

**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, OCTOBER 18,  
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. Staten, Mr. Streips, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Moeller, Mr. Warren Nash and Mrs. Glotzbach

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

**INVOCATION: Mr. Fleenor**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:**

**Mr. Caesar moved to approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes for October 1, 2018, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor.**

**Mr. McLaughlin moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for October 1, 2018, Mr. Barksdale second, all voted in favor.**

**COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:**

**Mr. Coffey** stated that he saw in the news that we are going to have a traffic study on Spring Street and we have already had one done and everyone knows that cars speed through there and we don't need a study to know that. He said that we need to start writing tickets and he feels that we need to look into putting a light before you hit the curve at 10<sup>th</sup> Street that has been requested before and wasn't done. He also said that we have had more deaths in the past year than we have had in the past 20 years since the conversion. He stated that one thing the conversion didn't address was that a pedestrian cannot go through the crosswalk at Spring Street and Vincennes Street with the way the light situation is. He said that with the amount of money that was spent, he feels that we could have looked at that issue. He added that we have speed limits on the roads that are not being adhered to so tickets need to be written because if you write enough of them, people will slow down. He said he hopes that the new study will address his concerns but he thinks that we still need to go ahead and move forward with common sense approaches.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that he concurs with Mr. Coffey on 99% of that. He explained that he has requested a simple fix for a four-way stop at 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Elm Street as well as 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Market Street. He said that there is a church at 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Elm Street and the fire station is at 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Market Street and something needs to happen between 15<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Street on Spring Street because it is used as a drag strip. He added that he doesn't think we need a study for it either but they said we need one in order to document data. He stated that he doesn't feel that the two accidents that were referred to were due to the two-way conversion because the one happened near White Castle before the conversion and one happened behind the gas station was not even on Spring Street. He added that he doesn't feel that the conversion was the cause in the accident with the skateboarding accident either. He also added that he agrees that we have had several

pedestrian deaths and that is an issue that we need to look into and get people onboard with stopping for pedestrians in those flashing crosswalks.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that he is not saying that the two-way conversion caused them but when they first did it, the speeds came down and now they are back up again. He also stated that we just need to get people to slow down.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that he thinks if they close one lane when they start the repair on the Sherman Minton Bridge instead of closing the bridge completely, it will back up traffic and people are going to get frustrated and speed because of getting stuck in traffic so he feels Spring Street and Elm Street will get the bulk of that.

**Dr. Knable** stated that it is a serious matter and he spoke with the city engineer as well as the mayor and rather than speaking for them, he would like to invite them to speak before the council and go over the findings once the study is complete.

**Mr. Coffey** asked if they gave him any idea of how long it will take to complete the study.

**Dr. Knable** replied no, but stated it is a finite study so there will be an end to it.

**Mr. McLaughlin** stated that he was downtown for Harvest Homecoming and was at the Exchange and Floyd County Brewing sitting and looking at the pedestrian crossing lights and he supposes that drivers don't know what those flashing lights mean so pedestrians do need to use caution when stepping into those crosswalks.

**Mr. Barksdale** stated that he was just in Chicago over the weekend and they actually have cones that are mounted in the street that actually tells you that it is law that you stop when there is a pedestrian in the crosswalk. He said that to him, that would be a fairly easy fix to this problem.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that he has advocated for that from the get go on this as well.

**Dr. Knable** reminded everyone of the work session coming up on Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in this room regarding the proposed zoning ordinance.

**Mr. Blair** asked if it is a presentation or Q & A.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that it will be both.

**Mr. McLaughlin** said that he will just be getting off of work so he will be late.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:**

**Mr. Hall** stated that the new zoning ordinance which hasn't been updated since 1971 will be coming to the council next month so if anyone has any questions before then, the mayor wants to encourage members to reach out to Mr. Wood or Mr. Streips. He also stated that Trunk or Treat is Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the amphitheater but if it does rain, it will be moved to the State Street parking garage. He said that he hopes everyone can make it with their families.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:**

**Mrs. Moeller** presented the members with the September 2018 financials.

**Mr. Staten** presented the members with the TIF summaries that were requested at the last meeting. He added that he is available after the meeting to discuss them if anyone has any questions.

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

**HOMELESS COALITION – Ms. Keeley Stingel**

**Dr. Knable** stated that the appropriation funds are in the works and are forthcoming.

**Ms. Stingel** presented a letter of support from Center for Women and Families to be put into the record.

**Dr. Knable** stated that he is going to ask Mrs. Glotzbach to send each member a copy of the letter and place a copy in the record.

**Ms. Stingel** thanked the council for their commitment of funds to the organization and really believing in them in their effort to address homelessness. She said that once they have the funds, she will schedule another meeting with the council to let them know how the funds were allocated. She stated that they have been able to generate a large amount of support over the last year and in the audience there are Center for Women and Families, Volunteers of America, LifeSpring, Salvation Army, Nomad Ministries, the coalition's board chair and another board member as well as staff and white flag volunteers. She said over the last year they have rediscovered who they are as an organization and what role they have in the community as well as how they started. She explained that in 2013, there was a police sweep of a homeless camp in the City of Jeffersonville and the community was very upset because individuals had left to go to a soup kitchen and came back to all of their belongings gone. She stated that as a response to this, the mayor of Jeffersonville put together a homelessness task force and they were charged with how to prevent this from happening again and how they can come together to really address the needs in Southern Indiana. She said that their goal is to have a zero functional homeless number by 2025 in Clark and Floyd Counties. She explained that there are 298 homeless individuals in this community and the eight county region that they serve with 80-90% of those individuals in Clark and Floyd Counties. She stated that four key gaps were identified in their 2025 Vision which was an emergency white flag shelter, case management for general homeless population, day shelter and information sharing as well as coordination of services. She said that the task force then felt that there needed to be a new organization to take over all of these issues and to sign memorandums of understanding with the Salvation Army, the New Albany Housing Authority, the Jeffersonville Housing Authority, the Center for Women and Families, St. Elizabeth's Catholic Charities and LifeSpring. She said that is how the organization came to be and they began in June of 2016 and December of 2016 was the first season of the emergency white flag shelter. She stated the organization received from the City of New Albany an agreement to support the organization with a commitment of \$75,000.00 and the same for the City of Jeffersonville. She said that the organization took on the large, daunting task of not only providing an emergency shelter, but to operate a shelter that was dependent on volunteers and in that first season they had 126 visits to the shelter, 20 unique guests and 40 volunteers. She also said they had the partnership of the Salvation Army who allowed

them to operate this program out of their space and has continued to be a valued partner moving forward. She explained that in June of 2017 she came on board as the Executive Director of the Homeless Coalition and did external and internal feedback as to what their plan should be and created a strategic plan which she presented to the council in their packets. She said that in November of 2017 they operated the second white flag season and they went from having 40 volunteers to 156 that donated nearly 2,500 hours and 81 lives were impacted by that so the first season they had 20 unique guests and the last season they had 81 unique guests. She also said that visits went from 126 to 740 and they did not anticipate that amount of growth so they could not have pulled that off without the help from all of the individuals and organizations that she mentioned earlier that are in the audience. She stated that in the first season they experienced more individuals that were chronically homeless and knew all of the resources that are available but the second season they started experiencing individuals that were working but did not have enough to make ends meet. She said they saw a lot more of individuals with addiction and some individuals that had vehicles so the chronically homeless really represents about only 15% of the homeless population. She stated that they also partner with TARC which provides free transportation for any guest of white flag, the New Albany Floyd County Health Department which provides free Hepatitis A and flu vaccines and Volunteers of America which provides free HIV testing. She explained that in May of 2018 they received a grant from the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana to focus on services coordination and coming this white flag season, they are testing out a new process to more quickly connect individuals with the resources and support that they need. She said that they are also going to increase the service provider engagement by offering tobacco cessation and other programs that they can rely on community partners. She stated that another demonstration of partnerships at work is that on Saturday nights of white flag there is a gap because there is no hot meal being served anywhere so they talked to 8<sup>th</sup> Street Pizza and they have agreed to serve pizza on those Saturdays. She said that their mission and vision is focused on homelessness and its causes and that it is not just a housing issue. She explained that they are focused on scaling people up and making sure that they have employment or some sort of income such as disability or social security to make sure they have the financial means to live. She stated that one of their five strategic goals is focusing on affordable housing that is of quality. She also stated that something that she has heard quite often is that there is no bus route that goes from Charlestown Road in New Albany to Ivy Tech in Sellersburg so she is very proud to say that on September 14<sup>th</sup>, the executive director of TARC and their director of planning were sitting at Ivy Tech in Sellersburg talking to 35 individuals about how to extend that particular route. She then stated that they are doing a public education seminar series on homelessness covering topics from what it looks like in Indiana, physical health, mental health, youth homelessness and how individuals can get involved with white flag services. She said that the council has committed funds to the coalition in order to help with our efforts but the council members can also inform their constituents on how to get involved and address the homelessness issue. She shared that next season they will have paid support staff at the white flag emergency shelter due to the amount of volume that they had last year as well as process improvement. She then went over key outcomes which included several sources of funds that they have secured. She said that they have monthly meetings as well as monthly newsletters that you can sign up to receive on their website.

**Dr. Knable** thanked Ms. Stingel for presenting at the meeting. He said that he did not put a time limit on her because there is really no limit to the depth of this problem. He stated that he assumes that even though they have talked about two years of seed money,

she will be back to talk to the council next year so they will just need further information prior to that request to show where the money went.

**Ms. Stingel** stated that is correct.

**Mr. Blair** stated that he brought it before the council the first time and it was his understanding that it would be seed money to give the coalition a start in finding sustainable funding sources. He then asked Ms. Stingel how close they are to getting sustainable funding sources.

**Ms. Stingel** stated that they have made great strides but they are not there yet and if they don't receive municipal funding, it would really impact their ability to continue. She added that the City of Jeffersonville has realized this and renewed their funding for a third year at \$75,000.00 so she that is something that she would like to talk about with the council as far as where the City of New Albany feels their role is in addressing this issue.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that when Ms. Stingel came before the council last year, the coalition was kind of going in every other direction but now they seem to be very focused and actually have a plan and he likes it.

**Mr. McLaughlin** asked if Ms. Barb Anderson of the Haven House is part of the coalition now.

**Ms. Stingel** stated that she was on the phone with her this evening and she expressed to her very strongly how overcapacity she is.

**Mr. McLaughlin** stated that Ms. Anderson has been in the trenches doing this for many years and he feels it would be advantageous for her to be involved in this.

**Ms. Stingel** agreed.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that it sounds like they are working together and that's what is important.

**Mr. McLaughlin** stated that he doesn't know that was always the case.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that solving the causes of homelessness is very important and until that is solved, you cannot come up with a solution. He then said that we have a drug problem that plays into homelessness and asked if people are focusing on this.

**Ms. Stingel** stated that is something being discussed at their member meetings and Ms. Anderson shared with her that 25% of the people coming to her shelter have been or are presently addicted. She then pointed out that the number of people who are chronically homeless is about 15% and have significant barriers to long-term housing. She said they need permanent supportive housing that also provides different levels of services and there are only 24 units in this area so we need more permanent supportive housing. She added that housing will not solve this problem alone because there are other things such as childcare, etc. that people need to be able to work.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that the women's shelter that is closing said that these women and kids can go to homeless shelters and he feels that is something that really needs to be

addressed because these families are already going through turmoil and that is not an answer.

**Ms. Stingel** stated that Center for Women and Families is a valued partner of theirs and they are transitioning their model from static shelter to something that helps people who are in what is called a high lethality situation. She explained that if someone who is a victim of domestic violence calls the police, they are going to be trained to ask three questions so they can determine how likely the individual is to be killed. She said the center told her that those individuals will be able to get a hotel voucher. She added that the 10-bedroom shelter on Charlestown Road will no longer exist in Southern Indiana which does leave a gap but there is one other domestic violence shelter in Salem but that is 45 minutes away so that is still a challenge.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that putting children in that situation is unacceptable and asked why they are changing it.

**Ms. Stingel** stated that she can't speak to exactly why but they are very committed to expanding prevention and what they have found from people being served by their services right now is that the individuals often go back to their abuser multiple times. She said that they now want to focus on prevention.

**Mr. Barksdale** thanked Ms. Stingel for coming in and giving such an in-depth report.

**Dr. Knable** also thanked everyone in the audience for their efforts.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that he doesn't have a problem with them coming back for another \$75,000.00 because this is not a problem that can be solved overnight.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that he wanted to concur with what Mr. Blair said earlier as far as they initially thought of this as seed money and last year when they came before the council, it wasn't really clear and he was kind of skeptical about the proposal but Ms. Stingel made a very good case tonight.

#### **PLAN COMMISSION – Mr. Phipps**

**Mr. Phipps** reported that they had a lengthy agenda and he is going to share only the big items with the council. He stated that they are sending the new zoning ordinance to the council with a favorable recommendation and there was one person against it and the rest were in support of it. He said he was kind of hoping to stop it until the council can have their work session on it but they can still tweak it and it will just have to go back to planning. He stated that the PUDD request on Daisy Lane and Green Valley Road will be coming to the council as well and it was a scaled back version from the previous one. He said it was not a unanimous vote but a majority vote and he abstained on it because he said he would reserve his vote for the council when it is heard by them. He stated that they also approved the soccer field in front of Green Valley Elementary School to be used by New Albany High School.

**Mr. Blair** asked if there were any recommendations or was everyone satisfied with the zoning ordinance.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that there was one no vote and as far as he could tell, everyone else was in favor of sending it to the council.

**Mr. Coffey** asked what they are doing on Corydon Pike where the old motel sits.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that he does not know.

#### **URBAN ENTERPRISE – Mr. Barksdale**

**Mr. Barksdale** reported that they awarded \$37,000.00 in commercial façade grants so far in 2018 as compared to \$50,000.00 in 2017. He said they also awarded \$22,500.00 in residential façade so far in 2018 as compared to \$12,000.00 in 2017. He explained that they assisted in construction of the public parking lot adjacent to the M. Fine Building and budgeted \$20,000.00 for public art projects. He said they also budgeted in \$5,000.00 towards downtown tree replacements and donated \$5,000.00 to the Underground Railroad Garden at the Town Clock Church. He also stated that they are also funding the refurbishment of the ghost sign at the old Fair Store on the side of the building.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Blair**

**Mr. Blair** stated that he has no report because there were no meetings.

#### **TREE BOARD – Mr. Streips**

**Mr. Streips** thanked the council for having him back and stated that the members of the board are Mr. Barksdale, Ms. Streckfus, Ms. Shrake, Mr. Sizemore, Mr. Bizzell, President Dickey and Mr. Mills serves that the board's arborist and without him, they would not have a successful tree board. He then did a power point presentation on the Tree Management Plan. He started his presentation with discussing the DNR Grant. He explained that the city was awarded \$20,000.00 for the 2016 Community and Urban Forestry Assistance grant project and only ten projects were awarded throughout the USDA Forest Service Northeastern Area. He stated that the grant funded an inventory of city-owned trees which included those in rights-of-way and New Albany Parks and based on the inventory, a Tree Management Plan was drafted. He said that the tree board procured three quotes to perform the inventory and draft the management plan and ultimately chose ArborPro, Inc. which is a nationwide company that has completed similar projects for over 125 municipalities. He then went over the inventory summary and explained that 7,777 sites were inventoried and there were 5,244 trees, 197 stumps and 2,336 vacant planting sites. He stated that the overall condition of our trees fall in the good (50%) or fair (35.4%) categories. He explained that i-tree software was used to determine urban tree benefits and i-tree is a peer-reviewed software package from the USDA Forest Service that provides urban and rural forestry analysis and benefits assessment tools. He then listed the urban tree benefits which are energy conservation (\$27,254.00), air quality (\$9,889.00), CO2 sequestration (\$4,223.00), storm water control (\$90,778) and aesthetic/other (\$133,586.00). He stated that the majority of our trees are maple trees and 217 trees are recommended to be immediately pruned or removed which is priority 1. He said that priority 2 is that 628 trees are recommended to pruned or removed in the next few years. He added that there are 2,336 potential tree planting sites and showed maps setting out those sites throughout the city. He then said that there are 144 priority 1 removals, 73 priority 1 prunes, 197 stump removals and 50 trees recommended for planting which would total \$158,490.00 in cost. He then set out the tree board's plans for moving forward. He explained that the immediate plan is to use up the \$20,000.00 starting in late October to plant 50-60 new trees and starting in 2019, they will update the plan and advise the city on the timeline to complete the maintenance

portion of the plan. He then showed maps of potential tree planting sites and shared some final thoughts. He stated that with limited funds and manpower, the tree board, with the help from private citizens and businesses, has planted well over 200 trees on city rights-of-way and in the parks in just the last few years. He said that with just a small number of committed board members, our tree canopy throughout the city is in great shape and that Ecotech started their 10,000 Trees Partnership in downtown and has contributed many other trees since then. He also said that the redevelopment commission has included hundreds of tree plantings in their sidewalk and roadway projects and the street department has been instrumental in maintaining our current tree inventory. He stated that the plan commission staff has included sections in the Comprehensive Plan that require a tree inventory, the preservation of existing trees and encourage new plantings with every development. He said that they also added a section on tree preservation and stricter landscaping standards in the proposed new zoning ordinance. He explained that the mayor and his administration fully support implementing the Tree Management Plan and the city and the tree board are ready and excited to move forward with the plan to sustain the level of commitment that has already been shown to continually improve and grow our urban tree canopy. He then asked if anyone had any questions.

**Dr. Knable** asked who supplies most of the manpower.

**Mr. Streips** replied that Mr. Mills has good relationships with several of the nurseries around the city and the typical cost of planting one tree is approximately \$300.00 which Mr. Mills feels is a good deal and that also includes a one-year warranty.

**Dr. Knable** asked if there is anyway to get a better price and supply manpower for the planting if a group of neighbors decides that they want to purchase trees for their neighborhood.

**Mr. McLaughlin** stated that would be tree sponsorship.

**Mr. Streips** stated that they would obviously never turn away a neighborhood that wanted to buy trees.

**Mr. Barksdale** pointed out that on a smaller scale, they have had individuals step up and gave the example of Mr. Ed Wilkinson who planted at least eight trees in memory of his late wife Suellen.

**Mr. Caesar** stated that he thinks with a little work we can get people to plant trees or donate money to plant trees but his big worry is the trees that are sitting over a road or a house that are ready to fall and need to be cut down. He said that figure was approximately \$158,000.00 and asked where that money will come from. He also said that he knows the street department could possibly help with some but they can't cut down that many trees.

**Mr. Streips** stated that they have a map of potential tree locations so that can get started with getting trees in the ground with that \$20,000.00 grant money and then starting in 2019, they can come back with a plan now that they know where the priority 1 removals are located.

**Mr. Caesar** stated that he thinks something just needs to be looked at as far as getting donations for planting.



**Mr. Coffey** asked what the difference is between a \$60.00 tree and a \$300.00 tree because he paid \$60.00 per tree for some fruit trees that he just planted in his yard and they are guaranteed so if they don't grow, he can go get another one to replace it.

**Mr. Streips** stated that different types of trees vary in cost and he doesn't know what size he bought.

**Mr. Mills** asked if he planted the trees himself.

**Mr. Coffey** replied yes and said he would be happy to go out and plant the city's trees for \$240.00 per tree because that sounds really expensive.

**Dr. Knable** stated that it just depends on the size of the tree and the trunk, how long it had to be cultivated in a greenhouse, etc. He then thanked Mr. Streips for all of his work and stated that the city is lucky to have someone with such passion and caliber to head this thing up.

**APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**READING**

**COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: A-18-09 (Tree Canopy)**

**COMMUNICATIONS – PETITIONER: A-18-09 (Tree Canopy)**

**A-18-09 Ordinance for Appropriation of Funds for Barksdale 1&2  
Tree Canopy Planting**

**Mr. Barksdale introduced A-18-09 and moved to approve the first and second readings, Mr. Coffey second, all voted in favor.**

**Mr. Barksdale** stated that as Mr. Streips mentioned, we are asking that we can use that \$20,000.00 that was a reimbursement to get the planting started.

**Mr. Streips** stated that the entire project was about \$40,000.00 and DNR reimbursed us \$20,000.00 because we paid the \$40,000.00 to get the work done and submitted results to them.

**Mr. Blair** asked if they had specific sites or areas to plant the trees.

**Mr. Streips** stated they would like to plant where there are large clusters of potential tree locations.

**COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: G-18-07 (Human Rights)**

**COMMUNICATIONS-PETITIONER: G-18-07 (Human Rights)**

**G-18-07 Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 33.073 Regarding Phipps/ 1&2  
Appointments to the Human Rights Commission McLaughlin**

**Mr. Phipps introduced G-18-07 and moved to approve the first and second readings, Mr. Barksdale second, all voted in favor.**

**Dr. Knable asked who is in favor of having one additional member appointed by the council and one additional appointment made by the mayor, all voted in favor.**

**Dr. Knable asked who is in favor of having the entire council vote on the appointments for this commission rather than being appointed from the president's post, all voted in favor.**

**Mr. Phipps** stated that he was going to table this ordinance tonight because he met with the commission on Tuesday night and presented the plan and they were pretty much in favor of adding additional members to the board to have a more diverse board but they disagreed with the idea that it should be a council appointment and mayor appointment. He said they felt that they should be able to make the other two appointments and he told them that he didn't know if that was something that the council would pass because it takes them further away from accountability when we are the elected officials and they are making more appointments than us. He said that they would rather slow it down and do it right rather than do it quick so the suggestion was made that we put it in committee to come up with some sort of solution that is workable for the council, the administration and the commission. He asked if an ad hoc committee could be established to look at this and hopefully get it resolved sometime before August of next year because that is when the next appointments would take place.

**Dr. Knable** stated that he agrees with Mr. Phipps that the further you get away from the electorate, the less accountable you can be. He said that he has no problem with an ad hoc committee and feels it should be bipartisan with three members. He said he would be happy with Mr. Phipps, Mr. McLaughlin and himself.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that is fine with him.

**Mr. Blair** asked Dr. Knable if they shouldn't get the council's opinion how we want to proceed because he feels strongly that it should be elected officials appointing those.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that is a very good point. He added that it sounds like the whole council is on board so we could go ahead with the vote on this tonight.

**Mr. Matt Nash** asked what the commission's concern was.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that they felt it would be more representative of the community because they feel it can get political with the council and the mayor appointing them. He added that they thought they could reach out and get people that are outside of our social networks because we tend to recommend people in our networks that are similar to us particularly in economic status.

**Mr. Caesar** stated that the council would be happy to look over their recommendations.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that it was also suggested that they advertise for the positions and go through them first and then send forth a handful of them that both the mayor and the council would agree to choose from.

**Dr. Knable** stated that he thinks that is an unnecessary step because we advertised for those positions anyway and if they wanted to recruit for the position that would be fine also.

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: R-18-06 (Economic Revitalization)**

**COMMUNICATIONS – PETITIONER: R-18-06 (Economic Revitalization)**

**Mr. Staten** introduced Mr. Shawn Stumler and Mr. Dick Jones of Progressive Materials.

**Mr. Stumler** stated that he is President of Progressive Materials and they manufacture silicone coatings and accessories for roofing applications primarily. He said that they have approximately 35,000 sq. ft. currently and have grown to be the second largest roof coatings company in the country and are shipping internationally. He explained that as with growth, they need more space.

**Mr. Caesar** stated that he is excited for them and asked if there are any concerns with hazardous materials.

**Mr. Stumler** stated that they do have hazardous materials but everything is taken care of properly.

**Mr. McLaughlin** asked if they have had hazmat training.

**Mr. Stumler** replied absolutely.

**Mr. Barksdale** asked if they are hiring 25 new jobs.

**Mr. Stumler** replied yes and stated that they are highly skilled jobs.

**Mr. Staten** explained that this is an exciting opportunity but two of the parcels they are purchasing are not within the city limits and state law stipulates that the property must be located in one of these ERAs. He said that the abatement will be conditional upon the eventual designation of the ERA and the eventual voluntary annexation into the city limits which Mr. Endres is working on. He stated that the designation of the ERA has three pieces to it and the first one is the declaratory resolution tonight which is part of the abatement resolution. He said there will be a public hearing before the next council meeting on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and then there will be a confirmatory resolution confirming those two parcels to be designated as an ERA during the regular council meeting after the public hearing. He explained that the voluntary annexation will come in the first part of next year and he would like to ask that the council amend the resolution and extend the deadline from January 31<sup>st</sup> to February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr. Endres** stated that there is a voluntary annexation procedure which includes the publication, the hearing and the appeal process and everything should be completed by the end of February or we could say mid-March because we are guessing on the 2019 calendar because it hasn't been released yet.

**Mr. Staten** stated that it can be a lengthy process and he wants to make sure they have enough time to do their due diligence.

**Mr. Coffey** asked if we set it up for March but it passes before that time, is there a problem there.

**Mr. Staten** replied no.

**Mr. Coffey** then asked if we set it up for February and there is a hitch and doesn't get done by then, do we have to go through another process.

**Mr. Staten** replied yes.

**Mr. Coffey** asked why they just don't do March just to make sure there is plenty of time.

**Mr. Endres** stated that they could do the end of March to have a little cushion just in case there is a problem with the meetings.

**Mr. Blair** stated that the council also has the ability to call a special meeting if need be.

**Mr. Endres** stated that they anticipate it all being done in January if everything goes according to plan but just in case, that March date would be good.

**R-18-06          A Resolution of the City of New Albany, Indiana          McLaughlin**  
**Declaring an Economic Revitalization Area and for**  
**Real and Personal Property Tax Abatement**

**Mr. McLaughlin** introduced R-18-06 and moved to approve, **Mr. Phipps** second,

**Mr. Phipps** withdrew his second

**Mr. McLaughlin** moved to amend the deadline date in the resolution to March 31<sup>st</sup>, **Mr. Coffey** second, all voted in favor.

**Mr. McLaughlin** re-introduced R-18-06 as amended and moved to approve, **Mr. Phipps** second, all voted in favor.

**Mr. Barksdale** stated that he thinks this is a great win for New Albany.

**Mr. McLaughlin** stated that this is one of those situations that is good salaries and expands our tax base so he thanked them for expanding.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):**

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Al Knable, President

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Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk