

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA,
HELD A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING VIA ZOOM.COM ON MONDAY,
JUNE 7, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members: Mrs. Collier, Mr. Caesar, Mr. Turner, Mr. Blair, Mr. Aebersold, Mr. Applegate, Dr. Knable and President Phipps.

ALSO PRESENT: Amy Stein, Shane Gibson, Warren Nash, Police Chief Bailey, Fire Chief Juliot and Vicki Glotzbach

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Phipps stated that as he thinks everyone is aware, Councilman Pat McLaughlin died yesterday at 12:07 p.m. at Baptist Floyd Hospital. He said that he would like to begin tonight with a moment of silence and then following that, anyone who wishes to speak about Mr. McLaughlin, share a story or say a prayer, can do so and then we will pick up with the agenda thereafter.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION:

Remembering Councilman Pat McLaughlin and his family.

Mr. Phipps stated that Pat was a four-term City Councilman and was first elected in 2007 and served five consecutive years as our Council President from 2013 thru 2017. He said that he is survived by his wife Deanna and his five sons Cameron, Brandon, Adam, Alex, and Logan and by his beloved pet Milo his dog. He added that he thought there was a cat or two but couldn't remember the cat's name. He then stated that he thinks his very first encounter with Pat was a phone call on a day that he was having a fundraiser when he was running for City Councilman back in 2011. He said that Greg Roberts, his husband, answered the phone and Pat started into a conversation and went on for about two to three minutes congratulating and giving advice before he finally realized that he had the wrong Greg. He stated that his husband put him on the phone and Pat was a little embarrassed but picked up where he left off and ever since, he has been giving him advice and it was not uncommon for them to talk multiple times each week. He said some of those talks were for an hour or an hour and a half and was sometimes longer than he needed to talk, but he certainly enjoyed it and Pat was a wealth of knowledge and experience and he kind of took him under his wing and mentored him. He added that he will be forever grateful to him for that and he became a very close friend as well and he will miss that. He stated that during times of sorrow, he always turns to the Book of Common Prayer and he shared a prayer from his religious tradition. Prayer: O' God whose days are without end, whose mercies cannot be numbered, make us, we pray, deeply aware of the shortness and uncertainty of human life and let your spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. Amen. He then said that may the light perpetual shine on Pat and all of the faithful departed through the mercies of God.

Mr. Caesar stated that his heart and prayers go out to Pat's wife, Deanna and his family. He said that it really was an honor and a privilege to have worked with Pat for these past almost 14 years. He stated that Pat was very dedicated to his family and his wife, Deanna, his work and to the citizens of New Albany. He said that he always wanted what

was best for the City of New Albany and he always admired that about Pat. He said that he will truly be missed.

Dr. Knable stated that he knows that they are suffering so he would like to extend his greatest sympathies to Mrs. McLaughlin, her family and to all of Pat's friends at this point in time. He said that it is a tragedy – someone taken so soon and unexpectedly and he will definitely be keeping them in his personal thoughts and prayers during this trial that they will be going through.

Mr. Blair stated that he has known Pat for a long time and they met 25 years ago through their kids with school and soccer because Pat has five sons and he has three. He said that they also coached together and coached against each other as well as have been parents on the sidelines and enjoyed a soccer comradery through a lot of years. He stated that the one thing he always appreciated about Pat is that he never got upset with the referees as some parents would at the games. He said that it was all about the kids and the game to him and Pat always showed good sportsmanship and he hopes he did the same. He said that he and his wife would sometimes go out with Pat and Deanna as couples. He also said that during his first term on the council, Pat and he would typically go out to a restaurant after the meetings and socialize. He stated that they probably just talked about life and what was going on in the world as much as they did city business. He said that Mr. John Gonder called him last night and they reminisced about the times they would go out after a council meeting for about an hour or so and how delightful that was. He stated that he is obviously going to be missed and he thinks a lot of his family and will keep them in his prayers.

Mr. Turner stated that he didn't really get a chance to get to know Pat because this is his first term and it seems as soon as the term started, we went into COVID so he never got to build some kind of relationship outside of council with him. He said that when they did talk on the phone, he always enjoyed their conversations and their conversations sometimes would start out one way and they would talk for 45 minutes and end up talking about something completely different. He stated that the conversations were always good and he wants to extend his condolences to all of the members that have built that relationship with him over the years and definitely to his family. He said it is very sad and he was kayaking to show about the lowhead dam just a month and a half ago so life can change so quickly. He stated that politically they sometimes all disagree but they are all in this for what they think is the right reasons and for someone to do four terms, he definitely put his work in. He said that his family will be praying for Pat's family and friends.

Mr. Aebersold stated that the first time he ran for office, he ran against Pat for the 4th District and Pat won and they didn't talk much then. He added that after that election was over with, he saw that only 18% came out in their district so he kind of threw his hands up and said that he would never do that again because no one is interested. He stated that in the next round or two later he ran for the Council at Large seat and a few days after the election, Pat called him to go to lunch. He said that they went to lunch and they just hit it off and over the years they talked on the phone a lot. He stated that they would get to talking about all kinds of things and that they would run into each other on walks and talk an hour or so. He said that Pat was just a great guy and he hasn't known him for a long time but they were great friends and he really appreciated him. He stated that he feels sorry for his family and his prayers go out to him and his family and he knows he is in much better shape now. He said that they talked about three weeks ago and Pat said he wasn't feeling good so this came about very quickly. He stated that he really appreciated him and is going to really miss him.

Mr. Applegate stated that he concurs with what everyone else has said about Pat and it's pretty special that they can all say that he spent a lot of time on the phone with him so

there's no telling how much time he actually spent on his phone. He said that he knows it is going to be really tough on the family and he thinks now would be a good time for New Albany to really support his family in whatever they need. He also said that he is speaking from some experience and you always have to keep in mind that this ending part is terrible, but you celebrate that life that we all remember. He hopes that will bring the family some peace in these next couple of weeks and when the dust settles a little bit, they will be able to ask New Albany and all of us for what they need. He said they should all check in on them because they are in a really tough spot. He stated that Pat was great and he deserves that from all of us and his family is a wonderful family.

Mrs. Collier stated that from the moment that she became involved with the council, Pat was the first one to welcome her. She said that just like everyone else has said, it didn't matter if you needed to talk for 20 minutes or 2 hours, Pat was going to talk it out with you and help you in any way he could. She stated that he loved our city and was willing to put time into helping people and she is grateful for that. She said that she is heartbroken for his family and wants to give them her condolences. She stated that she is so thankful for his service to the city and he will be missed.

Police Chief Bailey stated that over the many years on the police department, he has had personal and professional relationships with many individuals on the city council. He said that he can sincerely say that Pat was both a professional supporter of the police department unlike any other and a supporter of him and he will never be able to repay him for all of the things he has done for the men and women of the police department. He stated that he truly loved this community and was invested deeply in this community. He said that he has a lot of very fond memories with Pat that he hopes he can remember for a good many years. He said that he will certainly be missed.

Mr. Phipps stated that he did have the opportunity of visiting Pat on Wednesday last week and he is glad that he went when he did. He said that he was pretty weak and didn't have a lot of energy to talk but right as he was leaving, he told him something to make him smile and laugh and he did see a smile on his face as he left the hospital room.

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mr. Caesar moved to approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2021, Dr. Knable second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Caesar moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2021 with corrections, Mr. Applegate second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

Mr. Caesar stated that he knows that Dr. Knable is probably going to have a few words on this but even though we have our sorrow that we are dealing with today, we can't forget June 6, 1944 when our brave men and women stormed the beaches of Normandy and Omaha. He said that they fought so bravely and gave their all for our freedom and that just needs to be remembered here this evening.

Mr. Turner asked if the city is doing a July 4th celebration this year.

Mr. Phipps stated that it is his understanding that on July 3rd they are having a fireworks celebration.

Mr. Blair stated that he had some questions on the budget to actual for 2020 and he and Mr. Gibson worked through the one question he had which was the installment payments for the new city hall. He said that they traded emails and amortization schedules and his

concern was that we paid more last year than we had agreed to pay. He stated that it had to do with start-up expenses and the start-up principal and interest payments on the amortization schedule but when you get into the 2021 budget, we are right at where we expected to be. He said that we are paying what we voted on and he is okay with that. He then stated that there are two other items that are still outstanding, one being the additional costs on electricity and the other being two items in contractual services for the parks department. He said that he doesn't expect answers on those tonight.

Dr. Knable stated that he has multiple constituents asking about River Run opening dates and asked if it is already up and running.

Mr. Phipps stated that it is his understanding that it is already opened.

Dr. Knable stated that he thought it was but wanted to make sure.

Mr. Gibson stated that they are closed one day a week which is on Wednesdays.

Dr. Knable asked if there were any surprises at start-up.

Mr. Gibson said none that he is aware of. He said that crowds have been good when the weather is nice.

Dr. Knable said that it is gaining in popularity every year. He then asked if we are not having live meetings because the old city hall is not equipped for Zoom.

Mr. Phipps stated that the governor extended the Emergency Order through June. He said that his goal is to have our first in-person meeting in the new city hall but depending on whether or not that happens, if he lifts the order, we will have an in-person meeting in July so it will either be back at the old Council Chamber or at the Griffin Street Center. He added that he is anxious to do that himself.

Dr. Knable stated that mind-reading should be added to Mr. Caesar's accomplishments because he knew that he would comment on D-Day and Mr. McLaughlin would have as well because we could always count on him for some historical insight. He then said that in the time that he was in the military, he met and was honored to take care of hundreds of people who took place in that landing. He stated that the numbers have dwindled so much that he thinks he can only think of three people that he knows that was actually there in a combative role on that day. He said that sacrifices were made by those that didn't come back and some of those that did and no one came back the same. He stated that if you have someone in your family or at the VFW Hall or somewhere that you know was there, spend some time with them because we are losing more and more of these folks every day. He also said to get involved with the honor flights or something because there are really special people. He then thanked Mr. Caesar for bringing that up.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:

Mrs. Glotzbach stated that Mrs. Moeller emailed the financials for April 2021 to the council and asked that it be reflected in the minutes that those financials were provided.

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

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

READING

COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC: G-21-05 Parking Ordinance

Mrs. Glotzbach read an email into the minutes that she received from Ms. Terry Lynch who used to have a business downtown and is in opposition to G-21-05 especially because of the downtown parking issues. Said email is on file in the city clerk's office.

Mr. Bradley Fair, 114 Gordon Drive, stated that he shares the same concerns and is here on behalf of Develop New Albany. He said that the ordinance is citywide but it raises concerns for downtown parking if it is changed to 48 hour parking. He stated that it could potentially cause some problems on the weekends especially with people leaving vehicles overnight or people barhopping and walking around the city then taking an Uber home. He said he just wanted to share his concerns for those things and maybe suggest aiming it more toward residential and not so much commercial. He also said that he knows it is kind of intermingled downtown but he just wanted to express his concerns.

COMMUNICATIONS PETITIONER: G-21-05 Parking Ordinance

G-21-05 Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 72.15 Turner 1&2
Regarding Overnight Parking

Mr. Turner introduced G-21-05 and moved to approve the first and second readings, Mr. Blair second.

Mr. Blair withdrew his second.

Mr. Turner tabled this ordinance.

Mr. Turner stated that this is pretty basic and he just changed everything from 24 to 48 hours and that is simply for opening up discussion. He said that this is something that he is looking forward to all of the members amending. He also said that he represents one district and there are six districts in the city but he does believe there are some changes that need to be made. He stated that he left it as basic as possible so we could work this out and try to make something that may fit and evolve to benefit the city as a whole. He stated that he did see President Phipps' comments in the News and Tribune and he also agrees with that. He said that the city is very diverse throughout because some people have driveways and some people don't and you have downtown businesses. He stated that he told President Phipps on the phone that he would even be in favor of this going into a standing committee to discuss even further. He said that there is a real concern out there about potentially getting tickets for parking in residential areas due to people telecommuting now.

Mr. Blair stated that the reason he second is because he does think that they need to have a conversation and he doesn't think that parking is one size fits all and different areas are going to have different issues. He gave the example of Castlewood Drive in his district because it is about the width of two and a half cars so if someone parks on one side of the street and someone parks on the opposite side of the street, you basically have a one lane road going through there. He said that can cause safety concerns because there are a lot of kids in the neighborhood. He stated that ideally, he would like to get cars off of some of those neighborhood streets from a safety standpoint as well as a maneuverability standpoint. He said that the 24 hour parking seems to work somewhat because he knows that if you alert code enforcement to it, they will go out and put a notice on a vehicle. He stated that Mr. Turner eluded to a possible committee to look at the parking issues from different angles and he thinks they could make it better and more usable for everybody.

Mr. Applegate stated that the process is that someone would typically make a complaint about a vehicle and then the police would be notified and from that notification the 24 hour period starts and is documented because they are not going to go off of someone's word. He said that after the 24 hour period, the police would be able to perform an action. He also said that by the time the car has been there over 24 hours and the police are notified, we are just lengthening the time for the car to be parked there from that notification. He stated that if we change the ordinance, we are basically pushing back the time for the police to help. He said that he thinks that downtown parking is a whole different situation and we have 2 hour parking in some areas so he is trying to figure out what this is for because we are pushing out the ability to do something when we need to do it from his standpoint. He stated that if the neighbors know each other, he thinks that a neighbor being parked out front for a couple of days would not be a problem because they would probably know if they were working from home, etc. so he doesn't think this ordinance would apply to that scenario. He also stated that he hasn't heard of a lot of people getting ticketed with the way ordinance is now and doesn't feel that this presents any problem whatsoever.

Dr. Knable stated that this is a very important issue and he commends Councilman Turner for bringing this before us, however, he would push this out six months to a year because we are still in recovery mode on this pandemic. He said he knows that some people won't go back to their old patterns and he thinks a year or two from now things are going to look a lot like the old normal. He also said that in the meantime, we have some businesses that are on life support and he would hate for them to lose one customer over parking not being available so he would like to see this handled more comprehensively. He stated that he doesn't see any reason to do this until recovery is in our rear view mirror a bit.

Mrs. Collier stated that in her district parking on the street is a big issue and she gets many phone calls about it. She said that in one case, there were cars parked for more than 24 hours which they would not move and EMS had trouble getting to someone that needed assistance because of these cars and she would hate to lose one citizens because a car wasn't being moved the way it should.

Mr. Phipps asked Mr. Turner if he checked with Chief Bailey about this.

Mr. Turner said that he didn't but would love to hear from the chief.

Police Chief Bailey stated that it is correct that no one has contacted them regarding this and he thinks there are a couple of things going on that are being discussed that are sort of in conflict with each other. He said that one of the conversations he has heard is about downtown and the other conversation is about basically everywhere else. He stated that he thinks everyone needs to understand the process as it is currently. He added that the process as it is currently and the ordinance as it is now works very well. He explained that the calls they get for 24 hour parking are complaint driven and code enforcement has nothing to do with this. He said that the parking enforcement officers will respond to a complaint by a citizen if they observe a vehicle that has been parked for longer than 24 hours. He stated that the responding officer will either photograph or mark the tire on that specific vehicle and because of statute, an officer has to observe a violation so based on the photograph or the marking on the tire, another 24 hours is passing. He said that he is hearing what is being said about people working from home but this is not a vehicle that has been parked 24 hours but a vehicle that has been parked 48 hours at a minimum at this point in time. He stated that if you change this to 48 hours, it will then be 72 or more hours that a vehicle has been parked. He added that he personally thinks it is unreasonable for someone to leave a car parked for 48 hours. He again stated that this is complaint driven and they respond to all of the complaints and they will go to knock on a door or leave a notice and try to handle these situations as best as they can and keep

everyone happy. He added that they are not going out citing cars just to cite cars. He said that if he were to look up their 24 hour parking violation number, there would not be an extreme number of them; there would probably be just enough. He then stated that downtown is another conversation and he would have to agree with what Mr. Fair said. He said that he can't imagine owning a business downtown and allowing people to park 48 hours which really is 72 hours at a minimum and probably more. He stated that he completely disagrees with changing this. He also stated that if this conversation was to have happened, he would have suggested that it happened behind closed doors or with phone calls, etc. if there were problems to work out because it just doesn't seem like something that makes sense for our community.

Mr. Caesar stated that he wanted to thank Ms. Terry Lynch and Mr. Bradley Fair for their comments earlier and particularly Police Chief Bailey for his comments clarifying some of the things that he was going to say. He said that the ordinance needs to stay as it is but he does understand that there are places around town where parking can be a problem. He stated that they may need to look at doing like they did on 7th Street where everyone has to park on one side of the street. He said that he would be very much against changing this to 48 hours.

Mr. Aebersold stated that he thinks they need to put this off and look at it in another eight months or so because we have a lot of other issues in our community that we need to be concerned with more than this particular one. He said that it seems like trying to regulate this just may open up a big can of worms.

Mr. Turner stated that he manages one district and gets the comments from his constituency that have complaints and he has received several of them on this since mid-April. He said that he really wants to work towards solving a potential problem here and not just turn down a new ordinance. He stated that if it is important to his constituency, it is important to him and he thought this could be productive but if the council feels that this should be tabled, that would be fine and he would be more than happy to bring it back up. He said that he knows downtown is important and he wouldn't want to put a burden on any small businesses of ours but he said that he made this very basic and only changed 24 hours to 48 hours. He stated that doesn't change anything that is there for street sweeper schedules or sign locations, etc. He said that he will table this tonight and he can discuss it more with everyone behind the scenes and bring it back up later. He also said that he does feel this is important to the people.

Mr. Blair stated that he agrees with Mr. Turner that it is an issue and he would like to encourage people not to use the street unless it is just necessary. He said that he would like to see if there are ways that we can accommodate people better without parking on the streets. He stated that it is really hard to get down streets like Castlewood when cars are parked on it and it can be a safety issue too like the time that a kid ran out from behind a parked car and he had to stop quickly and take a moment to collect himself.

Police Chief Bailey stated that what Mr. Blair is talking about is parking on the street in general and he is talking about 24 versus 48 hours so there is no difference whether they are parked 24 or 48 hours on either side of Castlewood. He said that the thing he is speaking about in opposition to this is increasing that time from 24 to 48 hours. He stated that cars parking on the streets is a completely different discussion compared to what is introduced in this ordinance.

Mr. Blair stated that he agrees and realizes that but he would like to broaden it and say here is an issue so do we put it in committee or how do we go about solving it since we are addressing that issue. He said that he thinks downtown needs to be looked at too because a lot of merchants are parking in front of their own stores or other stores and not leaving parking for customers.

Dr. Knable stated that by Mr. Blair pulling his second, there just won't be a vote. He said that it is not really tabling it per say because we had debate on it but it's effectively the same.

Mr. Phipps stated that he would concur with what Dr. Knable said earlier that we probably need to take a look at parking in general whenever we readdress this issue. He said that one of the problems he has in his district is people parking on the sidewalks and that type of thing can be looked at in that ordinance as well. He stated that one thing we can do is beef up the fines for parking on the sidewalks. He also stated that some of the sight lines are terrible in his district because he thinks that parking got a little closer to the intersections when they revamped the street grid. He said all of these things could be part of a comprehensive look at parking that the committee could look into as opposed to just this issue.

COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC: A-21-02 Appropriation for baby box

COMMUNICATIONS PETITIONER: A-21-02 Appropriation for baby box

**A-21-02 Ordinance for the Additional Appropriation Turner 3
 of Riverboat Funds to New Albany Fire Department
 for Installation of a Safe Haven Baby Box**

Mr. Turner introduced A-21-02 and moved to approve the third reading, **Dr. Knable second,**

Dr. Knable withdrew his second.

Mr. Applegate moved to amend the ordinance to read "Whereas, this appropriation acknowledges the Safe Haven Baby Box Laws and as may be amended, Mrs. Collier second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Turner introduced A-21-02 as amended and moved to approve the third reading, **Mr. Applegate second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Caesar who voted no. Bill A-21-02 becomes Ordinance A-21-07.**

Mr. Turner stated that he believes that someone from Safe Haven Baby Box reached out to Fire Chief Juliot for some information and ask him if that was correct.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that he returned her call a couple of times but has not heard back from the lady that called him.

Mr. Turner stated that if this passes tonight, he will reach out to her and make sure that you two get linked up so we can get the ball rolling on this.

Dr. Knable asked what specific monetary range we have on this after all of the amendments from last time.

Mr. Phipps stated that he has not received an update on this.

Dr. Knable stated that he contacted the donors between meetings and they say they are still in place to make this happen so we would hopefully just be filling in around the edges on this and establish some sort of maintenance fee. He said that for the record, he believes that they need to know what amount they are voting on.

Mr. Turner stated that the maximum is \$15,000.00 which is what the ordinance was written for. He added that it averages \$10,000.00 but he built in a cushion.

Mr. Applegate stated that the program itself is \$10,000.00 and the extra \$5,000.00 is pretty much for construction costs, so it would roughly be \$15,000.00 depending on construction costs.

Mr. Turner stated that it could potentially be that but really it averages \$10,000.00 in general unless there are some circumstances then it could get up to \$15,000.00 tops.

Mr. Applegate stated that he thought that the buy-in fee was \$10,000.00.

Mr. Turner stated that the yearly fee is \$200.00.

Mr. Applegate stated that he read through this and thinks it is a great thing but the one thing that he wants to do from an ordinance standpoint is make sure that we are always covered. He said that he would like to propose that the ordinance read “Whereas, the city council realizes that early separation from the mother may induce trauma on a newborn baby and that pursuant to state statute, that child will be immediately transported to the local hospital where the child shall be evaluated and provided medical treatment and at which time the Indiana Department of Child Services shall be notified and take custody of the child for placement with an appropriate caregiver”. He stated that it is what is already in the state statute and what they recommend. He said from his standpoint, if something changes in the state or somewhere else, our ordinance still says that in it and that would be the procedure. He stated that if there are changes in the state, we can look at it again and see if it is the same as ours.

Mr. Turner stated that he thinks that is how it is designed to be anyway so maybe if there is a change, we can amend it somewhere down the road.

Mr. Applegate stated that our ordinance just has our state ordinance in it and down the road if we are covered in our ordinance, then we are not referring to someone else’s if theirs changes.

Dr. Knable asked Mr. Gibson if they would have to add something that says “referring to the state ordinance as it exists on the date of passage of this ordinance” or is that just automatically thought to be the case.

Mr. Gibson stated that when he believes that there may be changes down the road, he tries to reference the statute itself and then obviously simple terms as “as may be amended in the future”.

Dr. Knable asked if you have to put anything in there saying “foregoing any amendment that may take place without further review” or something.

Ms. Stein stated that this isn’t an ordinance creating a new law dictating how this baby is used; it is an ordinance appropriating money for the baby box program to the fire department.

Mr. Gibson stated that he agrees that it is an appropriation but it is also procedures that he thinks from an executive standpoint, we want to make sure we follow.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that he has done a little research on this in the last week or so trying to put his mind around it and he first wants to say that it is a great thing for our community. He then stated that the state law says a “police station, fire station or hospital” and he understands that in rural settings, there are not hospitals close but that is

not the case here. He then asked if anyone on the council has thought that maybe the hospital would be the appropriate place for this in our community. He stated that we have five fire stations surrounding the hospital so he didn't know if anyone had put any thought into the hospital being the appropriate place with 24-hour medical care.

Mr. Turner stated that he believes a few years ago Dr. Knable was looking into this and putting it at Baptist Floyd and they turned it down. He said that he doesn't have that in writing but that is what he heard.

Dr. Knable stated that it wasn't so much as a flat refusal or declination of it; it was thought that there might be greater anonymity at the fire station and at the same time, greater oversight.

Mr. Aebersold stated that it would just make more sense to him to have it at a hospital. He asked if we had a huge fire somewhere and all of the trucks are out, would there still be one person at each firehouse all of the time. He also asked if there is someone there and there is a baby in the baby box, are we still going to have to get an ambulance to get the baby out to the hospital. He stated that he doesn't know what shape these babies are in but if they need attention right away, that would be time going by that they didn't receive it. He said that he thinks that surely there is a place out around the hospital area that could suffice for someone to do this kind of an act and the hospital would know about it right away. He then stated that time may not be an issue but he would think that it would be.

Mr. Turner stated that we do have places for that built outside the hospital and it is fire houses which is part of the Safe Haven Baby laws. He said that they are better off inside this baby box that is warm and heated versus being out in the elements. He also said that Safe Haven Baby laws have been around for decades now and there was a reason that these were started in Indiana. He stated that two blocks from their firehouse in North Vernon a mother abandoned her child and that child passed away and that same firehouse now has a Safe Haven Baby Box. He said whether there is someone at the firehouse is irrelevant because dispatch will get ahold of whoever is closest and they can respond.

Mr. Applegate asked if they decided that the amendment should be added to the ordinance or not.

Ms. Stein stated that she just thinks they should reference the statute in accordance with this and future amendments.

Mr. Gibson stated that he thinks it should be amended just to let the public know that there is a process on how the child is received and placed.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC:

COMMUNICATIONS PETITIONER:

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Greg Phipps, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk