

COMMON COUNCIL, CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
JUNE 29, 2010

The Common Council of the City of Noblesville met in regular session on Tuesday, June 29, 2010. In Mayor Ditslear's absence, Deputy Mayor Mike Hendricks called the meeting to order pursuant to public notice with the following members present: Mary Sue Rowland, Mark Boice, Gregory P. O'Connor, Stephen C. Wood, Brian Ayer, and Roy Johnson. Dale Snelling was absent.

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Janet Jaros, Assistant City Attorney Darren Murphy, department directors, and interested citizens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MAY 25, 2010

Mr. Wood moved to approve the minutes as submitted, second Mr. Ayer, five aye, one abstention. Mr. Boice abstained due to being absent from the last meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Boice moved to approve the agenda as presented, second Mr. Wood, six aye.

PETITIONS OR COMMENTS BY CITIZENS WHO ARE PRESENT

There were no petitions or comments by citizens.

MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

Deputy Mayor Hendricks stated the 1st Friday event is this Friday. The theme is "Happy Birthday America" and the celebration will include patriotic games, music, and much more. Everyone is invited Downtown from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for a fun filled evening. It will be a busy weekend. It is also the 4th of July and the City has its annual Parade kicking off at 16th and Harrison Streets at 5:00 p.m. The theme for this year's parade is "Honoring Your Hometown Heritage". The grand marshals are Isabella Harger and Jerry Snyder. The fun continues after the parade at the High School parking lot from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. with the Kids Zone, classic car show, live music from Jane Bond and the Pink Martinis, games, and lots of food vendors. The evening is capped off at 10:00 p.m. with a fantastic fireworks display. Mr. Hendricks stated he would like to thank the sponsors that help bring this special day to the community. These include Industrial Dialectics, Inc., Community Health Network, Community Bank, E & B Paving, and Republic Waste Services.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Johnson stated before the Committee reports start, he would like to congratulate Mrs. Mary Sue Rowland for winning the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce's Pinnacle Award for outstanding achievement in community service. Mrs. Rowland was an outstanding choice and deserves the recognition.

Mr. O'Connor stated the Vision Committee met last week. The Committee is working with the survey. We have sent questions out to the Council and are waiting for some feedback. The Committee will meet again and then have a meeting with the National Research Center to get some input on the questions that we have come up with. The Committee wants to make sure the questions are designed correctly for the most input. The year end target will be met. Mr. Rathman has shown great leadership with the Committee.

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Mr. O'Connor stated the Budget Committee has been presented with some real cost cutting measures by Mr. Hendricks. There will be another meeting in August with Mike Reuter. We are moving in the right direction. COIT dollars will be down. There will be challenges. Mr. Hendricks stated the meeting with Mr. Reuter is scheduled for August 3rd with the entire Council. Mr. Johnson stated the Directors have been working very hard to save money within their budgets.

Mr. O'Connor stated the Roads Committee will meet this Friday. Mr. Ayer stated S.R. 238 is complete and open. 166th Street is open. Union Chapel Road is open to Greenfield Avenue.

Mr. Boice stated he was lucky enough to be a member of the contingent that competed for the All America City in Kansas City. A group of about 30 people went, thanks to the Legacy Fund and some other sponsors. Noblesville was ultimately not one of the cities named an All America City, but we were in the top 25 out of 400 original entries. It was an honor and a great learning experience. Mr. Boice stated they learned a lot about what the other cities did to empower their citizens and better their communities. It was very interesting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Mr. Ayer moved to approve the claims as presented, second Mr. Wood, six aye.

NEW ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION

#23-6-10 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #23-6-10, AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE REGARDING ARTICLE 2 – DEFINITIONS, ARTICLE 4 – ZONING APPLICATIONS AND APPROVALS, ARTICLE 8 – ZONING DISTRICTS, ARTICLE 9 – GENERAL REGULATIONS, ARTICLE 12 – LANDSCAPING AND SCREENING AND APPENDIX C – OFFICIAL SCHEDULE OF USES (STEVE HUNTLEY)

Mr. Ayer moved to introduce Ordinance #23-6-10, second Mr. Wood. Mr. Huntley stated this has been forwarded by the Plan Commission with a favorable recommendation. Almost all of the amendments are for the purposes of clean-up. There is one new item regarding specifications and requirements of utilities under state statutes that we have to follow under the Utility Regulatory Guidelines. Mr. Huntley stated other than that, clarifications and details have been added to the ordinance. There have been some added uses. Any changes have been identified in red. The new district is not in here. That will go before the Commission in July and before the Council two weeks after that. Mr. O'Connor asked about the verbiage changes that were discussed in the Plan Commission meeting. Mr. Huntley responded this was commercial/agricultural uses. It was stricken from these amendments and will go back before the Plan Commission next month. Mr. Wood stated it is still in the paperwork. Mr. Huntley replied it is not part of the ordinance and will be dropped. Mr. Yelton stated the item Mr. O'Connor was referring to has to do with public services facilities and those changes were made.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. O'Connor asked if Jazz Squared was this Friday. Mr. Hendricks replied this Friday is the 1st Friday event.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Common Council this 29th day of June, 2010, Mr. Boice moved to adjourn, six aye.

JOHN DITSLEAR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JANET S. JAROS, CLERK-TREASURER