**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WILL HOLD A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**INVOCATION: To be given by ministers of different faiths, if present. If none are present, then a moment of reflection.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Regular Meeting Minutes for May 6, 2019.**

**COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:**

**COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:**

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

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

**PLAN COMMISSION – Mr. Phipps**

**APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: READING**

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:**

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

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

**ADJOURN:**

**INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WHO MAY REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO ATTEND THE ABOVE MENTIONED MEETINGS MAY MAKE THEIR REQUEST KNOWN BY CONTACTING THE CITY CLERK IN ROOM 332 OF THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING OR BY CALLING 948.5336**

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, HELD A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Council Members Mr. Coffey, Mr. Caesar, Mr. Phipps, Mr. Nash, Mr. Aebersold, Mr. Barksdale, Dr. Knable and President Blair. Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Nash were not present.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ms. Stein, Police Officer Shultz, Mr. Hall and Mrs. Glotzbach

**President Blair** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**MOMENT OF REFLECTION:**

**Dr. Knable** stated that Mr. Gary Austin passed away asked everyone to please remember him and his family in their thoughts.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Mr. Phipps moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for April 18, 2019, Mr. Barksdale second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Nash who were not present.**

**COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:**

**Mr. Blair** stated that both Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Nash had graduations to attend tonight.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that he had thought that our ordinance stated that we would not allow roadblocks to collect money for organizations or charities. He said that on Saturday at the corner of Elm Street and Pearl Street, there were four children out with signs collecting for the Crusade for Children. He said that there was no adult around them but there was an adult woman sitting in a car parked a little down the way from them.

**Mr. Aebersold** asked Mr. Coffey if he called the police.

**Mr. Coffey** replied no because he didn't what to say. He said that he knows that the police pass through there frequently so he assumed they would see them.

**Mr. Aebersold** said that could be dangerous.

**Mr. Coffey** agreed and said that they should keep an eye on this. He also said that he is going to bring the roadblock ordinance up again to maybe allow them for certain organizations or whatever and to assert more control over them.

**Mr. Aebersold** asked the other members if they received an email from residents on McLean Avenue because water is running down the alley.

**Dr. Knable** stated that he received it and reported it to code enforcement three times in the last two years.

**Mr. Aebersold** stated that he went up to take a look to see what was going on and it is bad. He said that it looks one or two residences are emptying their sump pumps into the alley and it is flooding and there is a steady stream running out at the end of the alley. He added that it is a muddy mess.

**Dr. Knable** stated that if it remains as it was before, there is one sump pump that actually pumps into the alley and is supposed to go to the street. He said that our new zoning ordinance has a section in it about discharging and if you pull the minutes, he talked about adding passage that actually says that it shall be done in such a manner that does not create either an ice hazard in the winter or a mosquito hazard in the summer, or any other unpredictable identifiable hazard. He asked Ms. Stein to see if that language was actually put in there because he doesn't recall if they actually made a formal amendment to do it. He said that he forwarded it to the new code enforcement officer this morning as well as Mr. Seagraves along with a photograph so they are aware of it. He also said that you would have to reroute the sump pump from there to the street and it would then flow to the drain and that would take care of it.

**Mr. Aebersold** stated that it looks like it would be closer to run it to the street than it would be to run it back all the way through his yard. He also stated that the gentleman that emailed him was Mr. David Brewer.

**Mr. Barksdale** said he is the David Brewer that had the little grocery store in that area.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that years ago we had the same problem on Bono Road which made a lot of ice and it was actually the Salvation Army. He said that the city made them go to a place in the road where the water goes in and asked if there is any way we can have them go in where they can be connected to the storm sewer line.

**Mr. Aebersold** stated that he is in the middle of the block.

**Mr. Caesar** stated that there is some kind of ordinance on that and he can't give them the exact language in it but there are definite rules on that.

**Ms. Stein** said that she can look it up.

**Dr. Knable** stated that they felt at the time they were within regulation so that's why he suggested changing the regulation to say that you cannot create a hazard for someone else. He said that the Mr. Brewer that emailed the problem is the father of Mr. Matt Brewer who was killed downtown and he has not forgotten to look into the parking there but he wants to take a good comprehensive look at it before he brings it back to the council for further recommendations.

**Mr. Barksdale** stated that the Historic Preservation Commission is having a facelift award ceremony which will be on May 15th at the M. Fine Building at 6:00 p.m. He also stated that on May 20th at 4:00 p.m., Indiana Landmarks and the city will be having a ribbon cutting at the Historic Hartman House and all are invited to attend.

**Mr. Caesar** stated that he was very pleased to hear that it was done because he thought there was still a significant amount of work to be done on it.

**Mr. Barksdale** stated that they are actually getting one of the awards next Wednesday.

**Mr. Caesar** said that it looks very good.

**COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:**

**Mr. Hall** stated that tomorrow is Election Day and Mayor Gahan wanted to encourage everyone to get out and exercise their civic duty and cast their ballot at a vote center. He said that he put a list of those centers on the city's website as well as on Facebook.

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

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

**HORSESHOE BOARD – Mr. Aebersold and Mr. Caesar**

**Mr. Aebersold** stated that scholarships are coming up in the next week or two and asked Mr. Caesar if he has a date on that.

**Mr. Caesar** stated that he does not have a date.

**Mr. Aebersold** stated that they had a rather lengthy meeting with the River Heritage Conservancy and Mr. Scott Martin made a good presentation to the board regarding the new park and what all is involved in that. He said that he thought it was interesting because there are a lot of agencies backing him and asked if the City of New Albany is involved in that at all. He explained that it is somewhat like the Falls of the Ohio which is really fantastic and will encompass Jeffersonville, Clarksville, New Albany as well as Loop Island. He said that they would like for all three cities to coordinate on this to make it consistent throughout and asked if we are incorporated with the other six or seven agencies because this thing is really going to be big.

**Mr. Blair** stated that we are not involved as far as he is aware.

**Mr. Caesar** stated that the administration is involved in it but as far as the council, we have had very little involvement. He then stated that Mr. Scott explained that the River Heritage people are thinking world-class such as a big lake, maybe some cantilever to go out over the river, hiking, boating, etc. He said that it will be a big deal and someplace that will be traveled to so it sounded very exciting.

**Dr. Knable** asked if Mr. Martin was at the Horseshoe meeting to request funding.

**Mr. Aebersold** replied no and stated that they were there to present what they do. He said that the board wanted all three of the entities there at one time but the Greenway Commission couldn't make it so they are coming in to speak on Wednesday about what part of this project they are doing.

**Mr. Caesar** stated that as far as River Heritage goes, they were there just to let the board know that they have real ideas and do have some cash that is committed. He said that they want to make it into a private/public world-class recreation area.

**Dr. Knable** stated that it would be nice, as Mr. Aebersold said, if they could coordinate it and for the council to get involved and know to what degree the administration is involved.

**Mr. Aebersold** stated that Jeffersonville is at 85%-95% because there is not a whole lot there that they are going to do much different. He said that they have already purchased some grounds down around Loop Island and the junkyards. He added that this is not going to happen in six months to a year; it is like a five-year plan and his concern is to make sure that we are on the same page to be in line with what they are planning.

**Mr. Barksdale** asked Mr. Hall if he knows if the city is involved with this.

**Mr. Hall** stated that he knows that the mayor has met with River Heritage but he doesn't know the specific individuals from River Heritage that were in the meeting. He said that in passing conversations with the mayor, he indicated to him that he does have some level of support for them but he doesn't know the details.

**Mr. Blair** stated that Mayor Gahan is on the Horseshoe Board so he would've been at the meeting when Mr. Martin gave his presentation.

**Mr. Caesar** stated that the mayor was there.

**Mr. Barksdale** stated that eventually they will be asking for funds so that is why someone from the city needs to be on the committee.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that he doesn't know how much people know about Loop Island but there is so much history there that needs to be incorporated in such as the camp of civil war soldiers that were there.

**Mr. Caesar** stated that this is a $60M-$80M project and there are millions in a bank account that have been dedicated to this so we are on the cusp of reality here.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that the council needs to be involved in it.

**Mr. Blair** stated that the council can invite them to a meeting to speak.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that he is open to a presentation and feels that the council definitely needs to be involved in it.

**Mr. Blair** stated that he will call them to try to schedule them to come to a meeting.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that we should have the money because he saw where we didn't get the money for Rails to Trails and he feels that we would get a bigger bang out of this project than that.

**REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION- Mr. Barksdale**

**Mr. Barksdale** reported that the commission had only one meeting in April and it was prior to the last council meeting. He stated they approved a resolution to allocate money for the purchase of Colonial Manor. He said they approved another emergency repair application which was on Mary Ann Drive and was for electrical, plumbing and gutter repairs. He also said that they entered into a lease agreement with Floyd County Brewing Company on two of our city-owned vacant lots on W. First Street. He explained that they are going to use the adjoining lots to expand their garden area so the city will no longer have to pay upkeep on those lots.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that we are in dire need of parking and asked if this is taking parking away from downtown.

**Mr. Barksdale** replied no and stated that they are vacant lots that have grass on them.

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**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:** **READING**

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**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Scott Blair, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk