

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WAS HELD VIA ZOOM.COM ON TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Police Chief Bailey, Fire Chief Juliot, Fire Marshal Koehler, Linda Moeller, Bryan Slade, Jessica Campbell, Krystina Jarboe, Larry Summers, Chris Gardner 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. Sara Galvin, Outfront Media re: Bus shelter pad at 2313 Grant Line Road

Ms. Thompson stated that the board already approved this and he assumes weather held up the work. He explained that the information in the packet shows that it was supposed to have been done between 12/9-12/31 and this is likely to inform the board of a new date. He added that Mr. Summers had requested that they install a lighted shelter and from the emails he has seen she is working on that.

Mr. Nash asked if this would require any work in the road.

Mr. Thompson replied no.

2. Kelly Royal re: Alley closure in back of 1000 E. Spring Street

Ms. Royal stated that she works at facilities for the Family Health Center of Southern Indiana and they plan to have new asphalt put down in the parking lot at the back of their facility at 1000 E. Spring Street. She explained that the alley runs between the two sides of their parking lot and would like permission to temporarily close the alley while they do the work on March 12.

Mr. Nash asked if she knows if trash runs that day.

Ms. Royal stated that she isn't sure but if it is they will reschedule.

Mr. Slade stated that it isn't a trash pick-up day.

Mr. Thompson asked if she needs both alley's closed.

Ms. Royal replied no.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked what time they would be doing the work

Mrs. Royal stated that they would start in the morning between 9:00-10:00 a.m. but she isn't sure how long the work will take. She added that they have said they don't expect it to take all day.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve with the stipulation that he confirms any residents that need to be notified, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries

3. Tom Schadt re: Closure of Hauss Square on Saturday, March 6th

Mr. Thompson explained that they want to close the street between Market and Spring this Saturday (rain date March 13) from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in order to remove and set a unit on the federal building. He added that the block would also have to be marked as no parking because the crane will be in the street.

Mr. Schadt, Walker Mechanical, entered the meeting at 10:12 a.m. and stated that he is available to answer any questions.

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

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Larry McIntire, Beam, Longest & Neff, sent the following update on Slate Run Road via email and Mr. Summers reported on it:

Notice to Proceed Date: Commence on or before 4/15/2019

Final Completion Date: TBD (Remaining utilities to move off pole at curb island)

Approximate % Complete: 98% (Revised due to anticipated additional work)

Progress for the Week:

- Work is pending AT&T and Spectrum schedule for moving lines.
- JTL Engineering is in contact with utilities concerning work schedules.

Upcoming Activities:

- RPR will continue working on final punch list items.
- Prime contractor will continue working on some early punch list items.
- AT&T and Spectrum will be moving their lines off poles to be removed.

Construction / Safety / Utility Issues:

- Contractor will work on curb island and sidewalk in commercial area once all utilities are relocated.
- Contractor will be extending sidewalk on west side to south Lochwood entrance.

Mr. Summers added that they are still waiting on the redesign from AT&T before they can relocate and as soon as that happens he will bring it to the board to move forward.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Handicap parking request for Olivia Thomas at 1723 Culbertson and Darlene Wills at 223 Green Street.

Mr. Thompson stated that he spoke with both residents and they both had an issue using the off-street parking due to their disabilities.

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

2. John Vallandingham re: Turn around drive at 3837 Rainbow Drive

Mr. Thompson stated that he met with Mr. Vallandingham and provided him with the permit/info and he is still interested in applying for this. He explained that he did take measurements and they all meet City requirements.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve subject to completion of the fees and documentation, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

3. City Speed Limits

Mr. Summers stated that he continues to look at City speed limits, particularly on the arterials. He explained that he has also started looking into City ordinances as well to do a more comprehensive analysis of the speed limits throughout the City. He requested that the board hold off on taking any actions for about a month so that he can gather all the information to present to the board.

Mr. Nash stated that from what they have discussed they seem to be in agreement that they shouldn't have anything more than 40mph and asked Mr. Summers if that is his recollection as well.

Mr. Summers stated that there are a couple of spots that he has gone back and forth about but as he does more research he will be able to make a more informed decision.

Mr. Nash asked if they could go ahead and get the 40mph signs down.

Mr. Summers stated that he would prefer to hold off on any action until he completes his research. He added that this will also give the street department time to order the necessary signs.

4. Dumpster at 517 East Market

Mr. Thompson stated that they approved the dumpster permit for 517 East Market subject to his review and explained that it was already in place by the time he got out there. He added that it possibly could have gone in a driveway behind the property but likely would have created more issues. He stated that they did have cones around it after it was placed.

Mr. Nash stated that there has been a dumpster at the 2000 block of Ekin Ave and asked if he has any update.

Mr. Thompson stated that he did make contact with the property manager and he did let her know that the dumpster was there in violation of our ordinance. He added that he will follow up once he hears back from the Building Commissioner regarding some other issues with this property.

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Krystina Jarboe re: Special Event Permit

Friday, May 28th – Adam Thomas, “Names and Faces on the Wall” Concert

- Request to use the amphitheater (7:00pm to midnight)
- Request to use the amphitheater restrooms (noon to midnight)
- Rock music to be played 7:00pm to 10:00pm
- Requested rain date: Friday, June 4th

Mr. Nash stated that he isn't really comfortable approving a concert with the pandemic still causing concern. He added that there didn't seem to be much of a safety plan included with this that addressed COVID concerns.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey agreed with Mr. Nash and stated that she is also concerned about the lack of security and the lack of a trash plan.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to deny the request, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

Saturday, April 3rd – NA Parks: Hidden Hare with Develop New Albany

- Request to use Bicentennial Park from 10:00am to 3:30pm
- Request to use a tent if raining (weighted down with sand bags)

Ms. Jarboe explained that they will be hiding stuffed bunnies in businesses for people to find and take photos with and the park will be their base with opportunity to take photos with a live Easter Bunny.

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

2. Vicki Glotzbach re: Banner request at Amphitheater Pedway

Mrs. Glotzbach stated that she received a request from Trina at Purdue on Charlestown Road regarding an event at the amphitheater. She explained that they requested permission to hand a banner across the pedway and she didn't know if that was something the board would entertain and wanted to get their input before she officially brought it to them.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey recommended that they wait to receive the completed special event permit to see if that is going to be approved before they would consider a banner request.

Mrs. Glotzbach stated that she has never received a request to hang a banner for the pedway and didn't know if the board would even entertain such a request.

3. Linda Moeller re: Bank Reconciliations for December 2020

Mr. Nash asked that the record reflect that the board received the bank reconciliations electronically and asked for a motion to enter them into the minutes.

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

4. Chris Gardner re: Weekend rain event

Mr. Gardner reported that they received ~3 inches of rain throughout the City and reported no major issues as a result of this rain event. He stated that no major roadways were closed and a lot of that is due in part to improvements made by the City of the last decade. He reported that the Ohio River is rising and is expected to crest at 60.3 feet on Saturday afternoon which will cause them to put the levee system into operation. He stated that Water Street is closed and they anticipate closing more roads this afternoon. He noted that they did get a large quantity of rain in a short amount of time but the ground normally absorbs some of that water so it isn't conveyed straight to streams, creeks and rivers. He stated that with the snow melt taking place at the same time the grounds were already saturated so they will see more ponding than normal in certain areas until the land is able to handle extra water. He added that at some point there is only so much planning that you can do when dealing with the weather.

Mr. Thompson thanked Mr. Gardner and his crews and stated that he saw guys out cleaning catch basins during the event.

5. Mickey Thompson re: 50 foot lane Closure for work at State Street and Daisy Lane.

Mr. Thompson explained that Pike (subcontractor for Duke) is requested permission to put a truck in the northbound lane that leads to the on-ramp of 265 to replace a pole at State and Daisy. He stated that they anticipate two days of work to set the pole and move the lines and are requesting tomorrow and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. He added that they have done as much work as they can from the parking area but to actually set the pole and moved the lines they have to be in the lane.

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

Mr. Nash reminded everyone to continue wearing their masks and to practice social distancing. He stated that we are doing so much better with the numbers and vaccine rollout is going really well.

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for February 23, 2021 as corrected, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Warren V. Nash, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk