



CITY OF EVANSVILLE
Board of Public Safety
Civic Center Complex, Room 301
Evansville, IN 47708
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AGENDA
NOVEMBER 7TH, 2018

Building Commission – Ron Beane
Transportation & Services – Todd Robertson

Police Department – Chief Billy Bolin
Fire Department – Chief Mike Connelly

~ Pledge of Allegiance ~

Business with Representatives:

1. Riverside Neighborhood Association requests to discuss the closures of Riverside Drive throughout the year.

City Attorney stated that he informed the board last meeting that he attended the NA meeting in regards to concerns of the community. City Attorney invited them to come before the board to present their concerns.

Chuck Hudson, Riverside resident, stated that there are two (2) associations Riverside Neighborhood Association and the Riverside Historic District Homeowners Association. The last couple of meetings they have had many residents bring concerns in regards to traffic in the Riverside area. A meeting was organized to talk just about traffic. Some of the residents attended the meeting to express their opinions.

Nicky Moore, 20 Adams (SE 1st and Adams), moved to area in January 2017. She stated when she leaves for work in the morning; she has to approach the center of the road to be able to see down the road to pull out. She has requested to have consistent stop signs throughout the neighborhood; 4-way stops may be the solution. Due to the high number of pedestrian traffic as well.

Amy Word, 724 SE Second, she stated three (3) of their vehicles have been damaged. She stated the board may need to request data from the police department on how many hit & runs have happened in that area in the past. She stated she contacted METS to present the issue with their speeding, and was told METS spoke with the drivers that were speeding. She would like to revisit the city's policies in regards to speeding and or traffic laws around the Riverside NA district.

Mindy Word, 611 SE 1st St, is a realtor for the City of Evansville. She would like "20 MPH" speed limit signs, and would like to see more police patrol for the cars speeding and trucks using the

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residential area that should not be in that residential area.

Speed limit is currently "30 MPH", but residents spoke to state that there are no posted speed limit signs in their residential area.

Dr. Hudson stated that the following are the NA main concerns.

1. Thru truck traffic that cuts from Hwy 41 to the Lloyd, local residents have seen trucks stuck in the residential area due to not being able to make the turn. Dr. Hudson suggested enforcement needed to make this slow down or stop, quoted 500 trucks that come through Riverside weekly. Dr. Hudson stated Google Maps states that Riverside Drive is a truck route, along with the app WAZE. They have been notified that they are getting that worked out; the Transportation & Services Department has been working on this.

2. Speeding is an issue when Riverside Drive is closed. Signage needs to be placed in detour areas early and updated of any changes. (i.e. Riverside Closed, Expect Long Delays) Giving motorists enough time to choose a different route (Hwy 41).

3. Weight limit signs through the historic areas are outdated and old, would like the signage to be updated. Limit the truck traffic to downtown so the collapses of the roadway will not happen any longer. Dr. Hudson suggested once the new signage is placed, they would ask for increased enforcement, and then the police department can make sure truck traffic is aware of the new weight limits.

4. Greyhound bus traffic takes Riverside Drive to get onto Hwy 41, and would like them to use the Lloyd Expressway.

Dr. Hudson stated he has visited many cities that limit traffic in their downtown areas for only passenger vehicles. Long-term goal to discuss in regards to making it more pedestrian friendly.

Member Hubbard: How do other cities handle trucks for local deliveries? Would they have to have an actual permit along with an approved route for your truck delivery downtown?

Member Hubbard: Has the City done a truck route study?

Todd Robertson: MPO are conducting truck route studies at this time in addition to the traffic studies.

Dr. Hudson stated they are here to open the dialog in regards to these suggestions.

President Retter stated his appreciation and thanked them for their cooperative behavior.

Member Hubbard requested more of a period of time the traffic speeding situation occurs or is

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heavier than others. Hudson stated the morning commute traffic is usually when the traffic is speeding through the residential area.

Hudson stated they would like to have the electronic signage at Highway 41. Member Hubbard stated they would have to contact INDOT.

Dr. Hudson also would like to request electronic speeding rate signage for the residential area from the police department.

Amy Hayden, 615 SE 1st Street, pleas to be proactive about this situation. Requests that they would like to do something before anyone gets hurt.

Steve Schaefer, Deputy Mayor, thanks the board for listening to the concerns. Signage was something at the meeting that all department heads agreed on; the City did purchase two electronic signs. City Engineer and Utility have been trained on how to use the signage. Schaefer informed that the City Engineer is currently conducting many studies as well. MPO is currently doing a downtown study in regards to traffic.

Seyed Shokouhzadeh, City of Evansville MPO, informed the board that they are playing with many scenarios in regards to the downtown Evansville area. 2nd Street is a focus, along with an impact study in regards to installation of the stop signs. Stated they will be able to provide the results of the studies in early spring.

Attorney would like to address all the concerns that Dr. Hudson brought to the table and construct a memo as to how the board can help with these concerns. Attorney stated that he would stay in touch with Dr. Hudson as the concerns are being resolved.

Motion by Kayce Zeller, 2nd by Richard Hubbard and so ordered to approve the following conditional on regular three (3) month updates on the construction and road closings of the project, along with being flexible to the EWSU & City Engineer's Office for their upcoming Riverside closure, as well as protecting the street as much as possible during this construction:

2. David Hawkins, New Path Construction, requests approval for the restriction of one (1) northbound lane of SE 2nd Street between Walnut Street & ~~Chestnut~~ Cherry Street for new construction of the Hyatt Place Hotel. The closure is anticipated to be closed until August 2019. *This was tabled at the October 24th, 2018 meeting.*

Mr. Hawkins stated that the property line is right on the sidewalk along 2nd Street. They have safety concerns for building a 5-story hotel, requesting just the northbound lane. Not sure if it will be through August 2019, may open a little earlier.

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Chris Weil, City Engineer's Office, stated he does not have a schedule on the Water Sewer Utility Department in regards to the Riverside Drive closure. Suggested to condition the approval to have flexibility.

Attorney stated that the board needs to be more aware of how and the duration of the closure.

Weil stated he would like more communication between the builders.

Retter stated he would like updates from the project, every 3 months or 6 months.

Hawkins stated they planned to be under roof by March and then working within the building.

VP Zeller stated that Chestnut to Cherry is narrow, asked if there was any parking along 2nd Street.

Hawkins stated there is no parking on 2nd Street, but on all side streets.

Motion by Kayce Zeller, 2nd by Richard Hubbard and so ordered to approve the following:

3. Dave Rector, Evansville Vanderburgh County Building Authority, requests approval for the Certificate of Appointment of Michael Schnell as a Special Policeman.

Departmental Reports:

A. Police Department – Captain Stephanie Cox

Motion by Richard Hubbard, 2nd by Kayce Zeller and so ordered to approve the following:

1. Request approval for the surplus of the following:

- a. Desk Chair
10 to 15 Years Old
Value: \$150.00 (10 years ago)

B. Fire Department – Battalion Chief Charles Hertzberger – NO AGENDA

C. Building Commission – Ron Beane – NO AGENDA

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D. Transportation & Services – Todd Robertson

1. Request approval of the following:

Motion by Kayce Zeller, 2nd by Richard Hubbard and so ordered to approve the following:

- a. Remove two (2) parking spaces in front of 402 Court Street side parking lot entrance, on the Coliseum St. side. After removal, the curbs will be sprayed yellow to indicate a no parking zone.

Motion by Kayce Zeller, 2nd by Richard Hubbard and so ordered to approve the tabling indefinitely of the following:

- b. Install “20 MPH” signs to reduce the speed limit in residential areas during riverfront events, which close Riverside Drive for extended periods in the Riverside Historic Area. *(Events such as ShrinersFest & HydroFest are extended closing events.) This request was tabled at the October 24th, 2018 Board of Public Safety Meeting.* Mr. Robertson clarified with the board that the speed limit adjustments would be temporary signs, only for festivals or longer durations of closures on Riverside Drive. The signage will be portable, placed on the roadway at the same time the barricades will be set out. Due to recent information shared with the board, currently a traffic study of the Riverside Historic District will be completed in March 2019. The board would like to wait for the results of this study. The City will revisit its policies regarding road closures, and possibly add this item to the policy.

E. Special Event Permit – Sgt. Josh Wittmer

Motion by Kayce Zeller, 2nd by Richard Hubbard and so ordered to approve the following:

1. Evansville Rescue Mission requests approval for the “Gobbler Gathering” on Monday, November 19th, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. through Tuesday, November 20th, 2018 at 9:00 p.m. Closing Ninth Street between Walnut Street and Locust Street (north & southbound lanes); Locust Street between Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd and Ninth Street (westbound lane) up to front entrance to Civic Center front parking lot. *****BARRICADES REQUESTED*****

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Consent Section:

A. Parking Permit

1. Request approval for a parking permit to the following:

Motion by Kayce Zeller, 2nd by Richard Hubbard and so ordered to approve the following:

- i. ARC Construction
Daniel Hoffman
Current – December 31st, 2018
Location: 101 NW MLK Blvd – Federal Building
Plate #: TK54MOI
2007 – Chevy – SC1 – White – LOGO

Motion by Kayce Zeller, 2nd by Richard Hubbard and so ordered to approve agenda items (ii – ix):

- ii. ARC Construction
Christopher Elpers
Current – December 31st, 2018
Location: 101 NW MLK Blvd – Federal Building
Plate #: SDC797
2005 – Ford – F150 – Red – LOGO
- iii. ARC Construction
Joseph Greulich
Current – December 31st, 2018
Location: 20 NW 3rd Street – Fifth Third Building
Plate #: TK225MDS
1998 – Ford – F150 – White – NO LOGO
- iv. ARC Construction
Cole Messel
Current – December 31st, 2018
Location: 101 NW MLK Blvd – Federal Building
Plate #: (not included)
2007 – Ford – Explorer – Black – NO LOGO

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- v. J.E. Shekell
Matt Schwiekhard
Current – December 31st, 2018
Location: 20 NW Third Street – Fifth Third Bank
Plate #: TK994MPU
2004 – Ford – F250 – White – LOGO

- vi. Altstadt Plumbing Service
Charlie Guetling
Current – December 31st, 2018
Location: Vine Street & NW 3rd Street
Plate #: None Provided
2004 – Dodge Ram 1500 – White – LOGO

- vii. Altstadt Plumbing Service
Mike Deitz
Current – December 31st, 2018
Location: Vine Street & NW 3rd Street
Plate #: None Provided
2006 – Chevrolet Silverado K3500 – White – LOGO

- viii. Altstadt Plumbing Service
Chip Altstadt
Current – December 31st, 2018
Location: Vine Street & NW 3rd Street
Plate #: None Provided
2013 – Ford – F150 – Gray – No Logo

- ix. Altstadt Plumbing Service
John Keller
Current – December 31st, 2018
Location: Vine Street & NW 3rd Street
Plate #: None Provided
2017 – Ford – F250 – White – LOGO

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B. Truck Permit

Motion by Kayce Zeller, 2nd by Richard Hubbard and so ordered to approve a temporary permit for the following:

1. Request approval for seven (7) truck permits for WB Koester Construction beginning Wednesday, November 7th, 2018 and continuing to November 7th, 2019 to use Riverside Drive to haul out loads of dirt for the new apartment complex project. **The board would like the requestor of the permits to attend the next meeting on November 21st, 2018.**

OTHER BUSINESS:

Motion by Kayce Zeller, 2nd by Richard Hubbard and so ordered to approve the following:

1. Approve claims.

Motion by Kayce Zeller, 2nd by Richard Hubbard and so ordered to approve the following:

2. Approve the minutes from Wednesday, October 24th, 2018

Announcements:

Next Meeting, November 21st, 2018.

Adjourned: 2:13 KZ/RH

President, Michael Retter

Vice President, Kayce Zeller

Member, Richard Hubbard

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