), 308 East 10th Street (Meter Move Out), 1658 Terry Lane (Main Break), 211 Reno (Main Leak), 1709 Klerner Lane (Replace Meter Set)

Mr. Thompson moved to approve, Mr. Nash second, motion carries.

5. Derek Misch with Dan Christiani re: Traffic control plan and saw cut for East 5th

Mr. Misch said that there are more saw cuts for the Breakwater Project and passed out plans for the street cuts and traffic control schedule and reviewed them with the board.

Mr. Nash asked if they are all on 5th Street.

Mr. Misch replied yes and stated that most of them are the same, they are just switching from one end to the other so that they can keep the road open for the homeowners.

Mr. Nash asked if the residents will still have access at the ones labelled hard closes.

Mr. Misch stated that they would have access from the other side.

Mr. Nash asked if they will be notified.

Mr. Misch replied yes and stated they will be notified by letter.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve, Mr. Nash second, motion carries.

6. Danny Bennett re: Reserving amphitheater for summer concert series

Not Present.

7. Jan Schimmelman with Enviroforensics re: Lane closure on West Street

Mr. Schimmelman requested the lane closure on West Street on February 12th at 10:00 a.m. and stated they will be doing ground water monitoring for about two hours.

Mr. Nash asked where on West Street.

Mr. Schimmelman stated that it will be near the intersection in the northbound lane.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve, Mr. Nash second, motion carries.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Mr. Shannon Skelley stated that he would like permission to place a dumpster on the northeast

corner of State and Union Streets for a remodeling project that he is working on at 1104 State Street. He said that he would like the dumpster to be dropped on Friday of this week and have it for approximately 10 days. He said that it won't be sitting on State Street, it will be sitting on the Union Street side.

Mr. Nash stated that he needs to put reflective tape on it and asked what size of dumpster it will be.

Mr. Skelley replied 20 yard.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the dumpster request for Shannon Skelley at 1104 State Street, Mr. Nash second, motion carries.

Mr. Roger Baylor stated that last week there was an article in the paper about work being done on Spring Street between Vincennes Street and Silver Creek that made it sound like the work was being done for safety for automobiles. He said that he then received a letter on Saturday from RQAW regarding the New Albany Downtown Street Improvements project. He said that he went online trying to look up those words to see what they were referring to but he couldn't find anything so he wanted to know if someone could explain what New Albany Downtown Street Improvements means.

Mr. Nash stated that there are two different projects and the one that was in the paper is from Vincennes Street to Beharrell Avenue and that will be discussed later in the meeting and plans will be shown. He said that the other project is still in the planning stages. He then asked Mr. Rosebarger to explain this better.

Mr. Rosenbarger stated that the letter is required for federal aid process and is basically introducing the environmental phase which is a preliminary step before you even get into final design or anything. He explained that it is the one-way, two-way grid system analysis and is in the conceptual plan stage.

Mr. Thompson stated that the letter was just to let people know that someone may need to access their property.

Mr. Rosenbarger stated that they are also going to establish the right-of-way line and frankly it is probably not necessary except that this is federal aid process so they want to tell people that there will be people out there probably measuring and walking that corridor.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mickey Thompson re: Dumpster request at 1944 Ekin Avenue

Mr. Thompson stated that Ms. Stafford called him back and there wasn't a way to put a dumpster on the back side of her property from the alley. He said that he told her that it could be there for 10 days and that she needed reflective tape or cones for safety reasons. He also told her that if she needed it for more than 10 days, she would have to come back before the board.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve, Mr. Nash second, motion carries.

2. Larry Summers re: Blackberry Ridge

Mr. Summers stated that the board requested that he speak with the legal department to determine whose responsibility it would be for making any changes at Blackberry Ridge. He said that he found out that generally it would be the developer's responsibility to make any changes to an entrance of a subdivision of that nature, however, the developer went belly up at some point. He said that it is the city's road so it would be up to the city to make any changes. He explained that when we look at projects, we have to prioritize them and that particular hill wasn't prioritized for a large expenditure. He also explained that we are looking at getting a project that would go the entire length of Grant Line Road that has not been modified to more than a two lane section to rectify some of the situations that are out there. He added that is something that we would like to get with federal funds.

Mr. Nash stated that the first developer went belly up but another developer stepped in and finished it. He asked if that developer could be held responsible.

Mr. Summers said that would be a question for legal.

Mr. Nash stated that is where he thought we were going with that. He said that there should be a bond someplace and asked if it had been released.

Mr. Summers stated that he believes the bond has expired at this point.

Mr. Thompson asked if there is still hope from the other development that is going on out there could possibly provide some relief for that situation.

Mr. Summers stated that there is a new apartment complex going in adjacent to this particular property and at the plan commission meeting, he made it a stipulation of that development to at least look at making changes on that corridor at Blackberry Ridge. He said that would be one mechanism that we could have in place to rectify the situation but we are still in negotiations on what is going to be done there.

Mr. Nash asked Mr. Summers to get back with Mr. Ziegler and let him know where we are on this.

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Courtney Lewis re: Event permit regulations

Ms. Lewis stated that she is in the process of streamlining our event permit and creating regulations for the public to follow if they want to use any of our spaces such as Bicentennial Park, City Square or the amphitheater which were specified on the permit. She explained that typically when someone wants to use one of these spaces they come before the board and this will give them more of a guideline so they know what they need ahead of time. She said that we can then schedule it and put it on the agenda for the board to either approve or deny and then if there are questions, we can bring them in rather than them coming in and not really knowing where to go. She then requested the board's approval on it and stated that she is going to make it submit able online and she will be the contact person if anyone has questions.

Mr. Nash stated that he would like to review the application and regulations and bring them back next week.

Mr. Thompson moved to take this request under advisement, Mr. Nash second, motion carries.

2. Vicki Glotzbach for Fran Fach re: Street closure and banner request for Art on the Parish Green

Mrs. Glotzbach explained that the art festival will be on Saturday, June 11th and Sunday, June 12th and they would like to put up a banner across Main Street for the last week of May and the first two weeks in June. She said that she would also like to request that E. 11th be closed to traffic from 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 10th through 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 12th and that Market Street between E. 10th and 11th Streets on the south side of the Military Memorial adjacent to the church be closed as well. She said that they also requested large and small barricades be delivered to the 11th Street location for use during the festival.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve, Mr. Nash second, motion carries.

3. John Rosenbarger re: Spring and Silver Street Intersection Improvement Project

Mr. Rosenbarger explained that the project centers around the Spring and Silver Street

intersection itself where the signal and lanes are outdated and in need of updating and modification improvement. He said it is currently a four lane section as you enter town and you can turn left out of the two center lanes. He also said that he doesn't know what the vintage is of the signal but it is outdated and needs replacement and the replacement of the signal is essential to get the proper lanes. He explained that this project is funded with Highway Safety Improvement Funds which is 90% federal and 10% local and the program is a competitive one that requires a road safety audit. He said the audit establishes a cost benefit ratio for the improvement costs versus property damages, injury and death and it needs to be justified in order to be eligible. He said that the cost benefit ratio has to be approved by the state in order to justify the funding and once that is justified, it is incumbent upon the city to make those improvements because it is a high accident location. He explained that there are two segments on Spring Street that are ranked high hazard locations and that is the segment from Beharrell to Silver which is ranked #2 most accident prone location in southern Indiana and the next section from Silver to Vincennes is ranked #17. He stated that both segments will be addressed with this project and should help rectify those situations. He also stated that we should be able to get into construction by late March or early April.

Mr. Christmas stated that Clark Dietz was contacted by the city back in 2010 to help prepare a safety audit and identify these high hazard locations. He explained that the results of that study caused them to hone in on Spring and Silver Street intersection and as they looked at some of the data of those results, they actually ended up expanding that to the corridor from Beharrell to Vincennes. He said they found that there are a significant number of rear end and side swipe type accidents and that was evident by the data they reviewed and further displayed in the recently released KIPDA study. He stated that the primary component to fix that and increase the safety of the intersection was to create exclusive left turn lanes in this corridor to remove the those vehicles that are slowing and stopping to make left hand turns from the travel lanes. He said that there are two sections in this project and he will start with the east end of the project coming into the city from Beharrell Avenue. He presented a figure board illustrating the first segment of the project and explained that they took one of the eastbound lanes and converted that into a two-way left turn lane from Woodrow Avenue to Silver Street which will remove those vehicles from the through lane. He showed that as you come into town, you are still going to have the two lanes westbound as you get to Silver Street and that's primarily due to Providence Way merging there and it allows that traffic to go ahead and merge onto Spring down to Silver where there will be a dedicated right turn lane, a dedicated through lane and a left turn lane in the center.

Mr. Nash asked if there is a considerable amount of traffic on Providence Way.

Mr. Christmas stated that they found there was a substantial amount of cars entering Spring Street through Providence Way so they elected to go ahead and maintain that as an entry point.

Mr. Summers stated that he initially looked at closing Providence Way but traffic counts were done and they eliminated that as a possibility so that is part of the reason why we have two lanes coming into town. He added that if you have Providence Way as a slip lane and only one lane of traffic coming in through the center then it would create a hazardous weaving pattern.

Mr. Christmas stated that they wanted to avoid a really short merge distance there if there was only the one lane so they ended up maintaining that second lane into town and carried it all the way to Silver Street which is also the location of a significant amount of turning movements. He also stated that they felt that fit with the local traffic patterns and will help some people adjust to this new section that is being presented and kind of converting from a highway section to an actual street section. He explained that there will be a whole new traffic signal at the Silver Street intersection to replace an antiquated and essentially nonfunctioning signal that exists now. He added that it will have all of the new pedestrian signals, new actuators and an array of sensors in the pavement that will be detecting the presence of vehicles and optimizing the signal and the traffic through the intersection.

Mr. Nash asked Mr. Christmas to explain the westbound left turning lane.

Mr. Christmas explained that the westbound left turn lane is set back and the reason for that is to go ahead and maintain and allow room for large vehicle movements coming off of Silver

Street heading eastbound and making that right turn. He then said that as you proceed west to Silver Street the section somewhat changes and we move away from what we call a modified three lane section into a two lane section with left turn lanes at key intersections. He said that in this section there is the addition of bike lanes and a three foot wide buffer between the bike lane and the travel lane and at the intersection you will still see the dedicated left turn lanes.

Mr. Nash asked what intersection that drawing is of.

Mr. Christmas stated that it is the intersection at Thomas Street and Spring Street. He said that the left turn lanes exist at the intersection and once you get beyond the queuing area for the left turn lane, the left turn lane goes away and we add parking lanes on each side of the roadway outside of the bike lanes. He stated that this goes to Vincennes Street and then we add turning lanes again there.

Mr. Nash asked about the costs.

Mr. Christmas stated that total construction estimate is \$662,000.00. He explained that this is HSIP money so it will be under \$100,000.00 of local participation for this improvement.

Mr. Thompson asked if there will be any speed limit changes.

Mr. Rosenbarger replied that there are no anticipated at this point.

Mr. Nash asked if this will all be within the existing right-of-way.

Mr. Christmas replied yes.

Mr. Thompson asked about the gas company's project.

Mr. Christmas stated that Mr. Ferree was at the last meeting talking about the gas line replacement work that they will be doing and we have coordinated with them on this project.

Assistant Police Chief Fudge stated that they are very excited about the project because that thoroughfare has been troublesome for the 18 years that he has been here. He added that we have the statistics on all of the accidents there but that doesn't consider all of the near misses. He also added that there have been several calls for service for law enforcement in that area and he thinks this project will help alleviate some of that and make it safer for the citizens of New Albany plus the commuters that drive through our town.

Mr. Summers stated that this is improving the safety for not only bikers and pedestrians but for drivers as well without compromising the ability for each of those modes to travel through the city safely.

4. Brandon Sailings re: Manhole repair on West Street in the right hand turning lane

Mr. Sailings explained that they will be doing a manhole repair on West Street in the right hand turning lane onto State Street and will need to shut down that lane to do the repair. He said that it will need to be closed from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for the next five or six days.

Mr. Nash asked when the other work was going to be on West Street.

Mr. Thompson stated that it is going to be on the 12th and shouldn't interfere with this if they are not finished.

Mr. Nash asked that the record show that a CWA Grievance Hearing has been set for Tuesday, February 9th immediately following the regular scheduled Board of Works meeting.

Mr. Robison requested that an Executive Session be set to discuss his findings on the hearing that was done last week.

Mr. Nash asked that the record show that an Executive Session has been set for 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 9th.

APPOINTMENTS:

BIDS:

CLAIMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for January 26, 2016, Mr. Nash second, motion carries.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes for January 26, 2016, Mr. Nash second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Warren Nash, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk