

**A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WAS HELD IN ROOM 100 AT NEW ALBANY CITY HALL ON TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Cheryl Cotner-Bailey, member, David Brewer, member, and Mickey Thompson, president.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Police Chief Bailey, Fire Chief Juliot, Alicia Meredith, Bryan Slade, John Rosenbarger, Sandy Boofter, Councilman Phipps, Larry Summers, Jessica Campbell, David Rake, David Hall and Vicki Glotzbach

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Mr. Thompson** called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**BIDS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:**

**Councilman Phipps, District 3**, explained that he would like to follow up on the email that he sent to the board yesterday regarding the 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Main Street curb cuts. He stated that there are several residents that live there at Mansion on Main that are either in wheelchairs or walkers and they like to utilize the pocket park across the street, but it is difficult for them to do so without going up a block to access a handicap ramp. He added that the residents also pointed out that a lot of times they will get dropped off on that 15<sup>th</sup> Street side and a curb cut would allow them easy access to vehicles/building.

**Mr. Thompson** stated that the only issue is that it would be a mid-block crossing so it would need to be highly visible as people aren't required to stop like they would at a corner.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that it wouldn't necessarily have to align with the door but they could install it at the curb.

**Mr. Thompson** stated that there is a ramp already on the corner and that is why he assumed they were asking for one mid-block. He added that it would just be a matter of making sure it is visible enough that drivers know to stop.

**Mr. Phipps** asked if they could install a sign on either side indicating it.

**Mr. Summers** stated that he would go out and take a look at the location to see what they can do.

**Mrs. Cotner-Bailey** asked if that is something that the city would do or would it be Mansion on Main's responsibility.

**Mr. Summers** stated that he would have to look into that.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that he was visiting the new Sweet B's shop off of Market on Saturday and when he asked how business was doing, they said that it was pretty good, but people were having difficulty finding them. He explained that he ran the idea of naming the alleys that intersect East Market between Spring/Market and Market/Main by Mayor Gahan 4-5 years ago because several of those already have decorative art with lights and it would make it easier to identify any business that sits off the alley. He added that Mayor Gahan seemed to be amenable to the situation but he never followed up with him. He asked the board to consider this request as it might help out some of the business that locate there. He stated that the City Council requested 6-7 months ago that the board take a look at traffic calming and safer pedestrian crossings which

is something he has been harping on for years. He asked how this is progressing if they have looked into it.

**Mr. Summers** stated that they have looked at designs at several of the crossings along Spring Street to help make them more visible/safer for pedestrians and have put together an RFP for a safety study. He added that he isn't sure where that stands at this point but he will check on the status of that and give him a full update to take back to the council.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**TABLED ITEMS:**

**1. Chase Blakeman, Paul Primavera re: Request approval of compliant 4-way stop at Klerner Lane and McConnell Drive**

**Mr. Thompson** asked that this stay on the agenda until the board receives the information that was requested.

**COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:**

**1. Larry Summers re: Main Street Project Update**

**Mr. Summers** reported that they are forming up and preparing the concrete work for sidewalks/ramps beginning at the State Street intersection and finishing installation of benches on north side of Main Street.

**2. Larry Summers re: 2023 Paving Project Update**

**Mr. Summers** reported that paving work is taking place today on Slate Run Road, tomorrow they will move to Vincennes from Main Street to Troy, followed by the Beechwood/Monon intersection going towards Ann. He stated that they will be starting striping work this week with the main portion of that work taking place on Mt. Tabor Road from Klerner Lane to Charlestown Road, with some touchup areas around the city.

**3. Larry Summers re: Portage signs and wooden bridge at Silver Creek Landing**

**Mr. Summers** reported that the flood control department has cleared a portage near the Silver Creek Landing from the high side of the dam to the low side and there will be portage signs installed later today or tomorrow. He added that they are looking to construct a small wooden bridge to allow individuals to navigate the drainageway in the area more easily.

**4. Fire Chief Juliot re: Recommendations for promotion for FF. Jon Jones**

**Fire Chief Juliot** presented a letter of recommendation to request that FF. Jon Jones be promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He explained that if the board approves this promotion, it will take effect on June 27, 2023 and he will be assigned to Truck One A-crew. He added that this request is due to a retirement and FF Jones will be on probation for one year.

**Mr. Brewer moved to approve, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.**

**5. Mickey Thompson for Duke Energy re: Encroachment permit at 245 Ealy St.**

**Mr. Thompson** stated that they will be installing a pole on the customer's property but they will install new overhead to provide service.

**Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve, Mr. Brewer second, motion carries.**

**6. Mickey Thompson for CenterPoint re: Encroachment permits for 327 Beharrell Ave., 2222 Beeler St., 818 Thomas St., 1609 E. Market St., 507 E. Elm St., and 1132 Pearl St.**

**Mr. Thompson** explained that on 327 Beharrell Avenue they are not sure where the locate lines but they are going to retire the service. He added that the remaining addresses are retirements.  
**Mr. Brewer moved to approve, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.**

**7. Mickey Thompson for Duke re: Encroachment permits at 4040 Grant Line Road**

**Mr. Thompson** stated 4040 Grant Line is for Duke to install some equipment on an existing pole.

**Mr. Brewer moved to approve, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.**

**8. Mickey Thompson for Estes Excavating re: Encroachment permits at 875 Central Court.**

**Mr. Thompson** stated that this is a request to cut Park Place to run a 6-inch sewer to the main.

**Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve, Mr. Brewer second, motion carries.**

**9. Mickey Thompson re: Requests to install 12' camera poles at State Street, Grant Line Road and Charlestown Road**

**Mr. Thompson** explained that the State Street location is at Mortensen Family Dental, Grant Line Road location is at I265 East off-ramp and Charlestown Road is at Rainbow Drive.

**Mrs. Cotner-Bailey moved to approve, Mr. Brewer second, motion carries.**

**10. Larry Summers re: Paving on Spring Street coming to/from Brown Station Way**

**Mr. Summers** reported that this week the inspector is working with MAC Construction to lay out the area of paving on Spring Street coming to/from Brown Station Way going towards Beharrell Avenue. He stated that they are looking to start that work on July 5 (weather permitting) and he has instructed them that the work would need to occur at night, given the amount of traffic coming through that area. He asked the board if there were any other stipulations they wanted to pass on to MAC.

**Mrs. Cotner-Bailey** asked if there are plans for notification to go out to the residents.

**Mr. Summers** stated that they will notify them.

**Mrs. Cotner-Bailey** asked if they would be able to do the work all in one night.

**Mr. Summers** stated that it will most likely be milled/patched night one and paved night two.

**Mrs. Cotner-Bailey** asked it would be each side or both at the same time.

**Mr. Summers** stated that it would most likely be both at the same time. He added that they will maintain traffic so it isn't a total closure.

**Mrs. Cotner-Bailey** asked what time they would start work and how long they would be working each night.

**Mr. Summers** stated that he would have to check on duration of the work and he would recommend work hours from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

**Mrs. Cotner-Bailey** asked that he get with the communications department to make sure this is announced to the public.

**Mr. Brewer moved to approve, Mrs. Cotner-Bailey second, motion carries.**

**11. Cheryl Cotner-Bailey re: Next week's meeting will be on Wednesday, July 5**

**Mrs. Cotner-Bailey** reminded everyone that next week's regular board meeting will be on Wednesday, July 5 as City Hall is closed on July 4.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**CLAIMS:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Mr. Brewer** moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for June 20, 2023 with corrections, **Mrs. Cotner-Bailey** second, motion carries.

**ADJOURN:**

**There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.**

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Mickey Thompson, President

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Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk