

**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 THURSDAY, AUGUST 18,
2022 AT 7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members: Mrs. Collier, Mr. Dickey, Mr. Phipps, Mr. Turner, Mr. Blair, Mr. Aebersold, Dr. Knable and Mr. Applegate, President. Mrs. McLaughlin was not present.

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Stein, Mrs. Moeller, Mr. Hall 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 August 1, 2022, **Mrs. Collier** second, all voted in favor with the exception of **Mrs. McLaughlin** who was not present.

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

Mrs. Collier stated that she wanted to thank all of the council members that took the time to meet with she and Mr. Applegate to give their input regarding redistricting whether it was in-person or over the phone. She also stated that she wanted to thank Mr. Dickey, Mayor Gahan and everyone in the administration that worked together last week with the issue on W. 7th Street where a utility company that was doing some work broke a private sewer line. She said that everyone worked together and was able to get that resolved rather quickly.

Mr. Turner asked if the council members will be invited to the DLGF meeting taking place next Friday at 10:00 a.m.?

Mrs. Moeller stated that it will be over Zoom and basically, they will go over the levy numbers, the certified rates and those kinds of things that they are providing for us. She said that they will also confirm that our calendar is correct and that our public meetings are correct.

Mr. Turner asked Mrs. Moeller if she would send the Zoom link out?

Mrs. Moeller said she would send it to him. She stated that she will check with DLGF to make sure it is okay because she doesn't want to do anything wrong.

Mr. Turner stated that he did do a public records request to Police Chief Bailey for some information that he has been asking to receive for a couple of months and wasn't able to successfully get it.

Dr. Knable asked Mr. Turner if he would clarify what that request was for.

Mr. Turner stated that it has been six months since the council did the traffic calming resolution, so he was asking to have the traffic calming data that Chief Bailey has received and collected since that time to provide to the entire council.

Mr. Blair stated that there is a variance application for a doggy daycare in Charlestown Station Retail Center and part of that application is for an outdoor area for dogs which is close to some townhouses. He said that he met with the HOA president today and gave him a copy of the application because they are getting themselves organized as far as how they want to respond to the application. He stated that he doesn't know if it received a favorable recommendation or not from the board of zoning appeals, but he wanted to give the council a heads up because people may be reaching out to them. He said that the residents are a little emotional because it is a retirement type residential area and where they are putting the outdoor area is about 20 feet from a resident's house. He also said that from his perspective, it doesn't seem like a good fit for that neighborhood. He stated that from what he has heard, there are no concerns if everything is kept indoors; it is just that piece that is outdoors that makes it a variance. He said that the sign went up yesterday so people are calling and he just wanted to give the council all of the information that he has on it.

Mr. Turner asked for the date of the variance hearing.

Mr. Blair stated that it is September 6th.

Dr. Knable asked if they are going to have a general discussion on redistricting?

Mr. Applegate stated that during the committee reports he was just going to kind of go over when they plan to put this into ordinance form and things like that.

Dr. Knable stated that he really did appreciate the opportunity to meet and to look at the data as it came in. He said the only thing that he wanted to say in looking at this objectively as an at-large member and as a taxpayer is that their number one priority should be to do what's best for the population of the city with a much lower prioritization on protecting any incumbent seat. He said that he knows that is hard to say for people who are in districts and he is not trying to be a jerk about it, but they need to do what is best for the taxpayer. He added that he didn't get any indication that was a high priority, it was just something that he didn't want them to slip into. He then stated that last night at Scribner INDOT had a nice presentation on the improved I64 project and residentially and geographically, it probably impacts the second district the most with a little bit in the first and a little bit in the third. He said that the reality is that everyone using that from the city is going to be impacted and it may be that they have some leverage around the perimeter to help with a few things. He stated that number one is that he has tried numerous times to get sound barriers in District 2 in the Wildwood area. He said that they are going to open that up back there and have two additional lanes, so he spoke with a couple of people from INDOT last night and they are going to be doing a sound impact study on that. He said it might be a good opportunity for us to continue to get after the folks at INDOT to get some barriers for those folks on Wildwood. He stated that it is rather noisy so if you have not walked up through there, it's well worth your time to do that and try to imagine what it would be like to live next to that, not only during the construction phase, but after that it is opened up again. He said that overall, it looks like a good project and www.improve64.com will note all of the meetings as time goes on.

Mr. Blair stated that he couldn't make the meeting but sound barriers is his concern for that project and his understanding is that they are also going to add another lane to I265 towards State Street. He also stated that when you talk about sound barriers, there is the Glenview Road area right there which faces the interstate and is very noisy. He said that he has heard from those folks over time their desire to have sound barriers to protect their neighborhood a little bit from all of the traffic noise.

Dr. Knable stated that as far as construction, he thinks that rubber hits the road in 2024 so now would be the time to try to get ahold of INDOT.

Mr. Blair asked Dr. Knable to not forget that Glenview Road area when he is looking into it.

Dr. Knable stated that he would be interested in discussing some sort of resolution from the council to place on INDOT's desk with regards to the need for sound barriers. He said that the other impacts, in the long run, will be beneficial but the noise part of it is not. He stated that he thinks the land acquisition part of it is going to be minimal but all of that information as well as the video presentation from last night is on that website.

Mr. Applegate stated that Mr. Turner talked about the numbers that Police Chief Bailey has received and in their last safety meeting, they talked about the procedure of what happens when they get that information. He said that they are looking at how that information is handled. He stated that the police handle it, pass it off and react to anything they see on there. He added that it is not just sitting there and not being used; they do have a procedure for that.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

Mr. Hall stated that on E. Main Street the water company is wrapping up and should be out of there soon so they will be able to begin the Main Street Improvement Project. He said that they had a meeting here to kind of let the businesses and nearby residents know what is going on with that project and laid out of the details. He stated that he thought there were a couple of articles about it as well and if any of the council members have any questions on it, they will try to get that information to them. He then said that lots of streets are being paved right now and they do communicate with the residents with letters ahead of time.

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:

Mrs. Moeller presented a report to the council members. She explained that anything that comes along with those funds from the federal government requires a lot of record keeping and data reporting, not only by the city, but also by the people that receive the money. She stated that it is a partnership between the city and the businesses and organizations that receive these funds to complete these records and do them on time. She said that they have completed three recording periods with the government and are 100% in compliance with their funding. She stated that the reports are cumulative so she did not print the other two reports because it is all included in the one she gave the council. She said they will be putting all of the reports on the city's website so if anyone wants to look at the first two that went out, they will be posted there. She stated that they just wanted to give the council the chance to see who is getting the funding and if they have used the money yet and it puts the city in compliance so that we can continue to get the funding that we still have.

Dr. Knable asked if the recipients receiving the funding are 100% in compliance with regards to reporting on their end?

Mrs. Moeller replied yes and stated that they work with the city well.

Mr. Turner asked if this is all ARP?

Mrs. Moeller replied yes and stated that Mr. Gibson forwarded a copy of what the council is looking at tonight to the redevelopment board.

Mr. Blair asked if they have allocated about \$7.4M?

Mrs. Moeller replied yes and stated that they did get the second installment but she can't tell them off the top of her head what the balance is.

Mr. Turner stated that he thought that Mr. Staten said in a meeting that we had about \$4M left total.

Mrs. Moeller stated that would have been before they received the second installment.

Mr. Turner stated that he will have to check those minutes.

Mr. Applegate stated that it may be on the time period that it is reported and not actually allocated with cutting a check.

Mr. Turner stated that he believes he asked Mr. Staten how much we have left out of the \$16.8M and he believes that he said \$4M.

Mr. Applegate stated that seems to be accurate.

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

Mr. Applegate stated that he appreciates everyone taking the time to meet on redistricting. He said that he feels that they are looking at the first meeting in September to put the ordinance on the agenda for the first and second readings so that the public will have a chance to comment on it. He stated that they would also have the opportunity to speak about it at the following meeting where they will do the third reading on it.

Mr. Blair asked if the September meetings are close together because of the way that Labor Day falls?

Mrs. Glotzbach stated that the first meeting in September is on the 8th and the second meeting is on the 15th.

Mr. Blair asked if it would make sense to do it the first meeting in October to give a little space between the meetings to give people a chance to absorb the information?

Mr. Applegate stated that the council has to have this in by November but he will take that into consideration.

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

READING

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

ADJOURN:

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

Jason Applegate, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk