

**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 MONDAY, JUNE 4, 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, Police Officer Davis, Mr. Hall, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Staten, Mr. Thompson 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. McLaughlin moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for May 17, 2018, **Mr. Phipps** second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS):

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

Mr. McLaughlin stated that with tabling of the Reisz Building Ordinance, he didn't know if the "tabled ordinances" item on the agenda was deliberately taken out or if it was an oversight. He said that if the committee so chooses, they may want to look at putting that item back on the agenda.

Dr. Knable asked if something was tabled then it appeared on the agenda as such.

Mr. McLaughlin replied yes.

Dr. Knable stated that he was told that practice was discontinued before his arrival.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that is correct.

Dr. Knable stated that he is fine with talking to the rules committee about that.

Mrs. Glotzbach stated that in 2015, the ordinance setting out the new agenda format was done. She said that there was also an "in committee" item that was left off.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that is something that they may want to entertain because he doesn't remember specifically why they would've been removed.

Dr. Knable stated that he doesn't think those items were on the preexisting ordinance format.

Mr. Caesar stated the items were not left because they were not in the original format but they did appear on the agenda at times.

Mr. Phipps asked if the rules state that if something is tabled then it is tabled indefinitely or is it brought back up automatically at the next meeting. He said that needs to be clarified in the rules.

Mrs. Glotzbach stated that she mistakenly put the city hall ordinance back on the agenda because she thought it was supposed to since the committee had their public meeting. She also stated that from here on out, she will not put a “tabled” item back on the agenda until she is contacted by the sponsor to do so.

Dr. Knable stated that he understands that if it is not specifically stated, it falls back to Robert’s Rules of Order.

Ms. Stein stated that she feels it is not clear.

Mr. Phipps agreed and said that it probably needs to be clarified.

Mr. Coffey stated that in the past, “tabled” items and “in committee” items were on the agenda but it was sometimes confusing to the public. He then stated that out of the blue, some people used to yank an item out of committee or tabled items and have them on the agenda for a vote. He added that had been tried on a couple of different occasions. He also stated that when he saw the agenda and that city hall ordinance was on it, he was upset.

Mrs. Glotzbach stated that was her fault because she wasn’t in the committee meeting and didn’t realize that it wasn’t supposed to go back on.

Dr. Knable stated that to Mrs. Glotzbach’s credit, as soon as she realized that it wasn’t supposed to be on the agenda she called him and sent out an amended agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

Mr. Hall read the following statement into the minutes from Mayor Gahan regarding Sazerac: When General Mills announced it would close its doors a couple years ago, we worked hard to help the employees most affected by the news. With Sazerac on the verge of coming to New Albany, I can’t help but marvel at how far we’ve come as a community. I would like to welcome the Sazerac team to New Albany with a pledge to support their efforts to put down roots here and prosper along with us. Sazerac has a rich and storied past, and I am certain this quality company will be embraced by our community. We are excited, and we expect that this will be the beginning of a long and prosperous friendship between Sazerac and the City of New Albany. Sazerac has plans to create up to 110 new manufacturing jobs, including 50 new employees by the end of this year, with average salaries above the state and county average wage. He thanked the council for their support on this project.

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:

Mrs. Moeller presented the April 2018 financials to the council and asked that they be entered into the minutes.

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

HORSESHOE BOARD –Mr. Aebersold and Mr. Caesar

Dr. Knable stated that Mr. Nash stepped down from the Horseshoe Board for personal reasons and Mr. Caesar has graciously taken his place on the board with Mr. Aebersold.

Mr. Caesar stated that on Wednesday, June 13th at 10:00 a.m. there will be an announcement that Horseshoe of Southern Indiana is moving their gaming on land.

PLAN COMMISSION –Mr. Phipps

Mr. Phipps stated that at the May meeting they approved a minor addition to the warehouse for River City Workwear in industrial park.

Mr. Coffey asked about the PUDD to put apartments out on Valley View.

Mr. Phipps stated that he doesn't think they have heard that yet.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – Mr. Barksdale

Mr. Barksdale stated that they approved the adoption of the one-year CDBG action plan. He also stated that the Bicknell Park restroom renovations are now completed which is a nice addition to that park. He said they approved the Market Street Streetscape bid that encompasses Market Street from W. 1st Street to Pearl Street and is a part of the \$5M of Horseshoe money for downtown improvements. He also said that they are continuing the purchase of parcels for the Slate Run Road Project, Phase 1. He added that Phase 1 will run from Charlestown Road to just beyond Slate Run School.

Mr. Blair stated there is a pie shaped lot on Slate Run Road where Zesto's used to be and asked if the city has acquired that and if there are any plans for it.

Mr. Barksdale stated that he really doesn't know but could check with Mr. Staten after the meeting.

Mr. Blair stated that it is sort of a blighted lot and it would be nice to improve that corner.

Mr. Phipps asked when construction is going to start on the Market Street project and if they are still planning to have most of it done by Harvest Homecoming.

Mr. Barksdale replied that he believes that is what the plan is so he would say they will be starting fairly soon if they are going to meet that.

Mr. Phipps asked if there is some way to view renderings of that project.

Mr. Staten stated that they can make those available.

Mr. Coffey asked if they are going to do sidewalks on both sides of Slate Run Road.

Mr. Barksdale replied yes.

ZONING ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – Dr. Knable, Mr. Blair and Mr. Phipps

Dr. Knable stated that they had a meeting on the ordinance which is extensive. He said that they are to have another meeting tomorrow to make suggestions, but overall, the document is pretty impressive.

CITY HALL COMMITTEE – Mr. Barksdale, Mr. Caesar and Dr. Knable

Dr. Knable stated that they had a public meeting for input and there were about 24 people present and about 9 people spoke. He said that they compiled a list of roughly 35 questions that were submitted to the administration and he is giving them ample time to give thoughtful responses and is hoping that responses will be received no later than the second meeting in June. He said that his plan at this point is to have a committee meeting as a whole and have them report back at that meeting. He also said that he is very pleased with the input they have received from the public at that meeting as well as in an ongoing fashion.

ONE SOUTHERN INDIANA - Presentation by Mr. Matt Hall and Mr. Paul Holba

Mr. Paul Holba stated that Mr. Matt Hall is on vacation. He thanked the council for allowing him to be on the agenda and then passed out information and reviewed it with the council. He stated that it was one year ago that he and Mrs. Dant-Chesser came before the council to request financial support for their workforce initiative. He explained that they had the first Industrial Maintenance Technician (IMT) graduates in the State of Indiana out of Ivy Tech and they were two employees out of Amatrol. He stated that they have eight companies in the area that have approved their apprenticeship program and that this training for the employees saved just under \$100,000.00 for those companies that participated. He then showed a breakdown of where the schools fell as far as students enrolled in advanced manufacturing. He stated that in the last six weeks they have put together a supervisor training program for those folks that are particularly high performers on the floor of their facility and are looking to be the new supervisors or managers. He then explained the Construction Skilled Trades Training Program and said they are planning to launch the training facility using the program that was developed in Georgia through the Construction Education Foundation of Georgia. He went over some of the highlights of the program and said that one of the most important ones is the statistics. He said there is a 100% graduation rate with 90% of those graduates being retained after 90 days and after 1 year, the retention rate is 75%. He added that the average starting wage in Georgia is \$20.16 and feels that we could get a little more here. He said that students or anyone off the street do not pay anything for the program. He explained that it is to be funded through next level jobs grants, the GI Bill for Veterans and through the “Pay It Forward Programs” with the companies.

Mr. Coffey asked Mr. Holba how much money he is looking for from the council.

Mr. Holba replied \$30,000.00 was given last year and that would be a great start.

Mr. Coffey stated that this is a successful program that is actually getting done what we hoped to get done.

Dr. Knable asked if any of the 8 companies with apprenticeships are local.

Mr. Holba replied yes and stated ERL, TG Missouri, Tenneco, Amatrol, Owings Patterns and Hitachi Cable are some that are participating. He said that there a couple of others that he is looking into.

Mr. Blair asked who staffs the skilled training center.

Mr. Holba replied that the instructors will be expected to come from the businesses.

Mr. Blair asked if they have come up with a training site location yet.

Mr. Holba replied no.

Mr. Barksdale stated that he is very happy to hear that Prosser is involved.

Mr. Holba stated that they are also looking at partnering with Purdue or other universities that have construction management degrees.

Dr. Knable stated that he cosponsored the appropriation last year but can't this year since he is president.

Mr. Coffey stated that he would be happy to do it. He then asked Mr. Holba if they have looked into Colonial Manor on Charlestown Road and if that area would be suitable for a training site.

Mr. Holba stated that he thinks it would be but they would have to look inside the building to see what the electrical load is and other things. He added that they are just in the beginning stages.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if he is working with Ivy Tech.

Mr. Holba replied yes and stated that they are a little more on a degree level and we are more on a certification level.

Dr. Knable thanked Mr. Holba for coming in to give the council an update.

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

READING

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

R-18-04	Resolution Concerning Statement of Benefits for Real Property and Personal Property for Sazerac of Indiana, LLC by the Common Council of the City of New Albany	Caesar
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Mr. Caesar introduced R-18-04 and moved to approve, **Mr. Coffey** second, all voted in favor.

Mrs. Glotzbach read the resolution in its entirety.

Mr. Staten introduced Mr. Jeff Conder, Vice President of Manufacturing and Mr. Chad Soeder, Plant Manager of the New Albany Facility. He stated that Sazerac is one of America's oldest family-owned, privately held distillers with operations across the United States and around the world. He said that the total investment that they plan here in New Albany is \$66M and the facility will breathe new life into that area of town. He also said that they will have 110 jobs with an average salary of \$24.00 per hour which equates to nearly \$50,000.00 per year. He explained that the projected revenue impact to the community over a period of five years is \$1.6M and over 20 years is over \$13.8M. He stated that this is a big moment for the city.

Mr. Phipps stated that in his seven years on the council, this is one of the biggest things to happen in New Albany in terms of bringing jobs. He then suggested that Pillsbury Lane be renamed Bourbon Lane or Bourbon Road which could be requested through the board of works.

Mr. Caesar thanked the State of Indiana, Mr. Matt Hall and Mayor Gahan as well as his staff for putting a tremendous amount of time into this to make it a reality for New Albany. He stated that business retention and job retention are major keys to a city's success and this is an A+ for the city and all that have been involved with it. He then reviewed Exhibits A and B with the council.

Mr. Barksdale stated that he is very impressed with the way One Southern Indiana and the city came together on this which required a tremendous amount of work to get the project going. He said he really didn't think that he would see another industry go back in that property and certainly had no idea that a company of this quality would move in there so "hats off" to the people that made this happen.

Mr. Caesar stated that this is a major, major win because when a quality company like Pillsbury goes out of business, it is very difficult and a lot of times impossible to fill those shoes. He thinks that those shoes are being filled extremely well and he is so grateful.

Mr. Coffey thanked Mr. Conder and Mr. Soeder for looking at New Albany and having enough faith to locate here. He said that he appreciates them making this happen and can't thank them enough. He also said that he appreciates them meeting with him before the meeting regarding some questions that he had.

Dr. Knable stated that he had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Conder who has some southern Indiana roots and he is very grateful that he remembered those roots with this decision. He then said that he has no right to ask this of him, but said he was going to ask on behalf of many of constituents anyway. He asked that if he sees in employment applications that someone used to work for Pillsbury to take that as a sign that they would be a very good employee.

Mr. Caesar stated that many of family's major breadwinner's were employed by Pillsbury and that is why it is such a big deal to have good paying jobs going back into the facility.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

Mr. Roger Baylor thanked Mr. Phipps for bringing up the plans on the Market Street project. He said he would like to view what the proposed changes are going to be there and thinks the business owners and residents in the that area are entitled to see those as well.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Al Knable, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk