

**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, SEPTEMBER 8,  
2022 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ms. Stein, 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:**

**Mr. Phipps** suggested that everyone remember Queen Elizabeth II during the 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 18, 2022, Mrs. Collier second, all voted in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:**

**Mrs. Collier** stated that she wanted to remind everyone that Develop New Albany is having their Taco Walk downtown next Saturday on the 17<sup>th</sup> and she just wanted to invite everyone to join them.

**Mr. Dickey** stated that this past week he had the opportunity to meet with Ms. Gina Brown the Executive Director of Let us Learn and her Education Program Assistant, Ms. Heather Sweeney. He said that they gave him a quick tour of the Green Valley Garden that the program has established which works to provide healthy food through community and family engagement. He stated that throughout the county, they address food insecurity by building and maintaining gardens educating students with a farm to school curriculum, and helping families garden at home and with harvesting and gleaning from local farmers and gardens as well. He said that he wanted to tout their work because this is obviously a program that is showing some real promise and benefit. He stated that having had some involvement for the last couple of years, he can tell them that it really is eye opening for kids to be able to experience what it is to grow their own produce and understand how food is sourced. He said that if anyone wants to know more about the program, you can visit them at [www.letuslearnkyinc.org](http://www.letuslearnkyinc.org). He stated that he sincerely hopes that we can continue to work with them. He then stated that a couple of them on the council and other regional government officials were able to attend the annual River Hills Dinner that featured USDA Director, Terry Goodin. He said that as most of the council members know, River Hills does some great work basically procuring grants and over the last two decades they have produced over \$100M in grants. He stated that right now they are assisting our Southern Indiana RDA with the READI Program and he just thought that the council needs to take a moment to highlight the good work they are doing, not only for our immediate community, but for the region as well.

**Mr. Turner** stated that the first item he has will probably be for the at-large members and Mr. Blair. He said that he received a complaint from some business owners about trains at Sazerac running during the day. He said that they, as well as he, were under the impression that they were going to try to limit that and this week he got caught by a train on Grant Line Road. He stated that he doesn't know if someone needs to reach out to Sazerac. He also stated that he knows some of the members have a relationship with them but he does not. He said that he just received an email about it yesterday and he is going to hand the issue off to the at-large members and Mr. Blair so that they can handle it however they want.

**Dr. Knable** asked if it was a one-time event or is it happening often?

**Mr. Turner** said that it sounded like it is becoming more and more of a problem.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that was before he was on the council, but he thought that to be able to use the rails was the reason that they chose that location.

**Mr. Aebersold** asked if this is happening at night time?

**Mr. Turner** replied no and stated that it is happening in the middle of the day. He said that he thought when the council gave them that last abatement, they ask them to please hesitate from using trains during the day.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that doesn't ring a bell with him and he would have to look back at the minutes.

**Mr. Blair** stated that he has contact with Mr. James Hartman the Plant Manager but he would like to research the train usage a little more. He added that it really should come from the city rather than a council person if they are violating an agreement.

**Dr. Knable** stated that the bulk of the conversation was that it would be minimal but if they are ramping up production then minimal may change and we may have to remind them of the gentlemen's agreement on that. He said that he thinks the more recent discussion was with regards to after hours and trucks backing up.

**Mr. Blair** stated that he indicated to him that because of their expansion and their other facilities in Clark County, they were going to do less transient delivery type stuff in the New Albany plant. He told him that should naturally reduce some of the sound and so forth and he just assumed that meant rails and trucks. He said maybe it was just a one-time thing but he can look into it but he is a little hesitant on something contractual and thinks the administration needs to address it versus a council person.

**Mr. Dickey** asked if they were complaining that the train was blocking access or just that it was running?

**Mr. Turner** said they were blocking access.

**Mr. Aebersold** asked if they were closing Grant Line Road?

**Mr. Turner** replied yes.

**Mr. Aebersold** asked if they said how long?

**Mr. Turner** replied no.

**Mr. Aebersold** stated that anytime they are changing cars in there they may have to block access for a short period but they have done that for 100 years but it happened only

once a day. He said whoever sent the complaint may have not lived around here long enough and never knew that happened.

**Mr. Turner** stated that he would pass the email along to Mr. Blair and the at-large members. He then stated that he agrees with Mr. Dickey about Let Us Learn and that they came to one of his cocktails with a councilman and he had them link up with a bunch of other non-profits in the community. He said that they really do good work and he is glad that Mr. Dickey got to meet up with them. He stated that he is on the library committee and he stopped by there today and spoke to Melissa for a little bit. He said that they have got a lot of very good things going on there as well such as a couple of kiosks to help with homelessness, help with getting Medicaid and WorkOne. He stated that they have done a remodel and if you go downstairs, it is no longer like a cave and is really bright down there and kind of welcoming. He said if any of the members get a chance, they should go down there and check it out. He stated that they are opening up an extra facility at IUS and have a partnership there. He said that they have a little project at the Carnegie Center that is about to finish with over 90% of it complete. He stated that they are starting Makerspace and several different facilities are trying to get one opened up at the main branch. He said that their goal is to really get the youth inspired to start building things then they help them to start their own businesses if it works out that way. He then stated that there was a BZA meeting this week and it was a good turnout but one lady at the end of the meeting was very concerned about her ability to hear. He said that she was an older woman and that she said if we don't do something about the noise then she will get ADA to come and take a look at it. He stated that he doesn't know if there is anything they can do to make the noise better or lower the podium so that the public can reach the microphone better.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that he can hear them perfectly fine in the back.

**Mr. Blair** stated that he thinks part of it is that the board members were not speaking directly into the microphones and then some of the public that wanted to speak were very short and they couldn't bend the microphone down far enough to speak into it. He then asked if they weren't going to put a microphone on a shorter podium for someone in a wheelchair so that they could access it?

**Mr. Gibson** stated that is what the tables are for.

**Dr. Knable** stated that they did have discussion about being ADA compliant and he thought they would see if the tables worked out. He said that as long as they make sure that the microphones are live at the tables during the meetings, we should be fine.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that the mics are live at all times unless you hold the button down and the light turns red.

**Mr. Turner** stated that this is the 21-year anniversary of 9/11 and last year we did something in the city but he hasn't heard about anything this year. He said that something is usually held at Bicentennial Park and they usually have a pretty good event with police and fire. He stated that if there is something planned it would be nice to get that advertised on social media so people can attend.

**Mr. Blair** stated that he would like to thank Dr. Knable and Mr. Turner for attending the BZA meeting. He said that there were quite a few citizens that were there and it was an older group and he thinks they appreciated their council representatives speaking on their behalf. He stated that he thinks the right decision was made and the applicant actually withdrew their application for the doggie daycare and boarding type facility. He said to him that was just an inappropriate location for a 24/7 dog facility because it would be too disruptive to the neighborhood. He added that it was handled very professionally and he thinks that the staff did a good job with it.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that he did mention at the last meeting that redistricting would be this meeting and the next but with trying to get the maps drawn and things like that, it just took a little longer so it will be on the next agenda. He added that he does apologize for the delay.

**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**

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC: R-22-09 Sound Barriers**

**COMMUNICATIONS PETITIONER: R-22-09 Sound Barriers**

<b>R-22-09</b>	<b>Resolution Regarding “Improve 64” and Sound Barriers</b>	<b>Dickey/ Knable</b>
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**Mr. Dickey introduced R-22-09 and moved to approve, Dr. Knable second,**

**Mr. Blair moved to amend the resolution to include Glenmill Road, Dr. Knable second, all voted in favor.**

**Mr. Dickey introduced R-22-09 and moved to approve as amended, Mrs. Collier second, all voted in favor.**

**Mr. Dickey** stated that this is a resolution that has come out of conversations regarding the “Improve 64” program and he thinks Dr. Knable spoke to this briefly. He said that there have been, for some time, concerns along the freeway corridor with some of the neighborhoods about sound issues there. He stated that the road noise overpowers some of those subdivisions. He said that obviously this is an INDOT project and they will make the determination about what that project looks like, how that project is managed, and will conduct the environmental assessments on it. He stated that with this resolution, the council wanted to give a little bit of a voice to those residents who have had those concerns in the past and who continue to have those concerns when we talk about additional traveling lanes. He said that he and Dr. Knable have put this forward with the idea that they can communicate this sentiment to INDOT for their consideration as a goodwill gesture reflecting the concerns and that voice.

**Dr. Knable** stated that one of the good things about running for office is that you get to meet a lot of people when you go door-to-door and when he walked that corridor, this was something that came up time and time again. He said that the council has never had an opportunity to have an impact on that and he feels that they should do that now. He added that with this project coming up, it is an ideal opportunity to that. He stated that the idea is really to have a resolution that gives us voice when we speak to INDOT representatives at one of their upcoming meetings and hopefully before and after that, we can basically speak with the full force of the council on this. He said that those neighborhoods are loud and they are only going to get louder with the addition of lanes and any opportunity that the council has to help, he would like to go to bat for these folks.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that they can look at this as development and annexation and it would be council as a whole or he would take a motion to make an ad hoc committee to put it in if needed.

**Mr. Aebersold** asked where they are looking at as far as sound barriers?

**Mr. Dickey** stated that the project runs from the bridge up the hill so it includes some work on 265. He said that he thinks where most of the complaints have come in have been around the State Street area and then coming back down the hill.

**Dr. Knable** stated that it includes some parts of Cherry Street, West Street and Wildwood Lane.

**Mr. Dickey** added Glenwood and Finchleigh. He stated that INDOT will have to do an environmental assessment that will determine in their minds whether or not it is warranted. He said that he is sure they will have some public comment on that.

**Dr. Knable** stated that they are doing this to specifically address noise. He said that he would hope that as many of the council members that can be there will be at the meeting and he and Mr. Dickey will remind people of when that is in advance. He added that he doesn't think that they have published the date yet and it will be forthcoming.

**Mr. Blair** stated that he appreciates Mr. Dickey and Dr. Knable doing this because he thinks it is a good resolution and a good way to get their voices heard. He then said that he would like to offer an amendment because he has heard a lot from people that live on Glenmill Road so he would like to amend it to include Glenmill Road.

**Mr. Dickey** asked if he is thinking to include it in the final WHEREAS where they mention the other neighborhoods?

**Mr. Blair** replied yes.

**Mr. Turner** stated that the only thing he would have a concern on is extended timeframes and closures. He said that he doesn't know how likely it is that they will receive that information.

**Dr. Knable** stated that he thinks they have done a decent job with that on the Sherman Minton Bridge closure. He then said that he was remiss in not thanking Mr. Dickey for putting pen to paper on this. He stated that he was going to maybe wait until they had another meeting and then look at some sort of omnibus package on it, but he thinks that it is not unwise to just go ahead and kind of piece meal this. He said that as other issues come up on this project and they get more details, they may have other things and hopefully they can open up a line of communication with some of the folks at INDOT.

#### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

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

**Ms. Connie Young, 510 Country Club Drive**, stated that her family's last name was Bush and they came to New Albany around the same time as the Scribners and they settled in the Martinsburg-Pekin area. She said that they had big farms and she grew up on a farm but she feels that New Albany is a really good place to live. She stated that she lives on Country Club Drive and she has been to the Indianapolis 500 but Country Club Drive is now worse than the Indianapolis 500. She said that you have motorcycles coming through there all of the time, especially from Graybrook Lane to the second entrance of Sheffield Square because there is a long stretch there. She stated that they race down through there all of the time and by the time they get to her house, they are going really fast. She said that she wishes that she would've clocked them because it is

horrendous. She stated that there are no lights in that section and is dark as can be. She said that there are kids running out there all of the time with black hoodies on and they have had four people killed in that neighborhood in the last year. She stated that her daughter lives in the Knobs and a direct quote from her grandson Christian was “Grammy we can’t come down to your house because it is too sketchy”. She said that her daughter is afraid for her children to come down there. She stated that she would like to propose lights for the area and some way to slow down the traffic there. She said there is one kid that rides a Ninja and rears it up and goes through there and you can see black marks that he has left on the pavement. She stated that the area definitely needs more police enforcement. She then said that there is a little old lady named Juanita Sutherland on Country Club Drive and she has a little cart and picks up all the trash, sticks, etc. all of the time. She stated that she is 93 years old and she would like to ask that someone promote this woman with a newspaper article or some kind of a New Albany thing. She said that Ms. Sutherland told her that this is what she does as a citizen of New Albany. She also said that she has worked hard her whole life and she feels that she needs to be recognized because she is just like her mom and they don’t make them like that anymore.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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Jason Applegate, President

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Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk