

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA,
HELD A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY
ROOM IN THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016
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: Mr. Lorch, Mrs. Moeller, Mr. Gibson, Police Chief Bailey, Mr. Brewer, Police Officer Davidson, Mr. Hall and Mrs. Glotzbach

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes for September 7, 2016, **Mr. Barksdale** second, all voted in favor with exception of **Mr. Blair** who abstained.

Mr. Caesar moved to approve the Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes for September 14, 2016, **Mr. Phipps** second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for September 15, 2016, **Mr. Barksdale** second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS):

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

Dr. Knable stated that he, **Mr. Barksdale** and **Mr. Coffey** met with residents on Martin Drive and other officials both in the city and county to try and get some sort of movement. He explained that they want to keep it on the forefront of the public's attention and if anyone has questions about Martin Drive they can direct those to them.

Mr. Coffey stated that the county doesn't stop at the New Albany line but includes the city and he is tired of hearing that same attitude about the county's responsibilities. He explained that city residents pay county taxes so it wouldn't hurt for them to lean on them and make a point to remind them that they are all in this together.

Mr. Aebersold asked if anyone else received a notice from Emily Denzinger to invite the council and other city officials to a presentation from the secretary of defense at the Denzinger Building. He explained that that they will be giving out awards to four employees who have helped military families and the presentation will take place on Thursday, October 20th at noon.

Mr. Coffey stated that there was a child on a bicycle hit crossing the alley at W. 7th Street so he will be going to the board of works to request "Children at Play" signs and to request more enforcement of speeding in that area.

Mr. Blair asked about the extent of his injuries.

Mr. Coffey stated that he hasn't heard any updates but that is generally good news. He asked Police Chief Bailey if Safety Town is still up and going.

Police Chief Bailey stated that it is operated by the Pilot Club and is a highly utilized program.

Mr. Coffey asked Chief Bailey to contact them and see if there is anything they can do to take some of these safety tips to the schools.

Mr. Barksdale stated that he and Mr. Blair have been working to get something done on the median at Castlewood Drive and King David Apartments. He explained that the stumps will be removed very soon and new trees have been ordered but won't go in until the first of November.

Mr. Phipps asked if there is any progress on the dead trees on Spring Street.

Mr. Barksdale stated that he would bring it up again at the tree board meeting.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that there are also some large trees on Vincennes Street that are obstructing the view of traffic.

Mr. Coffey asked what type of trees are going in.

Mr. Blair stated that he was told that they are putting white pines back in.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

Mr. Hall stated that Harvest Homecoming is this week and it is the third largest festival in Indiana so it is definitely something the city is proud of. He explained that the mayor wanted to thank all of the volunteers that work the festival and invited them all to come out in support.

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:

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-16-07	An Ordinance to Fix the Non-Reverting Budgets for the Year 2017	Barksdale 1&2
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Mr. Barksdale introduced A-16-07 and moved to approve the first and second readings, Mr. Coffey second, all voted in favor.

A-16-08	An Ordinance to Fix the General Fund and Other Budgets for the Year 2017	Phipps 1&2
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Mr. Phipps introduced A-16-08 and moved to approve the first and second readings, Mr. Coffey second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Blair asked about the \$1,500.00 adjustment in one of the wages in the animal shelter budget.

Mr. Gibson said that he will follow up with him on that before the final reading.

Mr. Blair asked if everything is the same as what was discussed during the budget meetings.

Mr. Gibson stated that as far as he can recall, yes.

Mr. Caesar stated that he wants to note they are only over last year's budget by \$151,000.00 and he thinks that is quite remarkable.

Dr. Knable clarified that they have an addition of \$151,000.00, not that they are over budget.

Mr. Blair thanked Mr. Gibson and Mrs. Moeller for all of their hard work on the budget.

Mr. Gibson stated that there is a CPA in the controller's office and that is extremely helpful.

Mr. Phipps stated that this is his 5th budget since being on the council and this year it seemed to be more smoothly run than any in the past.

Mr. Barksdale thanked Mr. Gibson for breaking all the information down so that the new members could understand what was going on.

A-16-09 An Ordinance Setting Salaries for the Caesar 1&2
Year 2017 for Elected Officials

Mr. Caesar introduced A-16-09 and moved to approve the first and second readings, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Caesar stated that the elected officials are the mayor and the city clerk along with the 9 council members.

Mr. Blair stated that the council is not taking a pay increase.

A-16-10 An Ordinance Setting Salaries for the Caesar 1&2
Year 2017 for Non-Bargaining Unit
Employees

Mr. Caesar introduced A-16-10 and moved to approve the first and second readings, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Caesar stated this covers everyone that isn't in a union.

Mr. Coffey asked what size raise they figured in.

Mr. Gibson replied 2%.

Mr. Coffey stated that in the county they give them in a bonus verses the city giving it in pay and this is actually a better way to do it because it helps in their retirement.

Mr. Blair stated that he would like to add that the city has consistently given raises.

**A-16-06 Ordinance for Appropriation for the
Police Department**

Knable 3

Dr. Knable introduced A-16-06 and moved to approve the third reading, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor. Bill No. A-16-06 becomes Ordinance No. A-16-09.

Mr. Gibson suggested using the EDIT Fund for this appropriation.

Police Chief Bailey thanked the council on behalf of all the men and women on the force for their continued support.

Mr. Caesar asked what the timeline was for getting these cars on the street.

Police Chief Bailey replied within two months.

**G-16-02 An Ordinance Amending City Ordinance
150.095 through 150.999**

Knable 3

Dr. Knable introduced G-16-02 and moved to approve the third reading, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor. Bill G-16-02 becomes Ordinance No. G-16-10.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

**R-16-13 Resolution Requesting Income Statements on
The City of New Albany Aquatic Center**

Blair

Mr. Blair introduced R-16-13 and moved to approve, Mr. Coffey second, resolution fails with only one aye vote from Mr. Blair.

Mr. Blair stated that about five years ago when they were looking at the sports facility he did some due diligence on the aquatic center and the indoor facility and soccer complex. He explained that he spent a lot time looking at financial projections and was very concerned about the revenue generations as well as operating expenses. He stated that most of the expense went into the aquatic center and they did comparisons of neighboring cities that had an aquatic center to try to see what they could expect with the performance of the new one. He stated that in the last few years he has asked the controller to make sure they are in the position to produce an income statement on this center and he thinks it is important to understand the amount of revenue and expenses for projects such as this. He explained that during the budget meeting he asked Mr. Gibson about the income statement and it became apparent to him that the city administration was not planning on producing that for the aquatic center so he thought it was a necessity to ask the council to support this resolution. He stated that an income statement is a basic financial statement that every private entity produces and most government units will as well for revenue generated entities. He explained that this was the first full year for the aquatic center so it will be a good time to generate an income statement and it is their fiscal responsibility to ask for it and understand it. He stated that they need to compare what the numbers are to projection and see where they are and they need to look at efficiency ratios to make sure they are operating in the best way possible.

Mr. Coffey asked if the city is okay on their bonds.

Mr. Gibson stated that there wasn't much change in any of the departments this year from the previous year. He explained that he understands what Mr. Blair is requesting but an income statement in this atmosphere has a different connotation than in the private

sector and that is assuming they are out to make a profit. He stated that most of their departments don't create a revenue but they have provided documentation showing what income has come into the parks department. He explained that they also generate the budget-to-actual aspects as well so it is difficult for them to understand why there is this focus on the pool.

Mr. Coffey stated that he is comfortable with what he saw in budget and asked if Mr. Blair's questions would be better brought before the parks board.

Mr. Blair stated that he is asking the council because the controller would be the one to manage that. He explained that the aquatic center is the entity that produces the most revenue and they need to see if they are meeting budget and even if they are doing a good job, there is always room for improvement.

Mr. Coffey stated that they are generating revenue but it is used to fund other programs that can't fund themselves. He explained that he has always been against the council micromanaging the administration. He stated that if it is profitable that is wonderful because that money will help fund other programs and to him that shows that the parks department is pulling their own weight.

Mr. Blair stated that Clarksville and Jeffersonville did it and that is how the rest of the world operates so they shouldn't want to stick their heads in the sand and hope everything works out. He added that he is not pointing fingers at anyone and he has always been a big supporter of the parks, but they also need to understand the financials to make decisions.

Mr. Coffey stated that any time he has needed to know anything Mr. Gibson and Mrs. Moeller have never denied him information. He explained that the department is running well, they have an outstanding budget, and he thinks this is jumping the gun.

Mr. Blair asked what happens in the future if something happens with the pool and they don't have the information to look at and identify the problem.

Mr. Gibson stated that this body is receiving more financial information now than they ever have in the past. He explained that he is hearing is the exact thing he is worried about which is having nine different people coming in and telling his pool managers, who know what they are doing, how to do their jobs.

Mr. Nash stated that Mr. Blair mentioned something about them using their lifeguards the right way and he has no idea what the rules of lifeguarding is so he isn't going to tell the people who are trained in these areas how they should be doing their job. He added that things like pool chemicals are regulated so he doesn't know what they could possibly add to that other than finding a new wholesaler for the chemical and he doesn't really think that is their job.

Mr. Gibson stated that their job is to put the budgets together and that is what they have tried to do over the last several month. He explained that they have to live within that budget so they are constantly monitoring what is going on with each department as well as the residents. He stated that he thinks the information that Mr. Blair is asking for is already provided, just in a different format.

Mr. Blair asked how much revenue the aquatic center produced this year.

Mr. Gibson replied it was approximately \$425,000.00-\$450,000.00.

Mr. Blair stated that is the first time he has heard that number.

Mr. Gibson stated that it is given with the parks budget and he can't have 9 people telling the parks director how to run her pool.

Mr. Coffey stated this body is legislative not administrative. He added that he takes offense that Mr. Blair suggested that they aren't fiscally responsible when they all put in work to do just that.

Dr. Knable stated that the council has always worked on a general budget and they just passed that for next year unanimously, so he doesn't think it is a trust issue. He explained that if they are going to shift this into micromanagement mode they would have to immediately go to the Silver Street complex which also generates a lot of revenue. He stated that he thinks they had a great discussion during the budget hearings and he doesn't see a need for something like that.

Mr. Blair stated that this is the first time they have had an aquatic center so of course they didn't look at it in the past.

Mr. Coffey stated that the soccer programs are bleeding the other programs in the inner city and no one is asking for income statements on that. He explained that the parks department is working and he is comfortable enough to know that if there is a problem Mr. Gibson and Mrs. Moeller will bring it to their attention.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that if we are worried about revenues they need to look at the entities who use the fields and perhaps raise rates.

Mr. Phipps stated that as long as the parks department is within their budget he doesn't want to micromanage them because they hire professionals to run these departments and they have to have confidence in them.

Mr. Blair stated that it is basic information that other entities provide and he doesn't see why they don't follow the same practice.

Mr. Coffey asked the council as a whole if they feel like they aren't getting the basic financial information.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

ADJOURN:

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

Pat McLaughlin, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk