

**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 15, 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:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:**

**Mr. Turner** stated that he will have to cut out around 7:45 p.m.

**Mr. Dickey** stated that the library had a very successful candidate forum for our community tonight and he wanted to compliment them on their whole speakers series that they have done. He said that they talked about the grant they received to support that at the meeting tonight. He also gave kudos to the library for helping to keep our community up and informed.

**COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:**

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

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

**Mr. Turner** stated that the public health committee met with Dr. Harris to discuss the opioid issues within our community. He thought it was a very informative discussion about some of the needs in our city. He said that there are a lot of details and he thinks that maybe the best approach would be for the committee to reconvene and discuss those behind the scenes. He stated that they are making progress as a committee to talk more about it in depth. He said that he doesn't know the pathway forward but discussions need to happen more. He stated that he went to that meeting really open-minded and was kind of blown away by everything that Dr. Harris said that is impacting our city. He also stated that he feels there is a lot to come.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that they will meet here soon and, of course, they need to do that more because that is what the committee is set up for. He said that he is glad to have that activated as well as for the financial part of the opioid settlement that we will be expecting maybe late October. He stated that they will end up having other meetings between the committee members and put forth either a resolution or just an opinion of what they would like to see done or what their findings are as far as needs for our community. He said that they will leave that with the council and then they would be able to proceed however we want to with that. He added that there will be a few next steps and they will keep everyone posted on that.

**Dr. Knable** asked if minutes were taken?

**Mr. Applegate** replied no, unless Dr. Harris had to keep minutes. He said that they took notes and they can compile them if need be.

**Dr. Knable** stated that he is not trying to put anyone on the spot, but having spoken with Dr. Harris about the subject in the past, he was just interested in what maybe were the top one or two points that he conveyed to the committee members with regards to needs for the community or needs from us who serve the community.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that if he would like to, they can meet here very soon, compile their notes and put that out in an email to him and welcome any feedback especially with his position as a doctor.

**Mr. Turner** stated that something that stood out to him about the meeting was when they started discussing Narcan. He said that Dr. Harris said that the Narcan out of all the cases that are documented through the hospital, 10%-15% of those will be dead within 18 months which was shocking to him.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that Dr. Harris included in that fact that out of all the people who attempt to climb Mt. Everest, 8% make it to the top so there is a high percentage that won't make it.

**Dr. Knable** stated that he would like to know what percentage of people survive Narcan reversal and 18 months later are free, clean and sober and how many are still in the cycle of use. He said that it is that kind of information that we need and the whole community needs, and just the fact there is conversation going on is a positive step forward on it. He thanked the committee for meeting and strongly encouraged that the conversation continues and gets carried over to the county level and hopefully some kind of unified approach to it will take place regionally.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that if 10%-15% of people revived by Narcan die within 18 months of being revived, 85% would be alive.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that those are the ones that are documented and they don't know what the percentage is of people who just have Narcan and don't get documented.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that he just wanted to make sure that he hadn't misinterpreted and that only 15% were alive because that would really be bad.

**APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**READING**

**COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC: G-22-02 Redistricting Ordinance**

**COMMUNICATIONS PETITIONER: G-22-02 Redistricting Ordinance**

<b>G-22-02</b>	<b>Ordinance Updating and Dividing the City of New Albany's Six Election Districts Pursuant to I.C. 36-4-6-3</b>	<b>Collier 1&amp;2</b>
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**Mrs. Collier introduced Bill G-22-02 and moved to approve the first and second readings, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor.**

**Mr. Applegate** stated that they did have an ad hoc committee on this item and there will be discussions before the vote on the first and second readings and discussions before the vote on the third and final reading as well.

**Mr. Blair** stated that he appreciates the group's effort and work on this because he didn't realize how messy it is to deal with the data and the census blocks. He said that ideally you would take our map and draw nice concise areas and start over, but we are constrained by what happened

previously. He stated that you just have to sort of make the best with what you can because his district serpentine all the way from Charlestown Road way over to almost State Street along I265. He said that it just seems to be so spread out because the distance between one end of a district to another is pretty wide. He stated that it would be nice if they could consolidate all of that and make it a lot closer. He also stated that we have neighborhoods that are split right down the middle at the street. He said that he thinks the committee did a great job with what they had to work with.

**Dr. Knable** stated that as an at-large member, he has a little different viewpoint on this. He said that he wouldn't mind hearing from everyone about the map and their district and how things went with regards to that for the record.

**Mr. Turner** stated that there is one little shift in the 5<sup>th</sup> District but he thinks that the shift is reasonable and he has looked at everything with those precincts. He said that for the 5<sup>th</sup> District it does work out and he did request, since he has an exploratory committee, that they not cut him out and they didn't so he can't ask for more than that. He also said that he does believe that the 5<sup>th</sup> District will be represented well no matter what, and he thinks that it was very reasonable and thought out.

**Dr. Knable** asked where the shift is?

**Mr. Turner** stated that he is losing a neighborhood that he loves which consists of Lilly Lane, Millerwood Lane and Lynnwood Drive.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that he could run through all of the changes.

**Dr. Knable** stated that he would love to hear them.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> precincts are the ones between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> districts and it is around that Lynnwood Drive area that cuts over to Grant Line Road. He said that there was like a little tooth that came down which was the 27<sup>th</sup> precinct and now that moved to the 28<sup>th</sup> precinct, which is in the 6<sup>th</sup> District and is now on the other side of Lynnwood Drive. He stated that they ended up moving three precincts and this was two of them that flipped and one was in the 13<sup>th</sup> precinct that was in the 4<sup>th</sup> District that went to the 3<sup>rd</sup> District. He also said that there were two precinct splits and one was in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District and the other one was up near the 41<sup>st</sup> precinct that was the corner of Green Valley Road and Mt. Tabor Road, which is two big intersections. He stated that it actually dropped down to about where Sazerac is and that neighborhood was actually split and that opens up all now into the 4<sup>th</sup> District. He said that with that, it actually made that tooth that he was talking about a little sharper because that used to come down and go across at McDonald Lane but now that crosses up a little higher so it doesn't come down as sharp. He stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> precinct had to cut into the 3<sup>rd</sup> precinct right at 5<sup>th</sup> Street and then the little finger that went up from the 3<sup>rd</sup> precinct went up to the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Y and the 1<sup>st</sup> precinct had to take in some of that just because of the population. He said that on the backside of that, the 3<sup>rd</sup> District had to pick up some and that was the 13<sup>th</sup> precinct over by Beharrell Avenue. He stated that with all of this they got the numbers within a 5% deviation with 4.6%. He said that the state says you can go as far as 10% and that deviation is based off of if there is 2.4% low and then 2.4% high based off of what the equal population would be across all of the districts. He stated that we had that within 5% which is really solid comparable because we were at roughly about 20% and we were 8% on the low end and about 12% on the high end. He said that was basically in the 6<sup>th</sup> District and in the 1<sup>st</sup> District so the two furthest points apart is where they had to mix that population and he was happy because they made a couple of those precinct switches and then it started coming together.

**Mr. Turner** stated that his thought in looking at this is that neighborhoods should always be neighborhoods and there is a long-standing history besides just political lines. He said that from the 5<sup>th</sup> District standpoint, he has looked at all of the changes and he thinks that we kept our neighborhoods intact and the key is that people have representation. He said that he thinks for him it is fair.

**Mr. Phipps** asked if this will take effect immediately after they vote on it or will it take effect at the next election cycle?

**Mr. Dickey** stated that they will be on the existing map through their terms and then the new map will be what the election will be based off of. He added that they consider it effective immediately but you are still representing your old district because it is a fade out.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that he wanted to thank Mrs. Collier and everyone that met with them. He said that he also wanted to thank planning for drawing the maps and for verifying all of the census data and made sure that they were pulling off the right numbers. He stated that he wanted to thank members of the city's staff for helping with this also, as well as he wanted to thank Ms. Stein for making sure the we were legal on everything.

**Mr. Aebersold** stated that the population is not just adults that can vote; it includes everyone.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that there is a tab that is on the census bureau that says redistricting but it is the overall population.

**Mr. Aebersold** stated that he was just thinking that you might have some areas with families with kids and in that area, there are 500 households and 250 of them have kids in them versus another area that is a retirement area that has two voters in each household. He said that can make it really lopsided but you think you got it all right.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that it is law that they go by the 2020 number that came from the state.

**Mr. Blair** stated to put that another way, you can have an apartment complex that was under construction in 2020 and then they fill up; they will be part of that block eligible to vote in the 2023 election.

**Mr. Dickey** replied no, because it is based on the census. He said for example, in his district at the corner of Daisy Lane and Green Valley Road, they have a new development going in there and there was nothing known about that when they did the census. He stated that the census measurers would have gone through what was there at the time, which was a few single-family homes. He said in the next census, they will capture the additional population and they will reflect that back in the numbers they report to the state to do the redistricting at that point.

**Mr. Phipps** stated to answer Mr. Blair's question, it is yes that there will be people living in the new development and yes, they will vote in that district.

**Mr. Blair** stated that was his question.

**Mr. Dickey** stated that the only thing he wanted to say was that he really appreciated how they were able to keep the numbers so consistent because they did a really good job with what they have to go through with those census blocks not being able to be separated and all of that. He said that he just really appreciates the effort that everyone put into it and he thinks that is reflective of what the public wants to see in these processes which is a fair system. He then asked Mr. Applegate if he was going to call for public input before they take the vote?

**Mr. Applegate** stated that it wasn't on the agenda so he skipped right over it.

**Mrs. Glotzbach** apologized for overlooking that on the agenda and stated that no one signed up for public comment on this item.

**Dr. Knable** asked if there will be an actual map published for the public to see so that they will have the opportunity to study it?

**Mr. Applegate** stated that the map was in the packet and the packet is posted to the city's website so he doesn't know what more could be done.

**Mr. Blair** stated that he assumes the county clerk will publish it.

**Mr. Applegate** asked if he meant after it became final?

**Dr. Knable** stated that hopefully it will be published before it becomes final so that people can come speak about it if they would like to.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that all of the maps, old and new, were in the packet that was sent out.

**Dr. Knable** stated that he would at least like to send it to the newspaper as well. He said that he just wants to bring attention to it because not everyone scours our agendas and packets all of the time.

**Mr. Turner** stated that we have a City Clerk Facebook Page and could post the maps on there at least.

**Dr. Knable** stated that he would like that.

**Mr. Aebersold** asked if they could put the information in the next sewer bill that goes out?

**Mr. Applegate** stated that he didn't know when the next bill would be going out.

**Mr. Blair** stated that obviously, the public is not really interested in this.

**Dr. Knable** stated that he would counter by saying that he thinks if it is available, this would be something that they would be more interested in than usual.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that he knows that the media is on the email list that the agendas and packets are sent to.

**Dr. Knable** stated that the important thing is that some of the people who are going to be shifted have personal relationships with their representative and they enjoy that relationship but will have to forge a new relationship. He said that it might be a minority of folks but more information is better than less regardless of if it is accessed or not.

**Mr. Turner** stated that in the past, they have posted their districts on the city clerk's page and he would be open to getting a commitment from the city clerk to post the proposed changes with the old map if that is okay. He then asked Mrs. Glotzbach if she would be okay to post those pictures of the maps?

**Mrs. Glotzbach** stated that she would be okay with that.

**Mr. Turner** stated that way they would be out there and if people want to ignore it, they can or if they want to review it, they can but it will be out there either way.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that at the same time, it needs to be taken down after they approve it because otherwise, they will think it is the map for this coming year and call the wrong council person in those places where they have changed. He suggested that both maps be on the page and say this is the map that is current through 2023 and the other map is the new map that the council approved and will become effective on January 1, 2024.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that if they vote on this, he can assure them that he can get it posted on the city's social media page.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:**

#### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

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

**Ms. Carissa Miller, 2818 Sandalwood Drive**, stated that she is the chapter chair for our local Hoosier Action chapter and Hoosier Action is a nonpartisan, independent group that advocates for everyday Hoosiers. She said that they are currently working on the overdose crisis and as the council talked about earlier, there is no doubt that this crisis is affecting our community. She stated that she was present to invite the council members to a Town Hall and handed out information on that. She said that the Town Hall is going to be Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Park Christian Church, 2231 Green Valley Road.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

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Jason Applegate, President

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Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk