

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA,  
HELD A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY  
ROOM OF THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2014  
AT 6:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Council Members, Mr. Coffey, Mr. Caesar, Mr. Phipps, Mrs. Benedetti, Mr. Blair, Mrs. Baird, Mr. Gonder and President McLaughlin. Mr. Zurschmiede was not present.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Lorch and Mrs. Glotzbach

**MOMENT OF REFLECTION:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:**

**COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:**

**APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:                      READING**

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| G-14-06 | Ordinance Amending the City of New Albany’s<br>Six Elections Districts Pursuant to I.C. 36-4-6-3 | Gonder 1,2&3 |
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**Mr. Gonder moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Zurschmiede who was not present.**

**Mr. Blair introduced G-14-06 and moved to approve the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Zurschmiede who was not present. Bill G-14-06 becomes Ordinance G-14-16.**

**Mr. McLaughlin** stated that Mr. Lorch was contacted and basically the redistricting that we did about 19 months ago somehow down the line got stagnant and he doesn’t want to assign any sort of blame or anything like that. He stated that a couple of people in the county clerk’s office became aware of the problem when they went to Indianapolis for a seminar.

**Mr. Lorch** stated that he is not sure about that.

**Mr. McLaughlin** stated that when we annexed Charlestown Road he was pretty sure that we were only annexing the commercial corridor but became aware that there are census blocks that you have to get into. He said that was going to be a problem because the one on Charlestown Road included the apartments out there. He also said that there were a few houses on the Grant Line Road one that we did. He explained that yesterday Mr. Lorch had made connections with the State Election Board and found out that you have to include census blocks unless you are doing an annexation so that frees us up to not

have to bring in residents which was the original plan when this thing first came out for the Charlestown Road corridor.

**Mrs. Benedetti** said that she thought that was done when the council adopted the last one.

**Mr. Lorch** stated that the annexation hadn't taken effect at the time and didn't factor into the plan. He explained that while we may have known that those areas might go into that particular district, we did not specify which precinct or things like that. He said that part of the purpose of this is to say that we did look into the impact of annexation and that these people should go into this district and this precinct and we are basically reaffirming our previous plan and that annexation does not alter it much.

**Mrs. Benedetti** asked if she could get the numbers in each district.

**Mr. Lorch** all the districts are the same except that District 6 gained 20. He said that District 1 is 6,020, District 2 is 5,958, District 3 is 6,061, District 4 is 6,039, District 5 is 6,060 and District 6 is 6,291. He then went over deviations. He said that District 1 is 48 for .79%, District 2 is 110 for 1.8%, District 3 is 7 for .12%, District 4 is 29 for .47%, District 5 is 8 for .13% and District 6 is 3.6%.

**Mr. Blair** asked what deviation they have to fall under.

**Mr. Coffey** replied 10%.

**Mr. Lorch** stated that when he first received those numbers it threw the deviation off and that's why he was checking into it some more to verify the numbers and the rules concerning adding those people. He explained that once he determined that we didn't have to take the whole census block in because we encroached on it with the annexation then that ruled out almost everyone that we were having to look at.

**Mr. McLaughlin** asked if the annexation went beyond the pentagon shaped census block that they looked at.

**Mr. Lorch** said that it actually did a little bit but it did not go into or touch the building that houses the people. He said that the Indiana Election Board said that as long as it didn't include people in that geographical area that it was okay not to take the whole block in.

**Mr. Coffey** asked Mr. Lorch to show the council about moving the blocks into a precinct so there are no split precincts basically as a courtesy to the county clerk's office.

**Mr. Lorch** explained that there were three areas where they moved the district line and those created precinct splits. He said that meant that people were a part of a precinct that was in one district but had to vote for a representative in another district and so that meant that the county clerk would have to order special ballots for people that reside in that territory. He also said that the county clerk and commissioners are trying to get the state election board to approve moving those precinct lines to match our district lines so that they don't have those splits anymore. He stated that one thing that is addressed in the ordinance is that on one of our splits there were two possible precincts they could've been moved to and the clerk and commissioners seemed to express a preference that it was one versus the other. He also stated that is why he amended the 2012 version to specify the precinct even though we don't draw those precinct lines, we can back them up on that preference.

**Mr. Caesar** asked if we are sure that everyone that will pay city taxes in 2015 is included and everyone that will not pay city taxes in 2015 is excluded.

**Mr. Lorch** replied yes.

**Mr. Blair** asked if these people have been notified.

**Mr. Lorch** replied that was a requirement of the annexation becoming official. He added that there is no requirement to notify them now because they are officially a part of the city. He said we are just changing the voting district lines to make sure they are included in that.

**Mrs. Benedetti** stated that they should be notified.

**Mr. Gonder** stated that they were notified.

**Mr. Blair** asked if they would have been notified along with all of those businesses.

**Mr. Lorch** replied that is correct.

**Mr. Caesar** stated that as long as the election board said that it is okay and people in the annexation know this then he is comfortable with it.

**Mrs. Benedetti** stated that she is still not comfortable with where the boundaries are.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding where District 3 stops and where District 5 begins.**

**Mr. Caesar** stated that we need some sort of detailed map with street names that shows exactly where the districts are.

**Mr. McLaughlin** said that we should probably get with the county clerk once this is done to make sure that we have an accurate map.

**Mrs. Benedetti** asked if each council member could get a map of their individual districts.

**Mr. Lorch** said that he thinks he has some at his office from when they were printed before.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (non-agenda items):**

**IN COMMITTEE:**

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| G-14-01 | Ordinance Adopting the International Property Maintenance Code Standards for the City of New Albany | Zurschmiede 1&2 |
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**TABLED ORDINANCES:**

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Pat McLaughlin, President

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Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk