

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY,
INDIANA, HELD A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN THE THIRD FLOOR
ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 20, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Stein, Police Officer Korte, Mr. Staten, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hall and Mrs. Glotzbach.

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

INVOCATION: Given by Reverend Jim Moon

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for February 3, 2020, Mrs. Collier second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

Mr. Caesar stated that he received a letter from Gallagher Station and felt that it needed to be read into the minutes.

Mrs. Glotzbach read the letter in its entirety.

Mr. Phipps stated that the plan commission did not meet this month. He said they had one item on the agenda and the applicant pulled that so he is assuming they will have that one next meeting. He stated that yesterday he attended his first Urban Enterprise meeting and they had a residential façade application at 518 E. Main Street which is the historic home that caught fire about two summers ago. He said that they approved \$2,500.00 to help with that restoration. He explained that there was an economic incentive grant for the new Monnik Brewery at the old New Albanian on Bank Street and they approved \$10,000.00 on that. He said they are going to tear up the parking lot and put gravel and pavers in there and build purbulus so he is assuming that it is going to be like a beer garden. He stated they had a \$25,000.00 grant for what is called Centenary on Spring which is the old Centenary Church that they are going to turn into housing units. He said that they had a considerable discussion on the last one which was the mural that is going to go on the Wick’s Pizza building but he can’t remember if they approved that one or not but he will check into that. He said it was in the amount of \$15,000.00 and there was a lot of discussion about the content of the mural.

Dr. Knable asked what the content of the mural is.

Mr. Phipps stated that part of it looks great and has steamboat images but then it has a woman holding a swan. He said that it just seems totally out of place and they said the swan is representing swans that used to be on the river. He said that he never knew we had swans on the Ohio River but supposedly we did. He also said that there were some that had concerns and said there are nice historic images but they want to have images of New Albany moving forward and more modern but they can’t dictate the content of the mural. He said that they did table this item so they could receive further information on it.

Dr. Knable stated that about two hours ago he ran into one of the county commissioners and he wanted an appointment to the solid waste board from this body so he wanted him to pass that along.

Mr. Caesar stated that he would get that to him.

Dr. Knable stated that at the last meeting they had an ad hoc finance committee that was put together which consisted of Mr. Blair, Mr. Applegate and himself. He said that was regarding the amount of interest that the City of Jeffersonville had earned in the fiscal year 2019. He explained that in discussion with the City Attorney Mr. Shane Gibson, evidently the executive branch is looking into that and going to create their own report on that and he said they would be willing to share that with the council in the not too distant future. He added that instead of simultaneously invent the wheel, they thought they would wait until they hear back on that. He then stated that today the Indiana Supreme Court heard the arguments between the City of New Albany and the County of Floyd regarding this building's deed. He said that one side told him that it went in their favor and the other side told him that it went in their favor so it will be two to four months before we find out on that.

Mr. Caesar stated that he noticed the new individual letterhead and wanted to remind everyone that when they send a letter out that it is from them and not the entire council.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

Mr. Staten stated that they have submitted the Community Crossings Grant application and are putting together the paving list so if anyone would like to add roads or has questions on anything, they can get in touch with Mr. Larry Summers.

Dr. Knable asked if they could get an updated list on what was accomplished in 2019 with regards to paving.

Mr. Staten said that he would look into that for him.

Mr. Caesar stated that the grant has been submitted but do we know when we might hear back on it.

Mr. Staten said he doesn't know when but he will get the information for him when it comes in.

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:

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

PUBLIC SAFETY & TRAFFIC – Mr. Applegate, Mr. Aebersold & Mr. Phipps

Mr. Applegate stated that they met and they decided that they would like to bring a few considerations or recommendations to the board of public works regarding potential public safety and traffic issues. He said that they felt a good way to have an ongoing relationship with the board of works would be to follow up on the considerations and recommendations that they take to them. He stated that if there is some due diligence to be done on our part then we would do that instead of just taking things to them and tell them that they need to be looked at so that we would have more ownership on our part. He also stated that if the board suggested to them to talk with another department such as the street department or the police department, they would do what they ask to have a good working relationship. He said a few of the main issues they were looking at was the push button flashing pedestrian walkways and that they need additional signage, a few four way stops, stoplights and/or timing of stoplights. He stated that they will also bring up things that council members just notice while driving around the city. He said that they will have a process where members can send things to them and then they will funnel it through the process of board of works. He said something else they discussed was evaluating street parking close to intersections where they may block some line of sight with vans or working vehicles. He said that they are hoping that this process will make the relationship pretty smooth and that it is a working list instead of things just

lingering on or keep coming back to the same subjects. He added that hopefully this process works for the council but if not then they can look at doing resolutions or other things.

Mr. Blair asked if the committee had any discussion on having a consultant come in and doing more of a comprehensive study to recommend to us what needs to take place. He said that he gets a lot of opinions from people but if we had an expert come to tell us what needs to be done he feels we would be better served.

Mr. Phipps stated that those studies are very expensive and it often just takes common sense.

Mr. Blair stated that he thinks there is a happy medium there but he is talking about when you start looking at radar speed signs or speed tables, etc.

Mr. Phipps stated that they weren't looking at issues like that.

Mr. Blair stated that those were issues that he heard last fall when he was campaigning.

Mr. Applegate stated that they are looking at from their personal knowledge and if something doesn't pass the eye then they can talk with the board of works. He added that if they look at it and agree then there could be further steps down the road to get engineers involved or studies done. He stated that it is the easy fixes that they are looking at versus the whole comprehensive plan.

Mr. Blair asked what his process would be to slow traffic on Pennwood Drive because that is a street that he received complaints about speeding.

Mr. Applegate stated that he could send an email to the standing committee and they will add it to the list and look at other areas that are having the same problems and bring those areas up to the board of works. He said that they may sit officers in those areas to slow traffic down or may take action in some other way. He added that this will be an ongoing working relationship and system that works.

Mr. Blair stated that he thinks we have that with certain types of projects and things that need to be, but we are ordinary citizens and don't know the capabilities of what can be. He said that if you bring someone in that has done this in other places then they could help us do what needs to be done. He then asked if they talked about funding and if it is something that we are going to fund in the budget next year.

Mr. Applegate stated that they were just talking about looking around their districts to see what needs to be done first and didn't talk about any funding. He said that if board of works comes across something that has to be done that will require funding, that will be a whole different conversation and he thinks that everyone will have done their due diligence before that to even bring additional funding to the table. He added that he wouldn't know what to ask a consultant to study but feels that we can work with our own experts and engineer first.

Mr. Phipps stated that his pet peeve is people not stopping at the pedestrian caution lights and it is a simple fix with a little cone set up. He added that they work in virtually every major city and he doesn't think that there is any special reason that they wouldn't work here. He said that he has been advocating for these for two years.

Mr. Blair stated that if Mr. Phipps has been advocating for this for two years, why it hasn't been done. He said that if we had people who are experts that are recommending that they be done, then we would have a better argument to get it accomplished.

Mr. Phipps said that you have to spend money to get the experts to support what is common sense and that's his problem.

Mr. Blair said that you see what the results have been.

Mr. Phipps stated that is why this committee met so that it will come from a committee. He also stated that he suggested starting with a resolution to advise the board of works to seriously take a look at these four items that they have identified. He said that the council does have the power to do a resolution and demand that the cones be installed but he doesn't want to go that route but he also doesn't want to see a pedestrian get killed because they walk out there with a false sense of security. He added that he has seen some very close calls at those multiple times.

Dr. Knable stated that he thinks that Mr. Phipps is right on a lot of it in that it is really easy for us to identify problems and some of these will be really easy fixes and others are going to be difficult. He said that he thinks they will need a consultant on some of these because there is just an array of sophisticated equipment available now that we may not have implemented in the city before. He recommended letting the committee run for a month or two and then see where we are.

Mr. Caesar stated that he thinks that at this point they need to start out like Mr. Applegate has explained and everyone needs to keep in mind that the board of works has a very limited budget.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that eventually the railroad is going to be back up and running so there may be some safety issues that need to be addressed with our crossings and such.

Mr. Blair asked who he should submit his requests to because Mr. Applegate mentioned four items and he wants to make sure that his items are heard too.

Mr. Phipps stated that they didn't want to exhaust them with extensive information and just wanted to have a few items just to get started. He added that they wanted to present first the ones that they thought were the easiest, quickest and cheapest items to fix.

Mr. Caesar asked Mr. Thompson to give an update on the railroad.

Mr. Thompson stated that when we did the two-way conversion, we were informed by the railroad that any changes we made would have to take into account that line possibly going back into service so we did. He said now that it is going back into service the railroad has been working on making sure that it is ready for rail traffic. He explained that they replaced most of the cross ties that had to be replaced and they started working on the crossings and have sawcut those so that they can be redone. He said that the crew that was doing that work was pulled out and went to work somewhere else but they haven't finished the crossings yet. He also said that the signal crew has been in town working on all of the signals and there is a lot of underground work that they are doing such as wiring. He stated that at some point the road crew will be back in to redo those crossings by putting them back with either asphalt or concrete.

Mr. Caesar asked if there is a timeline that he can speak of at this point.

Mr. Thompson said that the signal guy wasn't sure and he just knew that the crew that was doing the rail work was going to be pulled off. He also said that the water company had to call him about some locates for some underground boring that they had to do. He said that the signal guy seemed to think that it was something that went on between the customer and the railroad and they determined that it wasn't needed as fast as they were trying to go with it and they had more time so he guesses that's why that crew was allowed to pull off out of here.

Dr. Knable asked who is responsible for the cleanup along those rail lines.

Mr. Thompson replied CSX.

Dr. Knable stated that he doesn't know if they were maintained during the shutdown to the degree that they should've been and he didn't know if there has been discussion of a major clean up before they open.

Mr. Thompson stated that they had a vegetation crew come through and start clearing because it had been five years since a train had run on the rail.

Dr. Knable asked what they have on either side of the rail.

Mr. Thompson said he has been told that they have a 50 ft. right-of-way.

Dr. Knable asked if they are in charge of the cleanup on whatever that right-of-way is.

Mr. Thompson replied yes; they are responsible for that area.

Dr. Knable asked if he has concerns about that from constituents, who he would relay that to.

Mr. Thompson stated that he could give it to him and he would get it to CSX or whichever railroad it is.

Mr. Aebersold asked if we are going to do anything on 15th Street.

Mr. Thompson stated that he is not aware of anything but there were discussions about something that could be done there but most of that was taking it out of service for vehicles.

ONE SOUTHERN INDIANA – Mr. McLaughlin, Mrs. Collier & Mr. Turner

Mr. McLaughlin stated that they had a hard time meeting in person so they did it by way of Facetime and he thought it went pretty well. He said that they came up with about three things they would like to see. He stated that one is that he hopes One Southern Indiana will help us by putting friendly persuasion on the department of transportation regarding the Sherman Minton Bridge when we start approaching the shutdown or lane closures. He said that they would like for the council to have a seat at the table and that Mr. Applegate will be attending those meetings. He also said that they would like to have more up to date reporting besides just an annual report and having someone at that table will help with that.

Mr. Caesar asked if the ordinance is ready to be heard the first meeting in March.

Mr. McLaughlin replied yes.

Mr. Turner stated that he thinks this is good money to spend because we have only one bridge coming into New Albany and it will be good to have someone advocating for us.

Dr. Knable stated that he appreciates the conversations about those items and would welcome discussions on amendments. He explained that after he read the bylaws immediately after the last meeting, he was expecting this to be on the agenda tonight but understands there was a little bit of confusion regarding those issues between 30.52 and 30.53. He said that he also appreciates a discussion that he and Mr. Caesar had about that and kind of clarifying it all. He explained that he interpreted it that 30.53 indicates that anything put into committee would come out of committee and be ready to go at the next meeting. He stated that he knows that the rules committee is still going to meet with regards to that probably sometime in March. He said that he further understands that regardless of the delay, we would not have been able to do that due to the timing of this meeting and advertising that.

Ms. Stein stated that is the way she reads and understands the rules as well. She said there is the expectation that it will go into committee between the second and third readings but will come right back at the next meeting. She added that the rules don't really address if there is an issue with the committee but it does set out at least the expectation that it comes back to the next meeting for the third reading.

Dr. Knable asked if he is wrong with Robert's Rules of Order that if a committee fails to do that it basically comes back with a neutral or positive reading.

Ms. Stein said that is probably right with Robert's Rules.

Mr. Caesar stated that the rules committee will definitely meet and get that taken care of.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if we have figured out who reports to the reporter.

Dr. Knable stated that as it stipulates now, if it goes to committee the members are supposed to give a written report and he feels that has evolved to a point where most of us would feel that is not required.

Mr. McLaughlin said he meant the advertising.

Dr. Knable stated that will take a little tighter communication between the president and the clerk's office.

Mr. Caesar stated that is part of why he wants the rules committee to meet.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – Mrs. Collier & Mr. Applegate

Mrs. Collier stated that the redevelopment commission approved the staff to execute an agreement with HMB Professional Engineers for engineering services for the construction design project at the intersection of Kamer Miller Road and Charlestown Road not to exceed \$274,992.00. She said that will be coming from the Charlestown Road TIF. She explained that they also approved the staff to execute an agreement with HWC Engineering for preliminary engineering work to determine possible options for access to Silver Creek and trail design between Providence Way and the Ohio River Greenway not to exceed \$61,053.00. She added that is currently slated to come out of the Charlestown Road TIF as well. She stated that the commission approved the sale of property located at 2247 Park Avenue for a selling price of \$5,500.00 and the property owner at 2249 is the purchaser. She said the commission approved INDOT Change Orders 4 and 5 for Allterrain Paving & Construction and the total of both change orders was \$50,726.40 which was for the Mt. Tabor Road project. She stated that the last thing they approved was the city's CBDG Program five-year Consolidated Community Development Citizen Participation Plan. She said there is going to be a public hearing on that on Tuesday, February 25th at 2:30 p.m. here in the assembly room. She also said that on Thursday, February 27th at the library at 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the Gallery Room and 2:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in the Applegate Room they are going to have a stakeholder and resident council meeting. She stated that there will also be a special meeting of the redevelopment commission at 2:30 p.m. on April 7th. She then explained that the funding for the property at 309 E. Spring Street which is the former Centenary Church is coming out of the State Street TIF.

Mr. Blair asked if the two bids that were awarded were competitive bids.

Mr. Applegate stated that there was some preliminary work from last year or the year before on Charlestown Road so they already had some information and he believes that's where that bid was issued.

Mr. Blair asked about Providence Way.

Mr. Applegate stated that was exploratory to see what we have available down there and he believes there was some prior history there too but he is not sure.

Mr. Blair stated that they weren't competitive bids then and were just given out to certain firms.

Mr. Aebersold asked how much 309 E. Spring Street was.

Mrs. Collier replied \$600,000.00.

Mr. Aebersold asked if that is different from the \$25,000.00 from the Urban Enterprise.

Mrs. Collier replied yes.

Dr. Knable stated that he doesn't want to pass over what Mr. Blair just said and if they were truly noncompetitive bids, they may be in violation of a statute with regards to that. He said that he thinks that needs to be clarified one way or another and asked Ms. Stein if she would look into it.

Ms. Stein said she would look into it.

Mr. Blair stated that he has looked at this before and his interpretation is that professional contracts do not have to be competitive and you can just award to certain firms. He added that he would like for Ms. Stein to look at it more thoroughly. He said he thinks that we should make that a practice for the city to make those competitive bids.

SCHOOL SAFETY REFERENDUM – Misty Ronau

Ms. Ronau, PAC Chair for Floyd County – she stated that they are political action committee working to advocate for the success of the NAFC School Safety Referendum. She passed out information on the Floyd County Safety Referendum and said that all of that information is online. She explained that this is a huge opportunity for our whole county and on February 10th the school board voted unanimously in favor of the NAFC School Safety Referendum. She stated that this referendum is a new tool available to all schools in the state of Indiana. She said that in 2018 there was a school shooting that involved a student that shot a teacher and a fellow student and our state general assembly responded to a cry for help from all of our schools all over the state. She stated that we are not keeping pace with the needs that we have for school safety so the state general assembly got together and identified nine categories for permissible spending that were universally decided to be directly related to school safety. She is hoping to be the second school corporation to succeed in securing funding this way. She said the first one is Carmel which is a neighboring school district to Noblesville that experienced that shooting. She explained that the way this funding comes to us is by property value levy and we are lucky to have enough property value to collect to supply these needs. She stated that we are lucky to have a consolidated school corporation and to have one school board that services our entire county. She said we are so lucky to be in the position we are in and to have a school corporation willing to do all of this work to prepare. She added that most of this work is done outside of school hours so this is like an additional job for our teachers and school administrators and of the volunteers that are working to make this happen. She said they will have a little over \$3M a year to fund these programs that are needed and their focus is on intervention and prevention.

Chris Streets, CFO of School District – he stated that has an open door policy when it comes to questions about finances and would be happy to answer future questions. He explained that with this referendum the school board voted at a rate of 8.5 cents and the max is 10 cents. He stated that they can levy up to that 8.5 cents every year for eight years and right now generates approximately \$3.1M. He added that the amount that comes in depends on the function of the rate and what the AD is for that given year.

Mr. Turner asked what the school corporation has done to budget for mental health and security before asking the people for another referendum.

Mr. Streets stated that a lot of security measures went into place after the last referendum and they will touch on that tonight but not all schools were involved with that. He explained that they are now looking to do things at some of the other schools and about 2/3 of the money in this referendum will be used for salaries and benefits. He stated that 3 years ago they started with the Lily Endowment Grant which was ~1.13M and over the years they have had contracts with social workers, mental health therapists and counseling.

Mr. Turner asked if the school corporation has prioritized safety and mental health and where they can fit that in without asking for the tax payers to reprioritize their money.

Mr. Streets stated that they do that every year. He added that trying to do something like that on this scale would involve some massive cuts to the education budget.

Mr. Turner stated that if they budget throughout the years for these things they might be asking for less.

Ms. Ronau stated that the security measures never end even if it is budgeted every year.

Mr. Streets stated that it has been ongoing and over the years they have changed architecture, analysis on how to improve and dealing with schools that get older every year which requires these things to be addressed on a regular basis. He added that they are trying to be as safe as they can while being responsive to what is happening in society.

Dr. Knable stated that they said the school board voted in favor of this but he thought that the vote was in favor of having the referendum, not passing it.

Lee Ann Wiseheart, School Board Member – she explained that the board votes on if they are going to add something to the referendum and if they want the tax payers to say yes or no.

Dr. Knable asked why this is only for eight years and asked if it is a cap that the state puts on it.

Ms. Ronau replied yes.

Dr. Knable stated that traditionally the school corporations pay for a percentage of the SRO salaries and if they would be picking up 100% of that if this referendum passes.

Mr. Streets stated that it would depend on the negotiated contract with the city and the county.

Ms. Wiseheart stated that she would like to speak to the earlier question regarding what has been done to prioritize mental health services because it is something that is a priority to her and she has urged them to put it into a budget line item. She added that they haven't done much to address it but she needs support on the board to vote on things that are worthy of the cause and prioritize the money.

Ms. Ronau stated that this is not something that they have in their schools because it isn't a luxury that they can afford across the state. She explained that they are asking for something above and beyond what all of their neighboring schools have. She added that it isn't as easy as cutting 10% off of a salary or having a bake sale, its \$24M.

Mr. Turner stated that he is just concerned about what the school corporation has done to see in the future or if they were going to wait until crises mode to ask the resident for something.

Ms. Ronau stated that the Lily Endowment was a gift that they knew from day one wouldn't be sustainable so they weren't footing the bill for things that they could provide, they were grateful to be able to do them for whatever brief time that they could. She added that no one is arguing that they aren't worth it or needed, what they are saying is that there is no other way to pay for it.

Mr. Turner stated that it needs to be prioritized.

Ms. Ronau stated that it does but it needs to be prioritized at the state level because they handed them this tool to seek funding in this manner.

Mr. Turner stated that he sees the physical improvements and wonders if any of the items on the list could have been done instead.

Ms. Ronau stated that she understands these kinds of questions but it is very hard to address it in a way that it is not conflated information. She added that at the end of the day the State General Assembly handed them this tool as the way to get funding and they can talk all day about how previous monies were spent, but these things have nothing to do with the topic at hand. She reiterated that they have tools that are available to them that is new this year and puts in their hands resources that funds services that are desperately needed. She asked for help in reining in the conversation to focus on the referendum because she wants this information to go to their constituents.

Ms. Wiseheart stated that she agrees with Ms. Ronau in that they can't do anything about how funding was spent in the past and ask them to please not channel their frustration over that on to something she believes is really needed.

Mr. Blair stated that this is a tax increase and history is meaningful and past decisions and the way they are made are meaningful especially when it is the same group making the decision.

Ms. Ronau stated that in the past referendums have been crafted by the school corps as like a wish list of needs and that is not the case with this. She explained that in this case the general assembly handed them a list of permissible items that they acknowledge are necessary to enhance school safety.

Mr. Blair asked if she is saying that a referendum is the only way this could be funded.

Ms. Ronau replies yes unless someone has a better idea of how to raise \$24M.

Mr. Phipps stated that if they can invest pennies to save kids with mental health issues they will save thousands of dollars in the long run. He added that he publically supports this referendum wholeheartedly.

CAESARS BOARD – Mr. Caesar and Mr. Aebersold

Mr. Caesar stated that they had 51 scholarships that were given out (24 NAHS, 23 FCHS, 3 Providence and 1 Montessori). He reported that the spring grants were opened, March 31 will be the end of that and it looks like the requests will come out in the summer. He stated that small business loans are working well with ~3.5M in loans.

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

READING

COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC: A-20-02 Catalyst Rescue Mission

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Reverend Jim Moon, president of Catalyst Rescue Mission – he stated that they are the entity that is in the process of purchasing a shelter in Jeffersonville and he is helping to get the program/funding off the ground. He explained that this shelter is the biggest feeding kitchen in the area by far and is the only shelter in a 15 county region. He stated that their main focus when individuals walk through their doors is to work with them to get their life back on track and has two different components. 1. Overnight Stay is something that almost anyone (depending on background check and possible need for detox) can come in and utilize, and it costs them nothing. 2. Bed Assignment would be for those that ask for further assistance and if a bed is available they can begin a program. He passed out a handout with statistics regarding the makeup of the shelter and who is seeking assistance. Said handout is on file with the City Clerk's office. He added that he provided them with their rules and how they run the program, a budget, current financial statements and a flow chart of staff for their consideration.

Mr. Caesar asked when they applied.

Reverend Moon stated that it was within the last month.

Mr. Caesar asked if the 501(c)(3) is totally dedicated to Catalyst.

Reverend Moon replied yes. He added that this is not just a church run organization but is made up of individuals from all different walks of the serving agencies within the community. He stated that the other contributors to the project are City of Jeffersonville (\$50,000.00), Jeffersonville Township Trustee (\$30,000.00), Jesus Cares at Exit 0, NAHA, Fenwick Hardwood Floors, PC Home Center, Thieneman Builders, Business Health, Samtec Cares, FOP of Jeffersonville, New Albany Rotary Club and many local churches. He added that he will be approaching the City of Clarksville about contributing as well the surrounding counties.

Mr. Caesar asked if there is any money in the bank right now.

Reverend Moon stated that there is \$41,000.00 in the bank.

Mr. Caesar asked if there are any debts owed by the mission.

Reverend Moon explained that what they are offering to buy the shelter for is all the money that they owe.

Mr. Applegate asked about any income coming in.

Reverend Moon stated that he would be happy to do an income sheet for the shelter for them. He explained that there is a per day program fee that can be mitigated by signing up for chores.

Mr. Aebersold asked if they are looking for a onetime donation to help get them out of debt.

Reverend Moon stated that they do not have any debts.

Mr. Blair stated that he really appreciates what Reverend Moon is doing because there is such a need in this community. He asked if they are going to have an audit done.

Reverend Moon stated that they haven't had an audit done but they will just after the first year.

Mrs. Collier asked why the flow chart wasn't updated from their last conversation to reflect the part time pastor.

Reverend Moon stated that he refused taking a salary to do anything that he is doing regarding Catalyst so the board decided to pass a salary on to a part-time associate pastor which costs a lot less than he would.

Mrs. Collier stated that this doesn't explain why they aren't listed on the chart especially since it was a concern for her when they met a month ago.

Reverend Moon stated that it just wasn't updated but he believes in full disclosure and they can ask anything they want.

Mr. Turner stated that he would definitely like to see a report and he would be fine with every six months.

Mr. Phipps asked to clarify that they are a religious organization but there is no forced religion on any of the participants.

Reverend Moon stated that he is correct.

Dr. Knable introduced A-20-02 and moved to approve the first and second readings, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor.

Dr. Knable thanked Reverend Moon for being here and bringing all the information that he asked for. He added that he would prefer that this come out of Riverboat funds instead of EDIT funds if possible. He thanked Mr. McLaughlin for co-sponsoring this item with him because them coming together on this sends out a message that this is a broad reaching issue. He stated that this issue is in the community and it is real and this is the best economic time that the city has known in one or two generations, so if they can help they need to. He added that Reverend Moon has a lot of passion for this and is casting a wider financial net than anyone they have seen in the past so he would like to see this move forward. He stated that this will go into a committee and would be in favor of allowing them to have until the March 19 meeting to bring this back. He asked Reverend Moon to provide them an updated flowsheet and the income so that the committee will have that before they meet. He urged any of them that have not gone out to tour the site to do so.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that this may also give them more time to allow the 501(c)(3) application to move through.

Mr. Phipps stated that them not being approved for that is his only concern.

Mr. Applegate stated that he does like the 501(c)(3) because it holds the mission accountable and he commends what they are doing.

Mr. Caesar stated that the committee that will work on this consists of Mrs. Collier, Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Aebersold.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. Caesar reported that he has appointed Mr. Dan Canon to the Human Rights Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

Rachael Miller stated that she really appreciates their service and dedication to the City of New Albany. She thanked Mr. Phipps and the city for taking care of her concerns regarding a trash filled lot near her home. She thanked Mr. Turner for listening to her concerns this past Saturday as well as Mayor Gahan for taking the time to read and respond to a letter that she mailed to him in January. She stated that she realizes that addressing trash and litter throughout the city in an ongoing issue and she is extremely grateful that the city allocates its resources and efforts to complete this work. She expressed gratitude for the cleanup at the amphitheater after the flooding as well and informed them that she formed a litter cleanup group called DeTrash New Albany and gave a brief introduction of the group to the council.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Bob Caesar, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk