

**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 THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 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 Applegate, Mr. Wood, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Moeller, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Glotzbach

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

MOMENT OF REFLECTION:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for August 6, 2018, **Mr. Caesar** second, all voted in favor.

Mr. McLaughlin moved to approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes for August 8, 2018, **Mr. Phipps** second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

Dr. Knable stated that Mr. Gibson is not going to be at the meeting tonight but he said he would try to get a hold of Mr. Blair regarding getting together with him prior to the next meeting to discuss flood control.

Mr. Blair asked if Mr. Gardner is going to be here to present to the council.

Dr. Knable replied no, not tonight but he will be here for the 1st and 2nd readings.

Mr. Barksdale stated that the Tree Board report is going to be pushed to the first meeting in September because Mr. Streips was unable to get the entire management plan together for this meeting and he wanted them to have it in their hands before he presented it. He added that he plans to email it out next week and if they would like a hard copy, let him know and he can leave it in their mailboxes.

Mr. Coffey stated that they will have the budget, Blessings in a Backpack and One Southern Indiana at the first meeting in September.

Mr. Barksdale stated that he could push the Tree Board report to the second meeting in September.

Mr. Blair stated that last year they donated \$30,000.00 to the One Southern Indiana work hub program and after conversing with them, it may be more of an advantage to do the contribution to the economic development so it is more of a general donation. He explained that it gives the city recognition in any of the One Southern Indiana marketing materials and it allows 2 seats on their economic development council (1 appointed by the Mayor and 1 appointed by the City Council).

Dr. Knable asked if there was any internal struggle with that.

Mr. Blair stated that they liked that option better and he thinks they really should be represented as the City of Jeffersonville is and this will do that.

Mr. Coffey explained that years ago the council passed an ordinance that any money collected on demolitions was supposed to go into a non-reverting fund to the point that it would become self-sufficient. He stated that they are still coming to the council asking for money and he believes the council needs to know how much has been brought in over the last few years and specifics on what money has been paid out of that fund.

Dr. Knable asked if that is everyone's understanding of the history of that fund.

Mr. Blair stated that they asked for funding for two years and once they sold the properties, the idea was to generate enough revenue to continue to buy other properties. He added that he would like to know how that revenue is being used.

Dr. Knable asked Ms. Stein to discuss that with Mr. Gibson before the next meeting.

Mr. Blair stated that he would like to see the itemized list for 2017.

Mr. Coffey asked Mr. Barksdale to get a list of properties that redevelopment owns.

Mr. Barksdale stated that he could ask Mr. Staten or Mr. Baker and he will also ask them to email the list to the council.

Mr. Coffey stated that he would like to know how much revenue the fund has generated.

Mr. Blair stated that they are allocating \$2M for paving for next year and that is well below what they need just in order to do maintenance on streets. He added that he will likely ask to allocate another \$1M from EDIT.

Mr. Aebersold asked Mr. Coffey what the rate for allocation on paving has been in the past.

Mr. Coffey stated that they would usually appropriate about the same amount but then they would come back and appropriate more during the year.

Mr. Caesar explained that the street department used to get a lot more money and would use the money for more than just streets. He added that they received a road fund from the state that they do not get any longer. He stated that around 2008 all that started to change to allocated money specifically for the roads.

Mr. Aebersold stated that it was basically a shot in the dark in those earlier years to see what it would do and they never really changed the numbers. He asked if back then there was a record of what was being done and where.

Mr. Coffey stated that they actually did a good job trying to spread the money around. He added that from what he has seen and heard, the city is so far behind on what needs to be done and he thinks that the money might not have been spent wisely.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that around 2005 is when they started using re-milling and unfortunately the more they used of that the less longevity of the work and they are playing catch-up from that.

Mr. Coffey stated that if they had let Mr. Thompson and his crew do his job instead of micromanaging them they would have been a lot further along.

Mr. Thompson said that they did try to spread it around during that time.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:

Mrs. Moeller presented the council with the financial reports for the month of July and asked that it be entered into the record.

Mr. Wood stated that Mayor Gahan asked him to give the council an update on the zoning ordinance. He explained that they are scheduled for the public hearing on Tuesday, September 18th at 7:00 p.m. and they will be going to the printer next week so every council member should get a hard copy later in the week. He added that they will also receive an email with an electronic version. He explained that they are looking at having two open houses on September 6th from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the library and from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with that location TBD. He invited the council as a whole to come to the meeting on the 18th. He explained that this is a zone change so the plan commission will make a recommendation and then the council will have the ordinance for the three readings.

Mr. Nash stated that they have a regular meeting on September 6th so that will not work for them.

Mr. Wood explained that they are having two meetings that day in anticipation of that. He added that they will have copies of it well in advance of the plan commission meeting and they are free to contact him with any questions.

Mr. Blair stated that they their committee met with him back in June and it was his understanding that the council would meet in conjunction with the plan commission in July. He asked what happened to that.

Mr. Wood explained that they had a lot of edits to be made that they wanted to get in and they just presented that to the mayor last week to get final input and approval.

Mr. Blair stated that if he scheduled something and it didn't work out, he would have liked to have heard back about it.

Mr. Wood apologized and stated that is why he is here tonight.

Dr. Knable stated that it might be beneficial to still have a separate meeting with the council prior to it going for first and second readings.

Mr. Caesar stated that they can have a special meeting.

Mr. Wood stated that they could do that.

Mr. Coffey asked Mr. Wood how long they have worked on this.

Mr. Wood replied about 14 months.

Mr. Coffey asked how long the council has to go through it to vote on it.

Mr. Wood stated that once the plan commission makes a recommendation there is a total of 90 days from the time it is certified, which is within 10 days of the meeting, so it would be towards the end of December.

Mr. Coffey stated that he appreciates getting it in time to read over and have some input.

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

TREE BOARD – Report on Tree Inventory and Management Plan – Mr. Streips

DEVELOPMENT & ANNEXATION – Mr. Blair and Mr. Caesar

Mr. Blair stated that he has given up because it is very blatant to him that the administration is not interested in annexing.

Dr. Knable asked Mr. Caesar if he has given up.

Mr. Caesar replied no and added that it is a very long process.

RULES & FINANCE – Dr. Knable, Mr. Caesar and Mr. Blair

Dr. Knable stated that their accomplishment this year is repackaging of the agenda and are always open to input regarding that.

Mr. Blair asked the group if the way they have the agenda is working for them.

Mr. Nash stated that they haven't had that many ordinances so it gets a little awkward at times but they just need to get used to it and then possibly tweak it.

Mr. Caesar stated that he has talked to several people after meetings and they like speaking at the time that the ordinance is being discussed.

ZONING APPEAL BOARD – Mr. Pacciano

Not Present.

DEVELOP NEW ALBANY – Mr. Barksdale

Mr. Barksdale introduced Mr. Rob Dunn, President of Develop New Albany and asked him to give the council an update.

Mr. Dunn stated that Develop New Albany is New Albany's Main Street organization and inside of that is a focus on preservation of historic downtown, promoting downtown and partnering with local businesses. He explained that since 1990 they have had a group of civically minded volunteers that began to figure out points of leverage in order to

make a difference. He stated that from that time until today they have developed a membership base of 100, introduced the farmer's market, donated money for renovations and established a volunteer base to bring people to the downtown area with events such as the Taco Walk and the Jungle Walk. He explained that their organization is all volunteer based and they want to make New Albany a better place to live and do business. He stated that they want to preserve the character of the city and they want to be a partner with the council and the city. He added that they feel as though the city has been a great partner and they would love to continue that in whatever capacity they can to serve the city.

Mr. Blair asked if they have given any thought to putting together a plan or proposal for downtown parking.

Mr. Dunn stated that he loves the idea and although he doesn't know if they would be the best driving force for something like this, they would definitely love to be involved in that.

Mr. Blair stated that he is suggesting that they take the initiative to propose a plan.

Mr. Caesar stated that as long as business owners feel that it is their right to park on the streets they won't change anything.

Mr. Dunn asked if they think that the transit value of the spaces aren't being capitalized and if they are talking about parking meters.

Mr. Caesar stated that they are talking about 8-hour parkers.

Mr. Dunn stated that if they believe there is a value in parking that is definitely an issue but they would like to be involved with whatever the conversation is because they have a great relationship with people that have a vested interest in downtown and those spaces. He added that maybe they can help communicate the plan, but the brokering of it would come from the city.

Mr. Blair stated that he hears from business owners that there is no place for customers and suggested that they come together to offer a solution and present it to the city.

Mr. Barksdale stated that this has been brought up in redevelopment many times and Mr. Middleton has been an advocate to getting something done about the parking. He added that he believes he has formed a committee and suggested that Mr. Dunn possibly contact him.

Mr. Coffey asked how many of their members own businesses downtown.

Mr. Dunn stated that he would estimate about 70%.

Mr. Coffey stated that he thinks that is part of the problem because one of the issue is that the businesses are creating it.

Mr. Dunn stated that again they would love to be part of the conversation but it is also a culture and a mindset that needs to change within the city. He pointed to Bardstown Road in Louisville and stated that people will walk almost a mile to visit a restaurant or a bar so this conversation needs to continually happen and they are willing to be part of it.

Dr. Knable had to leave the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Mr. McLaughlin asked about funding for DNA and where it comes from.

Mr. Dunn replied through dues and fundraisers/events throughout the year. He added that they are a non-profit so no one on the board takes funds out of the organization.

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

READING

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Al Knable, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk