

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY,
INDIANA, HELD A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS AT NEW ALBANY CITY HALL ON MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022 AT
7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members: Mrs. Collier, Mr. Phipps, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mr. Turner, Mr. Blair, Mr. Aebersold, Dr. Knable and Mr. Applegate, President.

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Stein, Mr. Wood, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Moeller and Mrs. Glotzbach.

CALL TO ORDER:

President Applegate 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. Phipps moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for April 21, 2022, Mrs. Collier second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

Mrs. Collier stated that she wanted to give her appreciation for getting all of the kinks worked out and streaming their meeting live tonight for the first time.

Mr. Phipps stated that he would concur with what Mrs. Collier said and is very pleased that we are finally broadcasting.

Mr. Turner stated that he too is glad that we are streaming and asked if all meetings like board of works and redevelopment meetings, etc. are going to be streamed as well?

Mr. Applegate stated that he is not sure and only knows of their meeting being streamed tonight.

Mr. Turner stated that he is on the public health committee and the last time they spoke he was engaging with some outreach groups and different homeless groups. He said that he continues to meet with non-profits and he is starting to work with the outreach groups at Bicknell Park now. He stated that he is trying to get a good head count of who is sheltered and who is unsheltered to try to get a good idea of where the need is. He said that he looks forward to bringing some of that before the council pretty soon. He then asked if we have a landlord database of who owns rental properties in the city that is public information?

Mr. Phipps stated that he doesn't know if it is public information but the council passed that rental inspection ordinance probably three or four years ago and they have to register their properties. He said that he thought they were giving them about a year grace period and then start enforcing it.

Mr. Turner then asked Mr. Gibson if they are going to start streaming all public meetings such as redevelopment and board of works?

Mr. Gibson stated that they are trying out council first.

Mr. Turner stated that at the last meeting he brought up redistricting and he is wondering if they could have an established committee set up soon like within the next month or so. He said that he is asking because redistricting for our city is due in about five months and he doesn't want it to be one of those situations where it is two weeks before redistricting is required and it creates a deadline to where they would have to rush through to approve something. He also said that if he could have a preference on that, he would like the council as a whole as that committee just because it is going to affect all of their districts he would imagine.

Mr. Blair stated that he concurs with Mr. Turner on the redistricting because there are some streets where there are two or three houses by themselves off in a different district, and he thinks there is an opportunity for them to clean things up, so he would like to start that process as soon as they can. He said that it is not just moving precincts around, but sometimes you are moving a couple of addresses within a precinct to another precinct.

Mr. Aebersold asked Mrs. Glotzbach if they could put drawings for developments and so forth up on the screen in the meetings?

Mrs. Glotzbach stated that she would have to check with Mr. Walker on that.

Mr. Aebersold stated that he just still has some concerns with Chick-Fil-A. He said that Ms. Brown tried to explain it to him but he guesses that he will just have to wait until it is done. He said that with two lanes of cars going through there, he doesn't see how they are going to make that exit because it will be really tight. He stated that they will work it out but he can see where that could become a problem really quickly. He also said that he didn't feel like that he got across to her his concerns and thought afterwards that if it could've been up on the screen where everyone could see and talk about it, it would have been a lot clearer.

Dr. Knable stated that he wanted to reiterate what folks have said about streaming these meetings because it is long overdue. He said that he totally agrees that we need to push forward with this, so hopefully it will be successful tonight because he thinks all of the public meetings need to be streamed so that the people can have real time access. He then stated that with the redistricting, he is sure that both parties are already looking and trying to recruit candidates within the individual districts to run for next year's municipal races. He said the sooner the better so that we can lock some people into that and let them know what they will be representing with regards to districts 1-6.

Mr. Applegate stated that he will concur with everyone on streaming the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

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

COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC: G-22-01 OPIOID ACTION COMMISSION

Ms. Tracy Skaggs, 2105 Ekin Avenue, stated that she is the Executive Director for Project Recovery Southern Indiana, Inc. She said that they are a newly established non-profit here in New Albany and she is present to speak about the Opioid Action Commission ordinance that is being proposed. She stated that Project Recovery's goal is to prevent overdoses and actually save people's lives. She said that to date, just this year, she has distributed 552 doses of Narcan and when they talk about prevention, a lot of

times that is excluded. She thinks this commission is a great need because what she sees, not only as a community member but as someone who has boots on the ground out here, is that a lot of the mainstream funding is going to the larger non-profit organizations and is not going to the ones that are fully invested in saving lives and establishing recovery for these individuals. She stated that a commission is in great need because this money needs to go directly to the opioid epidemic instead of going to other organizations that aren't actually out there addressing that. She said that Hepatitis C is up at least 109%, HIV is going up, overdoses continue to increase and according to numbers right now we are set to not only meet the 2021 number of 28 overdoses in the city, but to exceed it because overdoses are increasingly going up. She stated that they need to take appropriate, affirmative action to address the opioid epidemic here in our community. She said that as a non-profit, she feels that it is important that we make sure that the city council makes sure that this money is going to the organizations that are actually trying to address the situation.

Ms. Cathy Higgins, 1106 Korb Avenue, stated that she is a concerned citizen as well as the Program Director for Live Unlimited Community Outreach which is an established non-profit in the state of Indiana and they have filed for their 501C3 status. She said that she is a registered distributor of Narcan in the state of Indiana and she goes through Ms. Skaggs at Project Recovery. She stated that some weeks at their outreach she will give out none and sometimes there are 10. She said that she does have a lady in one of the housing developments that she just supplied with 16 doses and has since then referred her to Project Recovery to keep the supply. She stated that she wanted to stress that we have got to realize that there is a problem in New Albany. She said that she loves her city and will probably never live anywhere else and she just wants people's lives saved and would like to see more compassion.

COMMUNICATIONS PETITIONER: G-22-01 OPIOID ACTION COMMISSION

G-22-01	Ordinance Creating Opioid Abuse, Awareness and Action Commission	Turner/ 1&2 Knable
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Mr. Turner introduced G-22-01 and moved to approve the first and second readings, Dr. Knable second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Turner stated that the city is going to be receiving a settlement for about \$250,000.00 from Purdue Pharma. He said that this money is a one-time disbursement of money to us and we have a lot of experts in the city that know exactly where these funds could be used. He stated that he is not an expert but he asked Dr. Knable to get on this because he is a doctor and has firsthand knowledge on a lot of this stuff. He said that he has found that the government can really spend a lot of money and it doesn't always go to the right place and is usually inefficient and ineffective. He stated that when you utilize your neighbors that actually see it every day, you can actually get more bang for your buck. He said that in the spirit of working together, he created the membership to consist of one appointment from the mayor, one appointment from the fire chief, one appointment from the police chief, two appointments from the council and then two additional appointments from the commission itself once it is formed. He stated that this is in the spirit of making sure that those funds go exactly where they are needed, but once these funds are gone, there will still be a problem. He added that if you go by numbers, in two weeks we will see another overdose death in New Albany and it is time to do something about it.

Mr. Applegate stated that the documents in response to the litigation and settlement states that there should be about \$250,000.00, but it looks like it could be over an 18-year period, so he wants to make sure that everyone knows that the money is not in the bank. He said that per the allocation plan, 70% of the funds must be used for opioid use treatment, education or prevention in restricted funds and the remaining 30% may be used for any other government purpose in unrestricted funds. He stated that it also says that the local unit should expect to receive their per capita share of the unrestricted fund

via wire from the state. He said that it says \$35,000.00 should be set aside for opioid treatment, education and prevention distributed regionally by FSSA according to determinations made by local units. He stated that it says that the FSSA is in process of developing the details of the distribution processes but the state is committed to ensuring that those funds reach programs in local communities meant to address opioid use as the statute requires. He said that in saying that, they really don't know how it is going to be distributed, so to say that we have \$250,000.00 is not really accurate and he doesn't want people to think that money is in the bank now. He added that through the ARP funds, we have given over \$1M to drug abuse and facilities so as a whole, we have contributed quite a bit to those organizations to help combat some of these issues. He stated that Mr. Turner and he as well as Mrs. Collier are on the public health and welfare committee and without knowing when the money may come in, they can do all of the points in the resolution for the commission in the standing committee. He said that they could set up meetings with those types of organizations as well as the health department, etc., and give the council advice from things that they learn from those meetings. He stated that from his standpoint, they have this in place already if they activate it.

Mrs. Collier stated that she concurs with everything that Mr. Applegate said and this kind of just creates more red tape because it would be accomplishing what we already have in place with the public health and welfare committee. She suggested that once they know when to expect these funds, they should commit to a schedule for the committee to meet to come up with some ideas of what to do with that money, especially since that money is not going to go far.

Dr. Knable asked when the last time was that committee met?

Mr. Applegate stated that they haven't met on it yet, but feels that they are not using the tools they have and they have the opportunity to use those on this. He also stated that it is a standing committee so it can be activated at any time for this reason.

Dr. Knable stated that his take on that is that they don't even know the last time the committee met and this crisis has been upon us for the last several years. He said that it is a huge problem and if you had \$250,000.00 in the bank yesterday, it probably wouldn't put a dent in it, but they need to bring more voices to the table and there are some people who are "boots on the ground" and they feel like they don't have a place at that table. He stated that Ms. Higgins has said, they are asking for a little more compassion. He paraphrased Elvis and said that a little more conversation and a lot more action is needed with regards to this particular situation. He stated that it is not a blackeye upon the city to ask for help and put together a commission like this. He said that he is really excited about the possibility of this commission and understands that the money is not there at this time and may come in over several years. He stated that he has no problem with the existing committee creating the core of the commission, but he thinks this is a problem that goes beyond four people or six people, as good as they are, because he does think that the city has good people working on that. He thinks they need to bring many more voices to the table and the people that have the experience on the streets really need to be part of that.

Mrs. Collier stated that she would like to point out as a member of the public health and welfare committee, they have the ability to invite people from the fire department, the police department and the public to meet with them. She added that meeting more regularly should address this situation.

Mr. Turner stated that the money to him isn't really the point, when it gets here it gets here. He said that he is not a public health expert on this but these people out in the audience are and he doesn't know when to ask them to a conversation because he doesn't know how bad it is. He stated that we are on track right now to meet or exceed last year's numbers so whatever we are doing is not changing anything. He said that this is a volunteer base of local experts and the money is just part of it. He stated that the money will be gone some day but he would expect that they would always provide the city with

the best information possible to help our community out. He asked for a show of hands of people with family members that have been impacted by this. He then said that they have to do something for them because they are not here to be at that podium today. He stated that it is important.

Mr. Blair stated that he noticed that no one on the council raised their hand and he hears out in the community a lot about opioid addiction and deaths. He said that he hasn't personally experienced it and he believes that they really need people who are experts and know how to address it versus council members who may not have any experience in it. He stated that he doesn't feel going with the committee is the right direction to go in. He believes a commission would give formality to it as well as some legitimacy and they may be able to do grants or get more funding from the city. He said that he feels it is the right thing to do because one death is too many and we know that we are going to have more.

Mr. Aebersold asked if the committee or the commission will be in charge of the first \$100,000.00 once we receive it?

Mr. Turner stated that the commission would strictly be an expert opinion on what funds would be the best to receive the money. He said that they will not be in control of the money but they will be able to raise funds for themselves.

Mr. Aebersold stated that they can spend the money that they raise for themselves however they want to but what about the money coming from the government.

Mr. Turner stated that they would bring suggestions to the council. He added that this would also create a non-reverting fund for them.

Mr. Aebersold stated that he thinks suggestions from them would be great because they would have a lot more insight into where the money should go because they deal with it 24 hours a day.

Mr. Applegate stated that after the vote it will go to the health and welfare committee which consists of Mrs. Collier, Mr. Turner and himself and they will also invite Dr. Knable since he is the co-sponsor on it. He said that it will then come back to the council for the third reading.

COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC: Z-22-02 PUD FOR ROBINSON LUMBER

COMMUNICATIONS PETITIONER: Z-22-02 PUD FOR ROBINSON LUMBER

**Z-22-02 Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of Phipps 1&2
New Albany, Indiana Title XV, Chapter 156
(Docket P-01-22: Joe Buckhaults, for Robinson
Lumber Company, Inc., requests a Preliminary
Planned Unit Development (PUD) to permit a
lumber processing facility in the MDR, Mixed Density
Residential and MC, Mixed Use Corridor Commercial
District at 2571 Roanoke Avenue and 1750 Ormond
Drive)**

Mr. Phipps introduced Z-22-02 and moved to approve the first and second readings, Mrs. Collier second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Jake Vissing, Frost Brown Todd, stated that Robinson Lumber has been doing business in New Albany for approximately 30 years now. He said that if you are familiar with where Graphic Packages is off of Charlestown Road and drive back Ormond Drive, it would be on your left as you reach the intersection at Roanoke Avenue. He stated that Robinson Lumber is under contract to purchase the property on the corner of Twin Oaks

Drive and Roanoke Avenue and is currently used by Payne-Sparkman and they manufacture lighting components. He said that in the short-term Robinson Lumber will be leasing back the current improvements on that property to Payne-Sparkman to continue their business operations for a few years. He stated that in that period of time, Robinson Lumber would like to start aging and storing some of their lumber in the short-term at the rear of the property which is an open gravel area. He said then when Payne-Sparkman cease on the property, then a full redevelopment of that property will take place and it will be repurposed for the use of Robinson Lumber Company. He stated that currently the Robinson Lumber property is zoned as Mixed Use Corridor Commercial as a result of the most recent zoning changes here in New Albany. He said that the Payne-Sparkman tract is Mixed Density Residential and both properties are legal nonconforming, but it is entering into this endeavor of expansion and Robinson Lumber would like to be on solid footing with their PUD and have a legal conforming zoning classification here. He stated that this is a very light industrial operation and is consistent with the comprehensive plan, specifically Subgoal B1D for land use and seeks to encourage redevelopment of previous redeveloped areas. He said that it is also consistent with Subgoal B6C of the land use section of the comprehensive plan and seeks to encourage existing industrial buildings south of the I265 corridor to be bought, sold and adapted for new industrial tenants when it is practical to do so. He stated that is what they are trying to do here and it is not really an expansion of an industrial use into a residential neighborhood, but it just happens to be a property that has been operated as industrial for many years and happened to be zoned as residential. He said that their goal is to be an aesthetic improvement in the neighborhood and he knows that there are going to be some drainage improvements along with this process that will benefit the neighborhood also. He stated that they look at this as a win for Robinson Lumber for being able to expand, increase their employment and increase their output and also a win for the neighborhood in terms of sprucing up that particular area there.

Mr. Garner Robinson, CEO of Robinson Lumber, stated that they have been in New Albany for 30 years and he is part of the newer generation of company leadership and they are excited to make some plans for the future. He did set up a graphic for the council to view to help them understand the project. He then stated that they have been in New Albany since 1990 and have been a steady employer since then. He said that today they employ about 25 people and would like to employ 30. He also said that they are very proud to have a lot of people with them for a very long time. He stated that their manager has been with them for 33 years, a pair of brothers have been with them for 10 years and a couple of others have been with them for over 20 years. He said that they have a tight knit workforce and that is part of their identity. He stated that they have been a good neighbor and have been in the neighborhood for a very long time and have had no complaints. He said that lumber production is technically industrial but it is very light and there aren't any chemicals or exhaust and it is not a sawmill so there are no big saws with logs coming in. He stated that when they look around the country to expand, they always come back to New Albany. He said that they have such a great track record here and such a great team and essentially this is where they want to be. He stated that they want to make investments in higher end manufacturing so that would mean more modern processes and for the city that translates into higher end jobs such as technical positions and more engineering related positions which will be a higher tax base from a revenue standpoint and a real property standpoint. He said that this zoning is essential and the PUD allows them to get very specific about what they want to do and allows the city to be specific about what they are allowed do and he thinks it just provides a great level of clarity. He then stated that they are a family business and one of their most important values is the generosity to help others so here that translates into being a good neighbor. He said that he knows truck volume has been discussed and today they have about one to two trucks per business day and if they were to make all of their investment plans and expansions which is a five to ten project, they could double that volume to two to four trucks per business day. He stated that they are not talking about a large volume of trucks and they explain to all of them to not drive down Twin Oaks Drive and they have done some preliminary engineering to look at how the truck turning radius might be affected on the corner of Roanoke Avenue and Ormond Drive. He said that they are pretty sure

that they can soften that turn and they will do whatever they can do to make sure that it is safe for the neighborhood. He stated that today is committing to meeting or exceeding the requirements of the drainage plan and since they are planning so much for the future, he thinks it is a certainty that they will end up improving drainage significantly for the neighborhood. He said that they have done a preliminary topographical survey with their engineers and they are in the process of exploring detentions and other options for managing that. He stated that the current Payne-Sparkman site is about four acres and only about one acre is developed and the rest of it they intend to significantly improve and around it they will have a fence which will provide safety for the neighborhood. He also stated that they plan to landscape around the new structure as well as the existing structure.

Dr. Knable asked what the duration is on seasoning wood?

Mr. Robinson stated that they bring in green lumber and put it on sticks so that the air can pass through it and then they set it outside. He said that depending on its thickness, it can set outside for up to three months. He stated that they then put it into their kilns which are warehouse size ovens and it is typically there for three to four weeks. He said that after that it is kiln dried lumber and then it is sprayed and shipped.

Dr. Knable asked what the estimated timeline is between when you begin using that additional space and acreage and the time that this facility is built out to completion?

Mr. Robinson stated that he doesn't have an actual construction timeline yet because they wanted to first make sure that they were able to do this project before they went too far with construction. He said with the city's approval, they intend to move quickly on that but it will take some time to get that structure built.

Dr. Knable stated that his intention in asking is because he assumes that particular building has a lot of additional fire protection within it. He then asked if there is going to be a gap between the time that when you will have extra lumber stored and you don't have extra protection?

Mr. Robinson stated that the initial use for this would just be for storage and they would continue their manufacturing on the current site. He said that this essential would allow them to move their finished good storage to the new site which would free up space in their existing site.

Dr. Knable stated that when he hears dried stacked wood, he thinks of fire. He said that he is sure that the New Albany Fire Department has looked in on this and weighed in on it and he would just like to know to what degree they have done that in order to protect the area.

Mr. Robinson stated that they have not engaged with the fire department yet, but lumber like this is not as flammable as you would think and they wouldn't be doing any manufacturing there, so there would be no electrical sparks.

Dr. Knable stated that he would like to have the fire department weigh in on it before the final vote.

Mr. Robinson stated that he would be happy to get more information and engage with the fire department.

Mr. Blair asked what size the trucks are entering the facility?

Mr. Robinson stated that they are typically flatbed 18 wheelers.

Mr. Blair asked if they are going to enter into the facility by coming down Roanoke Avenue?

Mr. Robinson stated that right now all of the lumber comes in and out through their Ormond Drive entrance. He said that when they build this, they will really just be using their forklifts and part of the plan is to have a crossing on Roanoke Avenue.

Mr. Blair asked if they would have fork lifts crossing the street?

Mr. Robinson stated that they would.

Mr. Blair stated that it would be very similar to what they did at Beach, Mold & Tool.

Mr. Blair asked what the size is of the addition?

Mr. Robinson stated that it is about 30,000 square feet.

Mr. Phipps asked if the old building will be demolished when Payne-Sparkman vacates there? He also asked if they will add additional drying bays there? He said that he is concerned about what it is going to look like on Twin Oaks with the housing that is across the street there.

Mr. Robinson stated that they have no plans for Payne-Sparkman to leave. He said that they are buying the property but then will immediately lease their current footprint right back to them in a six-year lease. He added that it is a long way out for them to even consider losing Payne-Sparkman as a tenant, but even in that scenario, he thinks they would keep their main warehouse that they build in the late 90s. He said that there are some original structures there that are from the 40s or 50s that are fairly rundown at this point, so he thinks those are only usable for Payne-Sparkman in their current state. He stated that either way, they plan to do some landscaping along Twin Oaks to improve the current setup.

Mr. Phipps stated that even if it is 25 years from now that anything would be torn down, he just wants to make sure that whatever is built back there is appealing to the residents AND the neighborhood.

Mr. Robinson stated that is why they wanted to show the council visually that they are high-quality people and want to make a high-quality investment.

Mr. Phipps asked Mr. Wood if they need to put something in the PUD now specifying the character of what would be built on that site if they tear anything down 25 years from now or would it have to come back for a second approval in the event that they add an addition to it?

Mr. Wood stated that what they did with the plan commission was that they limited it to the plan that is being reviewed tonight and any deviation from that would have to come back for an amendment to the PUD. He said as soon as they build the first portion of the building, they will trigger the full PUD and they are still limited to that approval and they can't do anything beyond that. He also said because he is looking at a lengthy horizon, up to 10 years or longer, they figured they would go ahead and trigger the whole thing with the first phase and then come back at a later point if they need to.

Mr. Phipps stated that he feels comfortable with it then.

Mr. Wood stated that he just wanted to point out that stipulation number 4 in the ordinance requires the Fire Prevention Bureau to review the plans and comment and approve the construction on this.

Dr. Knable asked if that is done before the first hammer is swung?

Mr. Wood replied yes.

Mr. Robinson stated that their insurance company usually holds them to a higher standard than any fire department, which they love. He added that they wouldn't want to impose a burden on the department and in 30 years they haven't had a fire.

Mr. Aebersold asked if they plan on increasing employment at all?

Mr. Robinson stated that today, if they could hire, they would increase employment and go from 25 employees to 30 employees. He said that this first stage will probably be another five people and when they start to add the secondary manufacturing, they will start to bring on more technical jobs.

Mr. Aebersold stated that he was out at the site today and wandered through the other building that is there and asked if they are building the addition on the lot behind that?

Mr. Robinson replied yes.

Mr. Aebersold asked if in between there and the L shaped buildings will be where the truck turnaround area is?

Mr. Robinson replied yes.

Mr. Aebersold stated that it actually looks pretty good there and asked if they are going to keep some of the trees that are on the backside?

Mr. Robinson said that they have done a pretty detailed landscaping plan and want to keep as much of the tree cover as possible. He added that some of the trees are dead though and there is some stuff that will need to be cleaned up.

Mr. Aebersold stated that there was a railroad track there at one time.

Mr. Robinson stated that is correct and that old track is a pretty important drainage ditch now which would be part of their storm water plan.

Mr. Blair asked where their current location is and if they are right next door?

Mr. Robinson stated that they are sort of catty cornered at 1750 Ormond Drive.

Mr. Blair stated that this area has historically been an industrial and manufacturing area and the city had the opportunity about 12 years ago to turn an industrial area into a park, but he understands that there is still a lot of factories, etc. in that area. He added that he understands from an economical standpoint, it is probably better for them to expand there than try to relocate somewhere.

Mr. Robinson stated that is the thesis and if they went somewhere else, they could get out of the residential area and probably get more land, but they feel that they have such a great investment there as much in the plant as in the people.

Mr. Blair stated that typically he doesn't like the mix of residential and industrial next to each other.

Mr. Robinson stated that it takes a little understanding but he feels that it is not a bad thing to live next to.

Mr. Turner stated that he has a lot of constituents in this area and he hasn't heard of any opposition to the expansion, which is great. He said that there is a lady right across from Twin Oaks that has had some trouble with drainage and it could remedy itself before you even break ground, but he would like to see them consider, when the time comes, maybe partnering with the city to repave those two roads around that expansion.

Mr. Robinson stated that he would love to look at that.

Mr. Applegate stated that the turning radius was mentioned earlier and he just wants to make sure that the Ts are crossed and the Is are dotted on that. He said that he knows that Mr. Wood along with engineering have done a good job making sure that those items are there. He also stated that in regards to running the forklifts, if there is anything that the city can do to help with that and the noise, he would love to see those opportunities explored. He said that he thinks this is a great use of their current facility and he appreciates them taking the risk of going across the street and investing further in New Albany.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC: R-22-05 BROADCASTING PUBLIC MEETINGS

COMMUNICATIONS PETITIONER: R-22-05 BROADCASTING PUBLIC MEETINGS

R-22-05 Resolution for Broadcasting of Public Meetings Turner

Mr. Turner introduced R-22-05 and moved to approve, **Dr. Knable** second, **Mrs. Collier, Mr. Phipps, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mr. Aebersold and Mr. Applegate** voted no, **Mr. Turner, Mr. Blair and Dr. Knable** voted yes.

Mr. Turner stated that this resolution is set to do what we are doing with this meeting today. He said it is great that we are streaming now and it is important that our constituents have the option to view the meetings and also gives them access to transparency to things that go on. He stated that this resolution does give the city three months to broadcast all meetings. He said that he would like to vote on this tonight.

Mr. Applegate stated that the city is already broadcasting the council’s meetings.

Mrs. Collier stated that she really thinks this is moot point right now because as Mr. Gibson stated this is kind of a trial run to see how it goes over and if it goes well, she thinks that is the trajectory that they are aiming for. She said that she doesn’t think this is an issue that they need to deal with right now and if that doesn’t transpire then maybe they can revisit it.

Dr. Knable stated that he would love to have a vote on this tonight. He said that this has been a long time coming and he wants to see if they can encourage other people to follow the lead.

Mr. Applegate stated that they will take a vote on the resolution if they have the majority vote.

Ms. Stein stated that it only takes a majority vote to send it to committee.

Mr. Turner asked where that is in the ordinance.

Mr. Blair stated that he thinks it is important that they have redevelopment and public works meetings streamed. He said that there have been times that he wanted to sit in on the meeting and just listen and if it is streamlined, that gives him the opportunity to do so in his office or his home. He also said that the ability to streamline was a selling point on this new building and they are giving the city three months to phase that in and he thinks that is an appropriate amount of time, so he doesn’t see why they wouldn’t go ahead and make that a requirement since it is on the table right now.

Mr. Phipps stated that he is comfortable voting for the council to do that, but he is not comfortable dictating what other boards do because the city council doesn't have the power to tell the board of works or the plan commission, etc. what they are going to do.

Dr. Knable stated that this is a resolution of encouragement and is not an ordinance mandating that.

Mr. Applegate stated that he thinks there is a difference in having non-elected officials on some boards being broadcasted and elected officials being broadcasted and the city came through on streaming the council meeting as they said a couple of meetings ago they would.

Mr. Blair stated that these are public meetings and those people who are appointed recognize that they are public meetings and anybody can walk in off of the street into the meetings, so what is the difference if they walk in off of the street or they just streamline it.

Mr. Applegate stated that he thinks it is a big difference.

Mr. Blair stated that if you look at the power that redevelopment has, they have more discretionary spending power than what the city council has, so he thinks it is important that the public understands how those dollars are being used. He said that it is public information and public access.

Mr. Turner stated that the board of works and these other boards serve at the leisure of the city and the boards are appointed by the administration. He said that they, as elected representatives of the people, have a responsibility to represent them and give them every opportunity to have access to how their local government is running. He added that he is an IT Engineer and he can give very simple ways to stream these meetings that cost zero money.

Mr. Aebersold stated that he doesn't have any problem with this at all except that he doesn't know if they, as the council, have the authority to tell all of the other entities how to run their meetings.

Ms. Stein stated that there are state laws and so long as they comply with the state laws for the open-door requirements then they are in compliance and the council can't put an additional burden on them.

Dr. Knable stated again that this is not an ordinance or a mandate; it is a resolution of encouragement that the council would like to see the city do this.

Mr. Aebersold stated that since the council has started doing it, maybe the other boards can follow their lead.

Mr. Applegate stated that the council has done that now.

Ms. Stein stated that she found the section that Mr. Turner was asking about and it is 30.36i. She said that you either vote to pass it or turn it down or vote to send it to committee.

Mr. Turner asked what committee they would send this resolution to?

Mr. Applegate stated that he would assume the rules committee. He added that if they are asking another board to broadcast their meetings, that would involve their rules which we don't have any say over.

Mr. Turner stated that he would contend that they do have the authority to write a resolution and vote on it. He said that it is a suggestion and the city is only required to do

what is minimum by the law. He stated that he sees them as having the ethical responsibility to do a little more for the people they represent. He said that it is a no cost solution and will give the public more access. He also said that three months is plenty of time.

Mrs. Collier stated again that she thinks that is the trajectory that they are on and since they do not have the authority to order or even ask that another voting body do this, they could possibly revisit it if they don't follow suit.

Mr. Turner stated that the council as a whole has the authority to change the way things are done in the city.

Mrs. Collier asked Mr. Turner how the council would feel if another voting body were trying to order them to do something even if it was just an implication? She said that they would not appreciate that at all.

Mr. Turner stated that they are the legislative body and they are the ones that make the rules.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Jason Applegate, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk