

**COMMON COUNCIL, CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
SEPTEMBER 14, 2010**

The Common Council of the City of Noblesville met in regular session on Tuesday, September 14, 2010. Mayor Ditslear 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, Dale Snelling, Brian Ayer, and Roy Johnson.

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Janet Jaros, City Attorney Michael Howard, department directors, and interested citizens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: AUGUST 24, 2010

Mr. O'Connor moved to approve the minutes as submitted, second Mr. Boice, seven aye.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: AUGUST 26, 2010 – CITY/SCHOOL BOARD
JOINT SESSION**

Mr. Boice moved to approve the minutes as submitted, second Mr. Wood, five aye, two abstentions. Mrs. Rowland and Mr. Snelling abstained due to being absent from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PETITIONS OR COMMENTS BY CITIZENS WHO ARE PRESENT

There were no petitions or comments by citizens.

MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

Mayor Ditslear stated last Friday was the Upstairs Downtown First Friday event. It was a great success. It was the most attended First Friday event so far. The next one is October 1st. This is just a great way to bring people to Downtown Noblesville. There was a ribbon cutting for SCORE. This is a group of business consultants that talk about financial planning, business plans, loans, anything about a business for a start-up business or an existing business that needs their expertise. These are successful executives that are volunteering their services. The City has made an office available for them and will make appointments for them. People can call our office and make appointments. The Think Car was out at Duke Energy. Mayor Ditslear stated he didn't get in it due to his previous visits with EnerDel. There was also one out at the Chamber before their meeting for people to look at. There was a ribbon cutting for Loraine's Custom Floor Designs. They are at 942 Maple Street. It is a beautiful addition to Noblesville. Mayor Ditslear stated he did meet with Dr. Libbie Conner of Noblesville Schools and Detlef Rathman on Vision for Excellence. It was an excellent meeting. Dr. Conner really gets it and had some interesting suggestions. Today there was a ribbon cutting for Cherish Center. It is located right behind Riverview Hospital. It is a beautiful facility designed to service victims of violent crimes and their families. Mayor Ditslear stated next Wednesday is his State of the City speech to the Chamber. It will be held at Harbour Trees at 11:30 a.m. After Hours will be at the Chateau Bijou on September 23rd at 4:00 p.m.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. O'Connor stated the Roads Committee met September 3rd. All of the Stimulus resurfacing projects have been completed. These include Greenfield Avenue, Cumberland Road, Little Chicago Road, and Boden Road. The Maple Street project is complete, except for landscaping. That should be finished up this year. The 156th Street project is complete. There is some additional work to be done out there next year. There

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is a ribbon cutting scheduled for October 18th for the Olio Road Bridge. This will open up many opportunities on the east side. The roundabout at Tegler is complete. The Union Chapel Road Bridge across Stony Creek is close to completion. The roundabout at 166th Street is open. Phases 3 and 4 of the project are moving forward. This will connect Union Chapel up to Promise Road. Phase 5 is the Greenfield Avenue/Union Chapel roundabout which will be constructed in 2011. The interest rates for that project came in at less than 4%. 191st Street and Promise Road is on the agenda tonight for a 4 way stop. 141st Street and Marilyn Road will close September 20th for the construction of the roundabout. The INDOT project at Little Chicago Road and Mill Creek Road continues. The roundabout in front of Wal-Mart is open. The traffic flow for that area has improved dramatically. Howe Road is ready for final surface.

Mr. Johnson stated the Parks Department had a meeting. Mr. Snelling was there to thank the Department for their participation in naming the football fields at Dillon Park after him, Garrick Mallery, and Steve Dillinger. Congratulations to Dale. Mr. Johnson stated Jodi Roudebush from the Noblesville United Soccer Club was in attendance with a very in depth and upbeat report on the Soccer Club. The financials are good, sponsorships are up, and participating youth numbers are up considerably. It is a very good partnership they have with the Noblesville Parks Department. The Stony Creek trail is done. The Carrigan Road Pedestrian Bridge is open with occasional flag men. There will be 1 closure day to mount the deck. Adoption of the Recreation Impact Fee study was done and sent on to the Plan Commission. The Noblesville Parks Department has been recognized by the Chamber of Commerce with the Community Pride Award for Excellence. Congratulations to the Parks Department.

Mr. Ayer stated the Economic Development Committee met September 7th. They are continuing to work on the Market Noblesville plan. They are currently working on a contract with a consultant to brand the City to be used by all of the Departments to give us a unified look, with something that will stand out and be recognizable rather than each Department going in their own direction. The new business start-up that was talked about is Rosie's Place. It is on the Downtown Square, next to the Asian Grill. It will be a bakery/restaurant that will be open for breakfast and lunch 7 days a week. The owner has 20 years of experience in the restaurant business and is excited to be in Downtown Noblesville. Mr. Ayer stated the Committee is developing their tool box. SCORE will be a great tool for the community. They are also working on a low interest revolving loan program with several banks. The Committee is exploring the possibility of a job fair. There has not been one in the community for a couple of years. They are also working on several new projects.

Mrs. Rowland stated the Tree Board met yesterday. There is an exciting project being developed for increasing the number of trees in the community, including the parks. This is from a service organization and involves utilizing volunteers. The idea is in its preliminary stages at this time, but is very exciting. The information will go out to the Council in the future.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Mr. O'Connor moved to approve the claims as presented, second Mr. Wood, seven aye.

PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED ORDINANCES

#26-8-10 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #26-8-10, AN AMENDMENT TO THE CORPORATE CAMPUS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT CHANGING THE LAND USE CATEGORY FROM FLOOD HAZARD AREA TO COMMERCIAL AND COMMERCIAL/OFFICE/FLEX FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTH OF CAMPUS PARKWAY AND WEST OF BODEN ROAD AND SOUTH OF CAMPUS PARKWAY WEST OF BROOKS SCHOOL ROAD EXTENDED (STEVE HUNTLEY)

Mr. Huntley stated this item represents the nearing of the conclusion of a joint effort between the Bubenzers and the City of Noblesville. In exchange for the ordinance that is before the Council, the Bubenzers family will be taking the obligation and responsibility of removing a significant amount of soil from a property that would be quite costly to the City to remove. They will also dedicate right-of-way for a future road extension between Brooks School Road and Boden Road. In exchange, the City has recognized the zoning/land use change that would allow commercial on certain corners for that ground that is currently outside of the flood plain area. This would also allow other grounds to go commercial if permits from the State are granted in the future. This has been forwarded from the Plan Commission with a 10-0 favorable recommendation. The following roll call vote was recorded.

AYE: Brian Ayer, Mark Boice, Gregory P. O'Connor, Mary Sue Rowland, Dale Snelling, Stephen C. Wood, and Roy Johnson

Seven aye, motion carries

NEW ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION

#27-9-10 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #27-9-10, AMENDING ORDINANCE #44-10-09, SALARY ORDINANCE FOR APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF NOBLESVILLE FOR 2010 (MIKE HENDRICKS)

Mr. O'Connor moved to introduce Ordinance #27-9-10, second Mr. Snelling. Mr. Hendricks stated this is the 2010 Salary Ordinance. It has been brought before the Council for amendment due to an evaluation of needs and how those needs could be met with the City's existing staff. The Administration transferred an administrative assistant's position from Economic Development to fill a need in the Police Department that has been taken care of with 2 ranking officers when the time is available. The job includes data analysis of the Police Department. There is a need to get the information put together in a timely manner. Two secretaries had been lost in the Police Department this year due to retirement. A secretary was moved to the Economic Development Department to replace that administrative assistant position. The Administration feels this is an appropriate transfer. The duties have become more of a secretarial position. The amendment to the Salary Ordinance is a clean-up measure for payroll purposes. Mr. Boice asked if this is something that should be passed on first reading. Mr. Hendricks responded yes, it would be appropriate. The timesheets are being transferred to the corrected departments for payroll purposes currently. Mr. Wood asked what the total

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dollar savings is in doing this transfer of personnel. Mrs. Jaros replied her estimate is around \$50,000.00, not including benefits. Mr. Wood stated that is a good job. Mr. Boice moved to suspend the rules and pass on first reading, second Mr. Wood, seven aye. The following roll call vote was recorded.

AYE: Mark Boice, Gregory P. O'Connor, Mary Sue Rowland, Dale Snelling, Stephen C. Wood, Brian Ayer, and Roy Johnson

Seven aye, motion carries

#28-9-10 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #28-9-10, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER 78 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NOBLESVILLE (PATTY JOHNSON)

Mr. Boice moved to introduce Ordinance #28-9-10, second Mr. O'Connor. Mrs. Johnson stated this is the Ordinance Mr. O'Connor spoke of earlier for 191st Street and Promise Road. There have been 6 property damage and 9 personal injury accidents at that intersection in the past 5 years. At one time there was a concern with overgrown trees in the fence row. That has been cleared out and visibility is now very good at that intersection, but there still seems to be much confusion with drivers at the intersection. Both roads are in very good condition and speed may be a factor. The Traffic Committee feels a 4 way stop is in the community's best interest at this time. Mr. O'Connor asked if this is something the Committee would like to be passed on first reading. Mrs. Johnson replied yes. Mr. O'Connor moved to suspend the rules and pass on first reading, second Mr. Boice, seven aye. The following roll call vote was recorded.

AYE: Gregory P. O'Connor, Mary Sue Rowland, Dale Snelling, Stephen C. Wood, Brian Ayer, Mark Boice, and Roy Johnson

Seven aye, motion carries

Mayor Ditslear stated he would like to compliment the Street Department. Cleaning up that fence row did make a world of difference at that intersection.

#29-9-10 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #29-9-10, AN ORDINANCE SETTING SALARIES FOR APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF NOBLESVILLE FOR 2011 (MIKE HENDRICKS)

Mr. Snelling moved to introduce Ordinance #29-9-10, second Mr. O'Connor. Mr. Hendricks stated this is the Salary Ordinance for 2011. The Ordinance reflects no raises and the reduction of 14 additional positions for this year. These are employees that have left by resignation or retirement. These are positions that have been cut from the City's budget. The Ordinance also reflects the removal of some of the tech pays.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. O'Connor stated he would like to commend everyone involved in the White River clean-up. It was a great effort and makes a big difference in the quality of the river.

Mr. O'Connor stated he would like to encourage everyone who received a Community Vision Survey to fill it out and send it back. This is a tool that will be highly utilized and an important component from a planning perspective for the betterment of the community.

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Mr. Ayer stated he would like to have an Executive Session before the next Council meeting on September 28th regarding land acquisition. There was discussion regarding the time the meeting should start. It was decided there were several things to discuss and the meeting should start at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Common Council this 14th day of September, 2010, Mr. O'Connor moved to adjourn, seven aye.

JOHN DITSLEAR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JANET S. JAROS, CLERK-TREASURER