

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, SEPTEMBER 21, 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, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Hall, Police Chief Bailey and Mrs. Glotzbach

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

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mr. Barksdale moved to approve the Public Hearing Minutes for September 7, 2017, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Barksdale moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for September 7, 2017 as amended, Mr. Coffey second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS):

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

Dr. Knable stated that he always likes to acknowledge when people outside of government helps the city do things and said that Mr. Mike Becht met with Mr. Gibson, Mr. Summers and himself with a fairly extensive and seemingly accurate map of the state of the sidewalks in the city. He said he thinks that Mr. Gibson is going to present that to the board of works and incorporate that with the maps that we already have. He mentioned that the same Mr. Becht arranged a truck load of water and supplies that he personally drove down to Florida after the hurricane so it is good people in New Albany doing good things. He then thanked Keep New Albany Clean and Green for putting up \$5,000.00 to help clean up Hausfeldt Lane if they can get a successful court order through the county to do so. He then read a letter from residents on Coyle Drive expressing their concerns with increased traffic on their street and the reasons they need some relief from the city. Said letter is on file in the city clerk's office. He went on to read that they have seen tremendous increases in traffic from all the new construction in recent years such as River Run Water Park, Thornton's Station and the growth of businesses on State Street. He also read that the construction at Summit Springs, the new strip center on Daisy Lane and proposed businesses where the bowling alley was will impact the traffic on their street as well. He explained that when Thornton's sought permission to extend their current station, they offered to share in the expense to add speed tables on Coyle Drive to help with the excessive traffic and while nothing has been done to expand, nothing has been done to help with the traffic. He said that he has been in contact with the residents and also recommended that they take it up with the board of works. He then went over seven methods that the residents suggested to slow the traffic

and asked that the city help with those methods. He said that he doesn't know what the council can do to enforce the agreement with Thornton's that was part of the approval process.

Mr. Caesar stated that it was actually Thornton's that proposed the plastic speed tables that can be taken in and out but the administration chose not to do that. He said that he would like to see it made into a cul-de-sac or block off the end of the road so that you couldn't cut through from State Street or Daisy Lane.

Dr. Knable asked if he wanted the cul-de-sac at the Thornton's end.

Mr. Caesar replied yes.

Mr. Blair stated that may make a tough left-hand turn on Daisy Lane though.

Mr. Phipps stated that it may make more sense to have it off of Daisy Lane.

Mr. Caesar said that it would have to be engineered.

Dr. Knable stated that he has encouraged them to come to the council and go to the board of works.

Mr. Barksdale asked Mr. Caesar if another addition to the Thornton's station was approved last year.

Mr. Caesar replied yes.

Mr. Barksdale stated that some of these same conversations have taken place in redevelopment. He then suggested that it be taken back to redevelopment to see if there is something that can possibly be done.

Mr. Caesar stated that he definitely thinks that it needs to be taken back to redevelopment. He also stated that he has been told that speed tables are not that much of a deterrent but he disagrees with that statement. He then said that if you put one in then you are going to have to put 20 in because there are these same issues in many other areas of the city.

Mr. Blair stated that there are two speed tables in New Albany that he knows of and one is right in front of his house which he feels is a great deterrent and definitely slows traffic. He added that he strongly endorses them.

Mr. Caesar asked Ms. Stein to research the city ordinances to see if there is anything that says they can't be put in.

Ms. Stein said she would.

Dr. Knable asked Mr. Caesar and Mr. Barksdale to bring it up at redevelopment to find out what the options are there.

Mr. Coffey stated that if Coyle Drive is going to be reviewed, he would like for Martin Drive to be reviewed as well because that has been talked about for a number of years.

He also stated that there are other areas that are like these and he feels that they should all be done as opposed to just doing one.

Dr. Knable stated that on Coyle Drive, there was an agreement in place that wasn't executed and they have experienced explosive growth. He added that he would be hard pressed to think of another area where there was an agreement that wasn't enforced, that has seen construction on all sides and the residents have been voicing a lot of concerns about it.

Mr. Coffey stated that he remembers a meeting on Martin Drive where other council members and he were present and there was an agreement made with them as well that we would work to solve the problems that they have with hospital trucks, etc. cutting through there. He added that in all of his years on the council, it seems that certain neighborhoods get certain priorities while others are promised things as well. He said that he just thinks that if the council is going to do anything, it should be done for all.

Dr. Knable stated that he has never been involved in any discussions about speed tables on Martin Drive.

Mr. Coffey explained that he was talking about the speeding issues not speed tables.

Dr. Knable stated that he hasn't been part of a conversation about either. He added that the flooding is an ongoing problem that they continue to try to address. He explained that if they walked both of those, the Coyle Drive property is a much more critical situation and there was already a solution in place.

Mr. Caesar stated that he has noticed that since the conversation of the two-way streets people are moving slower and he wonders if they could experiment with making 10' lanes on Coyle Drive with striping.

Mr. Phipps asked if Thorntons agreed to pay for the speed tables because that is a different situation if so.

Mr. Caesar replied yes but he thought it was a plastic speed table that could be taken in and out.

Mr. Blair suggested putting a group together to work with the administration to come up with a plan.

Mr. Coffey stated that some of the work will have to go through redevelopment because the money will come through TIF.

Mr. Blair stated that they could install a deceleration lane in front of the old bowling alley.

Mr. Coffey asked Mr. Thompson what it would cost to do a road diet on Coyle Drive.

Mr. Thompson stated that it shouldn't cost much because it would just be a matter of painting and even if it was thermoplastic, it shouldn't be that expensive. He added that the Thorntons project is on hold right now.

Mr. Caesar asked Mr. Thompson if he could bring it up at the Board of Works and if they could read Dr. Knuble's letter into the minutes.

Mr. Thompson stated that he could first bring it up at the operations meeting and if everyone agrees he could take it to the board.

Mr. Nash stated that he noticed in the Board of Works minutes that Tony Nava had approached them about replacing signage and he was told that there isn't an inventory of them on hand. He asked if that is something the board needs that the council could help them out with.

Mr. Thompson stated that they have them in inventory and they typically ask for the area where they are being requested.

Mr. Phipps stated that drivers are not yielding to the pedestrian at the crosswalks with flashing yellow lights. He asked if they could install the plastic ones that sit in the middle of the road.

Mr. Thompson stated that they have had some discussions in the operations meetings about doing some sort of education with social media.

Mr. Phipps stated that he doesn't think that will help and added that he thinks it gives pedestrians a false sense of security.

Mr. Caesar asked if they could add a pedestrian crossing at that location on Main.

Mr. Thompson stated that he would bring it up at the meeting.

Mr. Blair reported that on his way to work he went down Mt. Tabor and Green Valley and the street department was out painting the crosswalks which he was very happy to see. He passed out an email from David Eib regarding an injury he suffered due to the condition of city sidewalks and read it into the record. Said email is on file with the City Clerk's office. He stated that they really need to address this issue because it is a real safety concern.

Dr. Knable stated that they have advocated for a survey to be done and once they have that then they can prioritize.

Mr. Blair asked Mr. Thompson if he knows where Mr. Christmas is on the inventory of sidewalks.

Mr. Thompson stated that he wasn't aware the Mr. Christmas was working on one.

Mr. Caesar stated that he thinks at the very least they need to address the email that was given to them.

Mr. Thompson stated that he can make sure a barricade is installed so no one trips over it.

Mr. Blair stated that it is that way all the way up and down Castlewood.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that he went kayaking up the Ohio River and noticed that the riverside looks cleaner than it used to.

Mr. Caesar stated that he went to the Falling Run Creek Falls and also noticed that the river was cleaner.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

Mr. Hall stated that they have a jam-packed Saturday this weekend with the Farmer’s Market at 8:00 a.m., the Doggy Fun Walk and Flea Market at the dog park, the Coffin Races at the riverfront at 4:00 p.m., Stories Behind the Stone at Fairview Cemetary at 5:00 p.m., the Carnegie Center public art show from 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. at the amphitheater and Space Jam will be showing at Binford Park.

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:

Mrs. Moeller presented the council with the financial report for August 2017 and asked that it be read into the minutes.

Police Chief Bailey stated that they have received a lot of questions on how the two-way street conversion is going and wanted to give the council and update. He explained he is very excited about the grid modernization and they have had very few problems which is a credit to how well it was engineered and planned. He stated that they have had three minor accidents and as compared to years past for that time frame they had more crashes. He explained that traffic has slowed which was one of the core values of the conversion and it is a benefit to public safety. He added that the conversion also increases the maneuverability of emergency vehicles.

Mr. Gibson stated that there will be a public meeting on the Slate Run Road Rehabilitation Project on September 26th at 7:00 p.m. at 1534 Slate Run Road. He added that they sent letters to all the residents in the area and welcome the council members to join them at the meeting.

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-17-04	An Ordinance to Fix the General Fund and Other Budgets for the Year 2018	Phipps 3
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Mr. Phipps introduced A-17-04 and moved to approve the third reading, Mr. Caesar second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Blair who voted no. Bill A-17-04 becomes Ordinance A-17-12.

Mr. Blair moved to amend the ordinance to remove the \$500,000.00 from line item 443 from the EDIT Budget, Dr. Knable second, the amendment did not pass with 7 no votes from Mr. Coffey, Mr. Caesar, Mr. Phipps, Mr. Nash, Mr. Aebersold, Mr. Barksdale, Mr. McLaughlin and 2 yes votes from Mr. Blair and Dr. Knable.

Mr. Blair asked if they need to add “as amended” since they separated the \$100,000.00 out at the last meeting.

Mrs. Glotzbach stated that she attached the amendment to it.

Mr. Coffey stated that it was amended before the third reading so it is good to go.

Mr. Blair stated that he would like to amend the ordinance to remove line item 443 “office supplies, furniture and equipment” from the EDIT budget because it he thinks it is the council’s responsibility to review and approve any projects before they allocate money to that project even if they are in favor of the project itself.

Mr. Coffey stated that this was already addressed at the last meeting and they cannot bring it forward again.

Mr. Blair stated that it was brought to them in a different form where he was going to leave it in the budget and have them ask for permission and this request is to remove the funds from the budget.

Ms. Stein stated that because it is a different amendment than what was previously proposed they can discuss it.

Dr. Knable echoed what Mr. Blair said in that this would be the council’s last opportunity to have any meaningful input on a project that he is in favor of. He explained that they do have a responsibility before they allocate money of that magnitude.

Mr. Nash stated that at this point they would just be controlling the furniture and asked if that was his intentions.

Mr. Blair stated that with it being such a significant piece the contractors will understand all of their funding mechanisms before they move ahead with starting the project.

Mr. Nash stated that they would have no control over anything else at this point just by omitting the \$500,000.00.

Mr. Coffey asked if the furniture includes computers and wiring. He stated that they are kicking a dead horse at this point because it has essentially already been voted on.

Mr. Blair stated that it was a four-four tie and now they have a new member voting that wasn’t at the last meeting.

Mr. Caesar stated that he thinks the project is good future planning and he doesn’t want to be the guy that says they need to have blue chairs. He explained that this sets a specific budget and all of the other pieces have come together and all of the bodies that need to know what needs to be done are doing their part. He stated that there will be decisions that need to be made and will come before them at the appropriate time. He added that if this doesn’t happen before the end of 2018 the administration does not get to spend the money on anything else.

Mr. Phipps stated that he agrees with Mr. Caesar and looks at it like this is the piece of the pie that the council is contributing. He added that if they need something beyond that later on then that is when scrutiny needs to come into play.

Mr. Blair reminded the group that they did this with the accessibility project to Silver Creek Project and then when the project was completed they changed what the project was and much of it wasn't completed. He stated that he doesn't think that any of them would have voted on that if they had known how it would have turned out.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that he spoke with Mr. Summers regarding the Providence Way Project and there is a second phase to it.

Mr. Blair asked about a new item that was added to the fire department budget for an ambulance in the amount of \$190,000.00

Mr. Gibson stated that several years ago the fire department got out of the ambulance business and at that time had a contract with Rural Metro. He explained Rural came back with higher numbers and they contracted out with Yellow for these services and that is what the line item reflects.

A-17-05 An Ordinance to Fix the Non-Reverting Barksdale 3
Budgets for the Year 2018

Mr. Barksdale introduced A-17-05 and moved to approve the third reading, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor. Bill A-17-05 becomes Ordinance A-17-13.

A-17-06 An Ordinance Setting Salaries for the Year Phipps 3
2018 for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees

Mr. Phipps introduced A-17-06 and moved to approve the third reading, Mr. Caesar second, all voted in favor. Bill A-17-06 becomes Ordinance A-17-14.

A-17-07 An Ordinance Setting Salaries for the Year Phipps 3
2018 for Elected Officials

Mr. Phipps introduced A-17-07 and move to approve the third reading, Mr. Barksdale second, all voted in favor. Bill A-17-07 becomes Ordinance A-17-15.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Appointment to the Police Merit Commission

Mr. Coffey nominated Mr. Tony Toran, Mr. Barksdale second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Blair.

Mr. Blair nominated Mr. Mark Cassidy, Dr. Knable second,

Dr. Knable thanked Mr. Cassidy for throwing his hat in the ring. He explained that in the last week he had four people come to him speaking in support of Mr. Toran and the job that he is doing so his vote will go for Mr. Toran. He encouraged Mr. Cassidy to continue to throw his hat in the ring to become part of the process in the future.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Pat McLaughlin, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk