

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, HELD A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Council Members Mr. Caesar, Mr. Phipps, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Nash, Mr. Aebersold, Mr. Barksdale and President Blair. Mr. Coffey and Dr. Knable were not present.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ms. Stein, Police Officer Watson, Mr. Hall, Ms. Moeller and Mrs. Glotzbach

**President Blair** 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 May 6, 2019, Mr. Barksdale second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Nash who abstained.**

**COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:**

**Mr. Phipps** stated that he wanted to let everyone know that a charging station has been added to the Farmer’s Market for hybrid cars on the southeast corner.

**Mr. Barksdale** thanked Mr. Phipps for attending the preservation awards last night and for helping him pass out the awards. He said that it was a nice turn out with about 35-40 people in attendance and the mayor was there and spoke so it was a really nice evening.

**Mr. Aebersold** stated that he had some information to report on the dog issue on Myrtle Avenue. He explained that on Monday at 10:30 or so they had the animal shelter, code enforcement, the health department and a police officer to see what was going on. He said that everything they are doing is according to law so they can’t do a whole lot about it but they asked them to try keep the dogs quiet because that was the main complaint. He added that he just wanted the council to know that all departments are aware and working on it.

**Mr. McLaughlin** stated that if all the Ts are crossed and Is are dotted, our hands are tied.

**Mr. Caesar** asked if they were all licensed.

**Mr. McLaughlin** replied yes.

**Mr. Aebersold** then stated that the wrecker outfit that was down on State Street is now located at Vincennes Street and Culbertson Avenue.

**Mr. Nash** stated that from what he understands the father retired and the son moved the business.

**Mr. Aebersold** explained that it is okay for guys to be in business and working on their trucks and such but all of a sudden there are now 10-12 vehicles parked there at almost all times. He stated that he has seen them numerous times in the last month or less working on them at 6, 7 or 8 o'clock at night and the worst thing he sees about it is that there are always a couple of kids out on the sidewalk playing. He asked if they can operate at any hour like that and to have kids around that area just doesn't seem good.

**Mr. Barksdale** stated that they are parking too many vehicles in that area as well.

**Mr. Caesar** suggested that he bring it to the attention of code enforcement.

**Mr. McLaughlin** stated that he thinks that most hours of operation for commercial are just set hours.

**Mr. Blair** stated that he knows they can be cited for parking on the sidewalk so he would contact Mr. Russ Seagraves.

**Mr. Aebersold** stated that he would do that.

**Mr. Barksdale** pointed out that the area on eastside of that is mostly residential.

**Mr. Aebersold** stated that it is residential almost all the way around it.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:**

**Mr. Hall** stated that Mayor Gahan was very happy to be able to provide the service of the electric car charger at the Farmer's Market. He also stated that the Bicentennial Park Concert Series will start up again on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> and there will be eight or nine shows this year. He then said that there is light at the end of the tunnel on some of the infrastructure projects going on and that Mt. Tabor Road should be open to traffic around mid-July. He said that Grant Line Road will be open in early fall and the Market Street Streetscape project is actually ahead of schedule and will be completed before Harvest Homecoming.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:**

**Mrs. Moeller** presented the financials for March 2019 to the council and said she would provide April 2019 at the next meeting and then they will be caught up.

**Mr. Blair** stated that he had previously asked for the list of codes on bank accounts 1-9 but they never received them so he asked if she could provide that list to the council preferably through email.

**Mrs. Moeller** stated that she would.

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

##### **PLAN COMMISSION – Mr. Phipps**

**Mr. Phipps** stated that they haven't met since the last meeting so he has nothing to report.

##### **CAESARS BOARD – Mr. Caesar**

**Mr. Caesar** stated that the Horseshoe Casino is now known as Caesars again after 10 years. He said that it is on schedule for all renovations to be completed by December and it is 100,000 sq. ft. on one level and everything will be on that level. He said that the event center is being renovated as well so it is a very exciting time at the casino. He said that they have had discussions of possibly doing something with Highway 111 and that the state has a contract to redo the last mile between the casino and New Albany so he assumes they will try to raise that a little bit. He stated that they are looking into possibly raising the road in several other areas to help with flooding but they don't know the costs yet so it is just being discussed right now. He pointed out that when the casino closes for just a couple of days, it costs everyone a lot of money so they really want to alleviate the flooding problems. He then stated that Mr. Phil Hendershot from the Ohio River Greenway Commission came and gave the board a very nice presentation. He went over notes from the presentation and said that it began in 1990 and became Indiana's 20<sup>th</sup> State Park. He explained that the first segment was built in 2000 which was the Terrace Lawn in Jeffersonville and in 2003, there were ten segments that were put together and 90% of those segments have been completed. He said that the only segment that has not been completed is the portion here in New Albany between the boat ramp and W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street. He stated that there is another short segment in Jeffersonville that is not completed yet because of some small issues. He said that the commission has done a great job in moving this project forward and there will be more exciting news to hear a little later on.

**Mr. Blair** asked if there were any discussions regarding separating the lanes with a median or divider on Highway 111.

**Mr. Caesar** stated that they haven't talked about it but that is something that he has wanted ever since Mr. Kevin Hammersmith was killed on that road.

**Mr. Blair** stated that there have been other head-on crashes there as well so it just seems that for safety measures, they would want to separate those lanes.

**Mr. Caesar** said that if they don't do anything else, he would like to see a double yellow line all the way from New Albany to the casino.

**Mr. McLaughlin** stated that it is great to hear that the casino is doing well and have gone back to the original owners and asked if there has been any discussion on renegotiating the fire contract with us since we provide their fire service and they are increasing in size.

**Mr. Caesar** stated that they have had no conversations regarding that at this point but he feels that is something that should be discussed because the fire service will change.

**Mr. Blair** asked Mr. McLaughlin asked if we provide any other safety services out there such as ambulance.

**Mr. McLaughlin** replied that we only provide the fire service and he knows that through the years that has declined in in terms of the amount of revenue we get for supplying that the service. He added that since they are increasing in size, he hopes that it can be renegotiated in the future.

**Mr. Aebersold** stated that would be a good reason to help with the highway because seconds count when you are responding to an emergency.

**Mr. Blair** stated that he personally feels that those on the foundation board should look into the foundation contributing to the roadway.

**APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**READING**

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:**

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):**

**Mrs. Glotzbach** asked Mr. Hall if had heard back from Mr. Walker regarding the cable that is needed so that Mr. Martin can use the projector for his presentation.

**Mr. Hall** said that he had spoken with Mr. Walker and he told him that he doesn't have the type of cable that the projector requires because it is an uncommon cable.

**Mr. Blair** asked Mr. Martin with River Heritage Commission if he wanted to go ahead with the presentation tonight without the projector or postpone it until the next meeting.

**Mr. Martin** stated that he thinks it would be wise to postpone it until the next meeting because it is hard to talk about geography and land without pictures.

**Mr. McLaughlin** stated that he would suggest putting it on the agenda next time so that the public is aware.

**Mr. Blair** stated that they will be put on the agenda next time and explained that this agenda was light so that's why he went ahead and invited Mr. Martin to speak. He then asked Mrs. Glotzbach to add Mr. Martin to the next agenda.

**Mrs. Glotzbach** said she would.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Scott Blair, President

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Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk