

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, FEBRUARY 14, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Assistant Fire Chief Gadd, Fire Marshal Koehler, Police Chief Bailey, Assistant Police Chief Fudge, Larry Summers, Chris Gardner, David Brewer, John Rosenbarger, Linda Moeller, Sidney Main, David Hall, Bryan Slade, Jessica Campbell, Mike Hall, Tonya Fischer, Alicia Meredith, 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. Adam Dupre re: Placing sign on building for Sweet Frog

Mr. Dupre stated that he is from Fast Signs and is representing the owners of Sweet Frog which is located at 302 Pearl Street. He said that they are wanting to place a hanging sign that will extend over the sidewalk and the distance from the sidewalk to the bottom of the sign is 8'. He added that the business next door has a similar sign and presented pictures of that sign and his proposed sign for Sweet Frog for the board to review.

Mr. Nash asked if he has a certificate of appropriateness from the historical society.

Mr. Dupre replied yes and stated that the owner of Sweet Frog told him that they did get that approval.

Mr. Nash asked Mr. Summers if he has any problems with it.

Mr. Summers replied no and stated that the 8' clearance is fine.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve subject to the historical society's certificate of appropriateness permit, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Mr. Kurt Peterson stated that he was present in September regarding the two-way street conversion and he saw a few weeks ago where the board approved the street grid. He said that he was told that the state of Indiana had to give final approval on the whole project which would be coming in March.

Mr. Nash stated that a contract has not been advertised or signed yet.

Mr. Peterson stated that all of the work that has been going on downtown on tearing out the bump-outs is to widen the streets.

Mr. Nash stated that work is for handicap accessible ramps and no streets are going to be widened.

Mr. Peterson asked how they are going to have two-way traffic down Market Street with all of the bump-outs.

Mr. Nash stated that it will be in the same right-of-way.

Mr. Peterson said that when he was here in September he spoke and provided a letter which was sent to the Indianapolis people. He has had tremendous feedback from hundreds of people and he understands now from talking with insurance agencies that all of us in southern Indiana will probably face rate increases on auto insurance. He explained that the roundabout in Jeffersonville has had over 150 pretty bad accidents and New Albany is anticipating a great number of accidents because of the two-way streets.

Police Chief Bailey asked what source he is getting that information from.

Mr. Peterson replied insurance agencies and stated that it is reviewed all of the time.

Police Chief Bailey stated that he would recommend getting new insurance because his information is probably not correct.

Mr. Peterson said that the history of the roundabout in Jeffersonville indicates a high number of accidents.

Police Chief Bailey stated that there are no roundabouts in this project.

Mr. Peterson agreed but said that the Speck Report says that there will be more accidents. He said that he has spoken with the crews working on the sidewalks right now that say there are going to be a lot more accidents.

Mr. Nash explained that the sidewalks are being worked on to provide accessibility to handicap people and has nothing to do with the streets.

Mr. Peterson said that these are street department workers who are going to be seen changing traffic. He also said that he lives on Market Street and sees the fire engine coming out into one lane and it is just going to be bad.

Mr. Nash stated that there are no roundabouts in this projects but it is clear that accidents in roundabouts are much less serious than without roundabouts.

Mr. Peterson stated that the number has been so large.

Mr. Nash stated that the number may be large but there are almost no fatalities ever because you are traveling at 15 miles per hour.

Mr. Peterson agreed but said that they are damaging cars and insurance companies have to pay for those damages so that is what they are evaluating.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if he spoke at any of the public hearings that were held on two-way streets.

Mr. Peterson replied yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mickey Thompson re: Curb cut at 2727 Wahoo Drive

Mr. Thompson explained that Mr. Brad Johnson came to the board to request the above curb cut and the board took it under advisement. He said that after looking at it he recommended approving the cut permit subject to Mr. Johnson's continual compliance with storm water and planning and zoning.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the curb cut subject to Mr. Johnson's continual compliance with the storm water board and the planning and zoning commission, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

2. Larry Summers re: Sidewalk ramp work in downtown area

Mr. Summers stated that the ramps are still moving forward and he had discussions with them about only working on two corners at a time because apparently there was some work that had been done where all four corners were done at one time.

Mr. Nash stated that apparently he needs to have that discussion again because he noticed at one intersection there were four corners being worked on.

Mr. Summers stated that he would definitely make contact with them.

Mr. Thompson stated that the problem is at Bank Street and Market Street and that they had to take the bricks out and put the concrete in for the ramps and then put the bricks back in which had to be altered to match the concrete they put in.

Mr. Summers stated that there were some problems with some undulation of the bricks so he had them go back and concrete and then border with the pavers so that it will be easier to maintain.

Mr. Nash asked if we are getting near completion.

Mr. Summers stated that he thinks it is about 75% done but would have to check on that.

Mr. Nash asked if he would let the board know next week.

Mr. Summers replied yes.

Mr. Nash asked him to also check to see how recent the ramps on Spring Street and in the downtown area were done because he is hearing a lot of comments that they were just done in the last two or three years.

Mr. Summers stated that there were three or four ramps that were done about three years ago but other than that most of the ramps in the downtown area were done in the 80s.

Mr. Nash asked if the regulations have changed that much since the 80s.

Mr. Summers replied substantially.

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Vicki Glotzbach for Larry Hess for banner request for St. Anthony's Picnic June 5th – 19th

Mrs. Glotzbach explained that the banner is going to go up on Main Street for the first week and up on Spring Street for the second week. She said that the picnic is scheduled for Saturday, June 17th.

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

2. John Rosenbarger re: LPA – Consulting Contract for State Street Signals Project

Mr. Rosenbarger stated that this is the standard construction inspection contract that is required for federal aid projects. He said that this project basically involves signals from Main Street to Daisy Lane. He also said that United Consulting submitted a contract which is consistent with INDOT requirements and we reviewed it and it is within the parameters. He said the contract is in the amount of \$152,900.00 and the project will start a month or so after the letting and will be completed in September or October. He then recommended approval of the contract.

Mr. Nash asked what they will do.

Mr. Rosenbarger replied that they will document the construction to make sure that it is done in

accordance with the specifications and will troubleshoot any issues found in the field and help us work those out.

Mr. Nash asked if we have done anything with United Consulting before.

Mr. Rosenbarger replied yes and stated that they were the consultant on the right-of-way phase and did an excellent job.

Mr. Summers stated that they have done good work for the sewer department as well.

Mr. Nash asked what will happen next if the board approves this.

Mr. Rosenbarger stated that we wait for the bid and the letting and INDOT takes control of the contract so we would authorize the inspection to begin.

Mr. Nash asked what the bids would specifically be for.

Mr. Summers stated that we will be modernizing the State Street signal corridor except for the ones that are state owned so we will be putting in new signal heads, replacing any ramps that need to be replaced and putting in accessible pedestrian signals that will be talking so that a blind person will be able to find the button to cross State Street.

Mr. Rosenbarger stated that they will be interconnected for the first time.

Mr. Nash asked if this will also deal with the numerous lane changes down State Street.

Mr. Rosenbarger stated that it won't alter those but it will make passage down that corridor much easier because you won't get caught by every signal.

Mr. Summers stated that there will be a March letting for a project that deals with those lane changes.

Mr. Rosenbarger stated that the one-way to two-way conversion will alter it, especially the left turn situation in the downtown portion. He explained that is coordinated with this project as well so downtown you won't have that quick left and it will be more or less a shared left.

Mr. Nash asked if that will affect Oak Street and Elm Street.

Mr. Summers said that it will affect Elm Street but will not affect Oak Street.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the LPA Contract with United Consulting in the amount of \$152,900.00, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

3. Chris Gardner re: Resolution to Transfer Truck

Mr. Gardner stated that this morning the flood control board of commissioners approved a resolution to transfer a truck to the New Albany Street Department and the board of works oversees assets for the street department. He presented a resolution for the board to approve accepting the vehicle.

Mrs. Moeller requested that an asset form be completed so that she can transfer that to their assets.

Mr. Gardner stated that he would get all of that information to her.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the acceptance of the resolution and the transfer of the truck, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

4. Warren Nash re: Signs in rights-of-way

Mr. Nash stated that signs in the rights-of-way seem to be getting worse than better.

Mr. Main stated that they have done two sign sweeps in the last week and will do another one on Friday.

Mr. Nash stated that at Silver Street and Spring Street there are several signs on telephone poles and most all of the interchanges at the interstates have numerous signs on them.

Mr. Main stated that they are aware and have picked up over 75 signs but will take care of those areas as well.

5. Mickey Thompson re: New Albany Criterium Bike Run on April 2, 2017

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked Mr. Thompson if he spoke with anyone about the bike run.

Mr. Thompson stated that he has not contacted Mr. Ray Smith yet but he will talk to him to let him know that there may be an issue with the roads that he wants to use.

6. Warren Nash re: Providence Way

Mr. Nash asked about Providence Way and if it was finished.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey stated that project goes through the end of the month.

Mr. Summers stated that he hasn't seen much going on there this week so he was going to contact Mr. Derek Misch to find out what is going on with it.

APPOINTMENTS:

BIDS:

CLAIMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2017, **Mr. Thompson** second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Warren V. Nash, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk