

**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 5, 2017 AT 7:00
P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Mr. Coffey, Mr. Caesar, Mr. Phipps, Mr. Nash, Mr. Blair, Mr. Aebersold, Mr. Barksdale, Dr. Knable and President McLaughlin.

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Stein, Mrs. Moeller, Police Chief Bailey, Police Officer Applegate, Fire Chief Juliot, Mrs. Moeller, Mr. Hall, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Duggins and Mrs. Glotzbach

President McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mr. Caesar moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for May 18, 2017 as corrected, Mr. Barksdale second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Coffey and President McLaughlin who abstained.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS):

Roger Baylor stated that Wendy Dant Chesser from One Southern Indiana spoke at a class he attended during community leadership day and while the first half of the speech outlined steps for effectively leading a non-profit organization, the second half digressed into the customary advertisement for their organization. He explained that Dant Chesser made no effort to conceal her disdain for people who might view education as something other than vocational training or something that differs from what employers want. He added that seemingly nowhere in Dant Chesser's narrowly defined world exists a type of broad individually tailored choices of human aspiration choices that depart from economic development of the "we've always done it this way" variety. He stated that before the council appropriates this money they need to ask if this vocational training is available to everyone and do they have to denounce the pursuit of non-vocation education before dispersing the dollars to applications. He urged them to think about what Once Southern Indiana is and what it does because not all of their constituent view it the same way.

Mark Cassidy stated that he worked for a company that has been in business for 37 years with sales of \$30+M and 30+ employees, and as the VP of that company he knows a little about business. He explained that he has had previous problems with One Southern Indiana under former leadership but it is still the same organization. He added that not too long ago the organization was endorsing political candidates and remembers someone from their organization calling anyone speaking out against tolls on the bridges delusional. He stated that this is a real problem because they are essentially a lobbying group and he doesn't like what they are lobbying for. He explained that he doesn't have a problem with the \$30,000.00 for vocational training but he is very concerned if it will be spent for that reason based on their history. He stated beyond his issues with the organization he thinks that the money should be coming from the county because the county residents will be benefiting from this item, and while he knows organizations were hesitant to go to the county in the past because they didn't have any money, that isn't an issue any longer.

Wendy Chesser, One Southern Indiana, stated that they have spoken with the council before about some of the challenges facing employers today. She explained that the unadjusted unemployment rate for New Albany matches that of the state of Indiana at 2.7%. She stated that this tells us that folks looking for jobs, and through WorkHub they are trying to get individuals who are not engaged in the workforce to get engaged. She explained that their focus has several components which has been discussed in the past with the request to get the NAFC school corporation on board. She stated that she spoke with Becky Gardenour today and they are going to find a time to meet to make sure she is brought into the conversation. She added that if the city were to make an investment into this program they will provide quarterly reports at council meetings.

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

Mr. Hall stated that this past weekend they had a car show downtown which was a successful event. He added that Art on the Parish Green is this weekend as well as the first ever Drone Cup.

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:

Fire Chief Juliot explained that the crusade efforts this year were very successful with collections just over \$35,000.00. He stated that \$16,000.00 of that came from the Fest of Ales on the riverfront which was a great weekend event.

Mr. Blair stated that his crews did a great job coming through the neighborhoods and asked if he thought they lost a lot of the collection money because of the lack of roadblocks.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that they typically collected about \$40,000.00 at roadblocks in past years so it has affected their totals. He added that they have tried to come up with different ways to make up for the lack of money collected at the roadblocks and the addition of Fest of Ales really helped.

Mr. Blair stated that maybe they are being too restrictive and should allow them under certain restrictions and safety plans. He added that if any department in the city could effectively and safely run a roadblock it would be the fire department.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that their department would appreciate that.

Dr. Knable stated that someone contacted him about a fire hydrant that is surrounded by grass and asked Chief Juliot who he should call about that.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that they could take care of it if he would pass the address along. He explained that they changed over to a new ambulance provider and stated that it is going well.

Mr. Barksdale asked where the ambulances are located.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that there is one in the State Street area and one off of Charlestown Road.

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

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

READING

A-17-02 Ordinance for the Appropriation of Riverboat funds for One Southern Indiana

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Dr. Knable introduced A-17-02 and moved to approve the third reading, Mr. Caesar second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Phipps and President McLaughlin who voted no. Bill A-17-02 becomes Ordinance A-17-08.

Dr. Knable explained that they had a lengthy discussion about this at the last meeting and asked if anyone had any further points to discuss.

Mr. Caesar pointed out that this money can only go to the WorkHub program and cannot be spent on anything else. He stated that he thinks this is an opportunity to realize that they don't have to have a minimal paying/poor hour job when they come out of high school.

Mr. Phipps asked if the school board has had an official vote on whether they are going to support this or not.

Ms. Chesser stated that they have not asked for any dollars from the school corporation at this time. She explained that the concerned expressed at a previous meeting was making sure

that the NAFC school corporation was involved in the program. She stated that they have had conversations with Dr. Jenson about putting equipment in New Albany and Floyd County high schools but most of their attention was directed at Prosser.

Mr. Phipps asked if it is a done deal or still in discussions.

Ms. Chesser stated that it is a done deal with Prosser but she doesn't know specifically what transpired with NAFC schools.

Mr. Phipps said that it was alleged earlier that she disparaged humanity majors and asked there was any truth in that allegation and if she sees a need for liberal arts education which teaches students to think critically.

Ms. Chesser stated that she isn't sure how she showed disdain but what she was referring to was not a conversation that she had, but an interview with an art history major blaming corporate America because he couldn't get a job in corporate America. She explained that her question to him was what type of job in corporate America he was looking for. She stated that there was no disdain for that whatsoever but there was a conversation about what it was that he wanted to do and how it would have been received by a potential employer if they were not hiring art history majors.

Mr. Phipps stated that as someone who has spent his life in higher education what he is hearing is employers are seeking liberal arts education because students learn how to communicate, think critically and work in groups. He added that if you train someone too specifically in one field and technology eliminates that field, where will they be left. He stated that he believes that a liberal arts education is the foundation of many of the better paying jobs in society and they need to work hand-in-hand, not against one another.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if Ivy Tech is on board with this.

Ms. Chesser stated that they have been working closely with Ivy Tech but they have a new chancellor and they haven't had a chance to meet with him yet.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that he spoke with him a few weeks ago and he wasn't aware of this program so they should be careful with who they use for endorsements.

Ms. Chesser stated that she has had several meetings with Matthew Culp and the former chancellor.

Mr. Coffey stated that he was really pleased because he feels that they have come up with solutions that others have been looking for. He added that the bottom line is they have to have blue collar jobs because that is what supports the middle class. He explained that it is going to take more than a year but they are talking about continuing education and that is very important to those people that aren't college bound. He stated that he does understand some of the questions he is hearing tonight and thinks they are fair but apologized to Ms. Chesser because he doesn't think that the podium should be used for a bully pulpit and that is what he thinks happened at the beginning of the meeting.

Dr. Knable stated that he thinks it is great that they have an open forum where a lot of local communities have shut down the ability for people to speak. He added that he is proud that the city is leading on this and hopes that some day the county and the school board will catch up, but if they don't that is okay too. He asked Ms. Chesser if their roles were reversed what questions she would ask of him if he were before the council asking for these funds.

Ms. Chesser explained that she would ask about the strategy, the structure and the process.

Dr. Knable stated that he likes to understand the nuts and bolts and informed Ms. Chesser that the council may micromanage for a little while in the beginning.

Ms. Chesser explained that the dollars for the talent development initiative are coming in as restricted dollars and according to their audits will only be able to be used for this initiative.

A-17-03 Ordinance for Appropriation for the Police Department

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Mr. Barksdale introduced A-17-03 and moved to approve the third reading, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor. Bill A-17-03 becomes Ordinance A-17-09.

Police Chief Bailey expressed his appreciation for the support and consideration from the council on this request.

Mr. Caesar asked if there were any changes.

Police Chief Bailey replied no.

Mr. Coffey asked how many years has it taken them to get here.

Police Chief Bailey stated that he has been on the department for 20 years and they have never had a fleet of the uniform cars. He added that it is a source of pride for the staff and the community and adds to moral and retention as well as how the public perceives the department.

Mr. Barksdale stated that Mrs. Moeller said that EDIT funds would be the best to use for this appropriation.

Mrs. Moeller stated that is correct.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

R-17-08 Resolution Concerning Statement of Benefits Caesar
for Beach Mold and Tool, Inc. by the Common
Council of the City of New Albany

Mr. Caesar introduced R-17-08 and moved to approve, Mr. Coffey second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Caesar stated that this is actually three abatements that includes the construction of the warehouse, manufacturing equipment and expansion of a tool house. He explained that this business has been a member of their community since 1974 and has provided countless jobs and leadership for the community and he is very proud to sponsor this resolution.

Mr. Duggins introduced Mr. Bill Beach, Owner, Dale Yost, CFO and Kathleen Crowley of from One Southern Indiana. He explained that this is an expansion that they were hopeful for and a great opportunity. He stated that they are currently looking at the entire corridor for safety and other issues but is an excellent program and opportunity for the community.

Kathleen Crowley, One Southern Indiana, thanked the council for the opportunity and explained that she has had the pleasure of working with Beach Mold & Tool over the years as they continue to grow. She stated that tonight they are asking for their consideration on both personal property as well as real property. She explained that they came before the council in 2015 with a \$23M project and they can see that completed today and tonight they have before them a \$12.3M project.

Dale Yost, Beach Mold and Tool, Inc., stated that they are pleased to be awarded a second contract from the same customer. He explained that it starts in 2019 but they have to start now to be prepared with space and equipment. He stated that they listed job growth as retention because they have seen over the years different programs that end and they are replacing those programs with projects like this. He added that the good thing about this program and the project before is that they have added staff already at higher paying job but they didn't forget the blue collar employees as they will need those skills as well. He stated that they believe this is a great opportunity to provide good paying jobs in the community and they have seen their wages go up as the business continues to grow.

Mr. Coffey asked if they should do these separately or together.

Mr. Duggins stated that it is all together on one resolution so they will vote on it together.

Mr. Caesar thanked Mr. Beach for being a member of the community for all of these years and for his investment in the community.

Mr. Duggins informed the council that he will be unable to be at the next meeting so he would like to send out a spreadsheet of the CF-1's that have to be approved by the end of the week. He added that he will individually contact them to see if they have any questions.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

Roger Baylor asked if they really have to advertise the parks department on Kroger shopping carts.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Pat McLaughlin, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk