

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM.COM ON TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Juliot, Fire Marshal Koehler, Police Chief Bailey, Scott Wood, Josh Turner, Robert Lee, Larry Summers, Jessica Campbell, Joe Ham, Sidney Main, Krystina Jarboe, Josh Staten, Shane Gibson, Sean Payne, David Hall, Linda Moeller 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. Don Wate re: Curb cut request for driveway at 2216 E. Market Street

Mr. Thompson stated that he made a site visit and it looks like he purchased the property next to him and wants to add a driveway. He explained that there is a structure behind the house that needs some attention as well as off-street parking behind the lot where he wants to put the driveway (with vehicles parked in the area). He stated that he has notified code enforcement about some of the issues and he would like to take this under advisement until the issues are addressed.

Mr. Thompson moved to take under advisement, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.

2. Sara Galvin, OutFront Media re: Remove bus shelter at 1850 State Street

Ms. Galvin explained that they need to remove the shelter at Floyd Memorial Hospital as there is no service to this site. She explained that they will not be in the street but will working behind the sidewalk, they will have advanced notice and they will flag/hold pedestrians while the shelter is being loaded on to the truck. She included a proposed street plan for the board to review, said plan is on file with the City Clerk's office.

Mr. Nash stated that it was his understanding that these routes were halted during COVID and asked if there is any reason to think that they won't resume.

Ms. Galvin stated that she can't answer that question but TARC sent the order for the shelter to be removed.

Mr. Summers stated that the City has a vested interest in seeing bus service continue and to expand bus services as much as possible to the citizens of New Albany. He added that to see the removal of a bus shelter seems more permanent than just rerouting service so he would ask that the board hold off to look at this more closely with TARC.

Mr. Thompson stated that they had a business ask for parking earlier in the year where a route had been rerouted and in his discussion with TARC at that time they couldn't tell him that the line would not be coming back in. He added that he would be in favor of also holding off in order to have further discussion with TARC about possibly getting that route reinstated or expanded.

Ms. Galvin stated that she can check with Mitchell Stoops who is the new TARC engineer to see if he can come to the meeting next week to discuss this with the board, or she can find out more information from him and bring that back to the board.

Mr. Summers stated that he can reach out to his contact at KIPTA to them know that the City of New Albany would like more representation.

Mr. Thompson moved to take under advisement, **Mrs. Cotner-Bailey** second, motion carries.

3. Sonya Smith for Silver Shield, LLC re: Traffic pattern in parking lot at 2221 State Street

Ms. Smith, Horizon Commercial Reality explained that she manages the shopping center at 2221 State Street in New Albany that sits behind Chick-Fil-A and they have totally taken over the parking lot with their business. She explained that this has been an ongoing issue for years, and while she is happy that one of their busiest stores in the area is thriving, they are killing the business for her tenants at the center who cannot get in and out of the parking lot due to the drive-thru traffic. She asked if it is possible to change the entrance off of State Street into the center to “Exit only” to force the CFA traffic to one side of the parking lot because right now they come in from all 3 sides and nearly collide into each other in front of the building trying to get into the drive-thru lane. She added that in addition to the loss of business, it is also a safety hazard.

Mr. Nash stated that there is no question that there is a problem in that parking lot and stated that he doesn’t know if the City would have jurisdiction over that property.

Ms. Smith stated that she doesn’t know who to go to and added that she reached out to a few different offices and this is where she was ultimately directed to go. She added that she doesn’t know if this idea would solve the issue or what the next steps would be but she wanted to take the first step.

Mr. Summers stated that this is a private property matter even though the City does recognize that there is an issue at play. He explained that when there is a private property matter they typically don’t step in because they do not have jurisdiction, but he will continue to monitor the situation to see if the traffic backs up onto State Street because that will give him more latitude to step in and make recommendations.

Mr. Nash stated that the board will leave this under unfinished business while Mr. Summers and planning reviews the maps to evaluate what they can do.

Ms. Smith asked if changing the entrance/exit configuration to see how it would work out would require a zoning change.

Mr. Nash stated that they will look into that as well and get back to her next week.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Wes Christmas, Clark Dietz, Paving Project Update.

Mr. Christmas reported that MAC Construction has indicated that they would like to begin some of the concrete work late this week along Redwood Drive. He stated that they will coordinate with the City and the contractor to get notices out to the property owners as soon as it is approved and they will require that the contractor work on one side of the road at a time.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey asked if there are any plans to addressing curb and gutters in that area.

Mr. Christmas stated that they have identified ~1000 feet of curb on Redwood that was preliminarily identified but that could expand or contract while they are in the field.

Mr. Nash asked about Charlestown Road.

Mr. Thompson stated that they started work yesterday.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

TABLED ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

1. Shane Gibson re: Cooperative Purchasing Agreement

Mrs. Moeller stated that a copy of agreement with HGACBuy was sent to the board for their review and explained that they have the ability to research/dib, on behalf of the City, for the purchase of city vehicles of all sorts. She stated that Mr. Gibson has researched this company and they are allowed under Indiana Statute to be utilized by a municipality. She added that this is the first step in a multi-step process to move forward with them and they have been utilized successfully by other municipalities and state agencies in Indiana.

Mr. Nash asked if KIPDA or River Hills has this same capability.

Mrs. Moeller stated that she isn't sure but she can find out.

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve and to authorize corporate council as the signatory, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

2. Shane Gibson re: Fire Department Equipment

Mrs. Moeller requested that this be tabled until next week.

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

3. Vicky Glotzbach re: Dumpster extension for 1822 Old Hickory Court

Mrs. Glotzbach stated that the board approved a request for a dumpster at this location on June first and Mr. Applegate has requested a one week extension on this until June 21.

Mr. Thompson stated that they gave him an extension last week but it sounds like he needs it for another week.

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

APPOINTMENTS:

CLAIMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for June 8, 2021, Mr. Thompson second, motion carries.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Warren V. Nash, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk

