

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA,
HELD A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY
IN THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2016 AT 7:00
P.M.**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Lorch, Mrs. Moeller, Officer Davidson, Mr. Duggins, Mr. Warren Nash, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hall and Mrs. Glotzbach

Mr. 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. Blair moved to approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes for July 21, 2016, **Mr. Caesar** second, all voted in favor with the exception of **Mr. Phipps** who was not present.

Mr. Barksdale moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for July 21, 2016 with corrections, **Mr. Blair** second, all voted in favor with the exception of **Mr. Phipps** who was not present.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS):

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

Mr. Blair explained that he asked Christy Smallwood to put together a tool that they can use for budgetary hearings to prioritize the items that they talked about during the strategic planning meeting. He stated that he wanted to make sure they were in agreement with the order and how they had it laid out. He explained that they had livability ranked number one which was one of the pillars and under that pillar was infrastructure, streets and storm water.

Mr. Coffey asked if they are going any further with this and what the plans are.

Mr. Blair stated that they wanted to finish before the budget hearings so that they had some direction but it is really up to the council on how far they want to take it. He asked Ms. Smallwood if she had any suggestions on things that they need to work on.

Ms. Smallwood stated that she worked on developing the foundation, what the vision of the council was, and how to structure priorities in order to make better decisions. She explained that if they wanted a full-blown plan they would need to go in each of the departments and that would take an extensive period of time as well as more money than their budget could handle. She explained that what they did was the light version to get their feet wet and experience what the planning process would feel like. She stated that they didn't use a specific number when they prioritized, but through the filter of what she

has been using to gauge their priorities she gave them a ranking. She explained that if they want to reassess and assign their own ranking she is more than happy to do it.

Dr. Knable stated that Mr. Phipps was concerned about walkability being at three and felt that it should be at four or five, and he agrees with Mr. Phipps, but didn't receive a reply email from Ms. Smallwood.

Ms. Smallwood stated that as far as that specific line item goes she based it on the group discussion but if they want to redo it and make it officially their ranking it may look differently.

Dr. Knable stated that he thinks this is something that would happen organically as they go through the budget process.

Mr. Blair stated that the administration will come to them with recommendations and plans but they have some leeway on whether or not they accept those plans.

Dr. Knable stated that the summary is at least a starting point.

Ms. Smallwood stated that it is meant to be a gauge for them to work from.

Mr. Coffey stated that they are continually taking money away from livability issues and services to spend it on things like WiFi. He explained that everyone says that they want to work together but he hasn't seen any steps in that direction, especially when they see someone come to them that has sewage backing up into their home and the administration says they don't know where the money is going to come from to fix the issue.

Dr. Knable stated that they did spend four hours in the work session and they came up with infrastructure as a priority which they intended to carry into the budget process.

Ms. Smallwood stated that livability has line items and each line item was transferred to the gauge so that way they can see the priorities that were discussed during the work session. She explained that whether or not they stick to that moving forward is completely up to them, but the gauge is there and the priorities are there.

Dr. Knable asked if the gauge was made public and if not could it be made part of the record.

Mrs. Glotzbach stated that she will put the attachment into the folder for this meeting and it will be on file in her office.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

Mike Hall stated that Mayor Gahan would like to invite them to the Summer Celebration on August 6th at the riverfront amphitheater. He explained that this is the rain date for the July 3rd event and stated that it will feature Wildwood, The Louisville Crashers, and there will be fireworks at dark. He thanked the council and the Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County for their support of these summer events.

Mr. McLaughlin asked what the status is on WiFi.

Mr. Hall stated that the initial cost was going to be around \$100,000.00-\$150,000.00 but after getting more details from Time Warner they believe it is going to be a lot lower and they came up with a better solution.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if it is going to be something like a satellite.

Mr. Hall explained that it will be a box that they mount in the areas where they want the service and as soon as he has the numbers for all of that he will let the council know.

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:

Mr. Duggins stated that Mayor Gahan would like him to talk to them about a potential project for the capital improvement monies that are allocated. He explained that they would like to get the council's input about improving/replacing/upgrading the entrances to neighborhoods such as Hedden Court. He stated that the administration is excited about the potential and they could either get a group together to discuss it or coordinate with him through emails. He informed the council that today on newalbanycityhall.com they put out a press release that on August 22nd at 6:00 p.m. they will have a project review and open house for the Mt. Tabor Road Project at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. He explained that they also have a rendering aerial that should clear up some of the misconceptions about the project, but in the meantime Mr. Summers and Mr. Rosenbarger will be contacting individuals that had questions.

Mr. Aebersold asked if Mr. Rosenbarger and Mr. Summers are going to contact a lot of the residents in the area and if that information would be on the website.

Dr. Knable replies yes and stated that it has already been released on the website.

Mr. Coffey stated that sometimes when we do a project of that magnitude they might want to add in the drainage aspect with it and asked Mr. Duggins if that is a possibility.

Mr. Duggins stated that they couldn't at this stage for this particular project because it is a federal aid project. He explained that they cannot add to it once it has been submitted to KIPDA without the environmental review being changed, which would mean they would have to start over from the beginning. He explained that INDOT has a new set of rules regarding federal aid and it can take several years to get the money, but if they do not make construction deadlines now they would lose the money. He stated that once the project is completed they can make changes but the real issue on Mt. Tabor Road is the slippage that is occurring towards the bend.

Mr. McLaughlin asked how the McDonald Lane project is going.

Mr. Duggins stated that everything is going well with the exceptions of a few small issues.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if the roundabout is going to be at the second bend.

Mr. Duggins stated that it is going to be next to Hickoryvale.

Mr. Blair stated that he would like to talk to the neighbors in the Oakwood and Watkins Prairie area to see what they would like to do with their entrances.

Mr. Aebersold stated that they would need to contact the residents in all areas before they start changing anything.

Mr. Blair stated that it might make sense to restore some areas because of historic value but others are brick columns that are falling over and need to be removed. He explained that he would like to have the opportunity to engage with the neighborhoods before anything is done.

Mr. Coffey stated that this goes back to what he said earlier. He explained that there are people out there with real problems and while he loves the idea of fixing these entrances there are so many that are hurting and have been denied help year after year. He stated that he is going to start making a list of these things and putting them on Facebook so that the tax payers know where their money is going.

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

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

READING

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

R-16-11	Resolution Concerning Statement of Benefits for Integrity Sign Solutions, Inc. by the Common Council of the City of New Albany	Nash
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Mr. Nash introduced R-16-11 and moved to approve, Mr. Mr. Caesar second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Blair who recused himself and Mr. Phipps who was not present.

Mr. Duggins stated that it is an excellent project for growth and is recommended by Redevelopment. He explained that they have 15 current jobs with an additional 10 and it is an excellent project that incorporates both new property and new manufacturing equipment plus new IT equipment.

Kathleen Crowley explained that Melissa and Michael Hobbs started business in 2010 and gave a brief history of their business and how it has expanded. She stated that this is also a project that is being looked at by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation for Edge credits that are performances based.

Ms. Hobbs stated that they incorporated in January, 2010 and they manufacture signs on a wholesale only level. She explained that they have been on a steady path of growth since 2010 and are experiencing another growth of about 25-28% each year in sales and revenue.

Mr. Hobbs stated that the great thing about their company is that they are not only pulling income from Indiana but from other regional states in the area. He explained that their goal is to become a national brand of wholesalers and stated that they were recently selected to be a Fast Signs preferred vendor which increased the money coming into Floyd County from outside the county and state.

Mr. Barksdale thanked them for choosing New Albany and stated that if there is ever anything they can do to help out to let them know.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

Roger Baylor stated that he read in the paper that there would still be access to the New Albany Boat Club during the greenway construction project and he is a little confused on the status of the boat club. He said he feels for the property owner that spent a lot of time trying to clean it up only to have his property annexed.

ADJOURN:

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

Pat McLaughlin, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk