

Minutes of the Independence City Commission's April 14, 2016 Meeting.

The Independence City Commission met on April 14, 2016 at 5:30pm in the Veterans Room at Memorial Hall. Mayor Gary Hogsett, Commissioner Leonhard Caflisch, and Commissioner Fred Meier were present. Others present included:

City Staff

Micky Webb, City Manager
Jeff Chubb, City Attorney
Kelly Passauer, Assistant City Manager
Jennifer Rutledge, Director of Finance/City Clerk
Lisa Helkenberg, IPD Captain
Dave Cowan, Public Safety Director
Mike Passauer, Public Works Director
April Nutt, Housing Director
Barb Beurskens, Park and Zoo Director
Terry Lybarger, Director of Utilities

Visitors

Larry McHugh	Steve McBride
Jerry Bright	John Heckman
Mary Jo Dancer	Hoite Caston
Danny Turr	Joanne Smith
Debbie Miller	Gary Morrisson
Kim Eaton	Jon Risner
Bill Caflisch	Judy Daugherty
Karen Fuller	Debbie Dye
Ned Stichman	Marc Woodring
Dorcas Sutton	Louis Ysusi
Harold Baden	Charlotte Caflisch
Cody Dixon	

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gary Hogsett.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

Citizens Concerns and Petitions

- Bill Caflisch told the Commission that he has heard the Peter Pan Road project may be removed as a project. He is concerned that with the amount of Taylor road traffic that drives on Peter Pan this intersection should be a priority. He also expressed that when the City looks at contractors to do work they should consider someone other than the contractor who did the overlay on Penn because of the speed bump at the

cemetery. In his final comment, Bill discussed the ADA ramps on S 6th street. He claims that this road was repaved 8 to 10 years ago and needs ramps. He is talking about the 700 block of 6th street, about 6th & Edison and 6th and Cedar.

- Ned Stichman also addressed the streets in the City of Independence. He commented that they seem to be deteriorating all over town. He noted that Commissioner Meier refers to the Master Plan, but it seems like the commission is not familiar with it. For example Peter Pan and Maple Road. Ned thought that the city used to keep track of the 5 year plan and every year there was money in the budget for the projects. He would like to know if the City actually has a long range plan and budget for those projects? The ¼ cent sales tax money means that we should be making progress. Ned feels that with the GIS system improvements that have been made we have a great tool for planning the projects.

Adoption of the Consent Agenda

a. Appropriations

1. A-1764

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Meier, the commission approved A-1764 for \$627,469.92.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

2. P-1726 and P-1727

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Meier, the commission approved P-1726 for \$117,206.25.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Meier, the commission approved P-1727 for \$119,817.15.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

- b. Consider approving the minutes of the March 24 and March 29, 2016 Commission meetings [CITIZENS].

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Meier, the commission approved the minutes of the March 24 and March 29, 2016 Commission meetings.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

- c. Consider approving the Fireworks Production Contract with Rainbow Fireworks, Inc. [CITIZENS/QUALITY OF LIFE SYSTEM].

Attached is a contract with Rainbow Firework for the July 4th, 2016 show valued at \$13,500 which is being shot at no cost to the City. City staff recommends approving the contract with Rainbow Fireworks.

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Meier, the commission approved the Fireworks Production Contract with Rainbow Fireworks, Inc.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

- d. Consider donating a vacant lot located at 305 N. 5th to Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County [CITIZENS/QUALITY OF LIFE SYSTEM].

The lot at 305 N. 5th was previously donated to the City. The Housing Authority Director has been working with Habitat for Humanity to assist them in finding a suitable lot for their next building project. City staff recommends donating the lot at 305 N. 5th to Habitat for Humanity.

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Meier, the commission approved the donation of a vacant lot located at 305 N 5th to Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

- e. Consider authorizing some modifications to the Memorial Hall rental policy [CITIZENS/CITY EMPLOYEES].

Attached is a memo from Toni Camacho, Memorial Hall Supervisor regarding some slight modifications to the Memorial Hall and Civic Center Rental Policy. City staff recommends approval.

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Meier, the commission authorized the modifications to the Memorial Hall rental policy.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

- f. Consider setting the date of April 29, 2016 at 2 PM to receive proposals for lab work for the annual employee health fair [CITY EMPLOYEES].

Attached is a memo from Public Safety Director David Cowan and a request for proposals for lab services for the Employee Health Fair scheduled for June 7, 2016. City staff recommends setting the date of April 29, 2016 at 2 PM to receive proposals for the annual City employee health fair.

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Meier, the commission set the date of April 29, 2016 at 2 PM to receive proposals for lab work for the annual employee health fair.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

- g. Consider setting the date of June 23, 2016 at 5:30 PM for a public hearing to consider condemnation of a fire damaged unit located at 525 N. Penn, Apartment #110 [CITIZENS].

This apartment unit was recently damaged in a fire. It is the City's normal procedure to proceed with condemnation of fire damaged structures. City staff recommends setting the date of June 23, 2016 at 5:30 PM for a public hearing to consider condemnation of Apartment #110 located at 525 N. Penn.

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Meier, the commission adopted Resolution 2016-006 setting the date of June 23, 2016 at 5:30 PM for a public hearing to consider condemnation of a fire damaged unit located at 525 N. Penn apartment #110.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

- h. Consider Treasurer's Statement for February 29, 2016 [CITIZENS].

Attached is the Treasurer's Statement for February 29, 2016. City staff recommends approval.

This item was moved to Items for Commission Action.

- i. Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter to the Department of Commerce to extend the CDBG Phase III Curb Ramp project thirty days [CITIZENS/QUALITY OF LIFE SYSTEM].

Attached is a letter and form requesting a 30 day time extension for the Phase III CDBG Curb Ramp Project. City staff recommends authorizing the Mayor to sign the attached documents requesting a 30 day time extension.

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Meier, the commission authorized the Mayor to sign a letter to the Department of Commerce to extend the CDBG Phase III Curb Ramp project thirty days.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

- j. Consider authorizing submittal of an Emergency Solution Grant for the Home Sweet Home men's homeless shelter at 212 ½ W. Laurel [CITIZENS].

Attached is an application to apply for Emergency Solution Grant funds for the Home Sweet Home men's homeless shelter located at 212 ½ W. Laurel. City staff recommends approval.

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Meier, the commission authorized submission of an Emergency Solution Grant for the Home Sweet Home men's homeless shelter at 212 ½ W. Laurel.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

Items for Commission Action

- k. Consider the Treasurer's Statement for February 29, 2016 [CITIZENS].

Attached is the Treasurer's Statement for February 29, 2016. City staff recommends approval.

Commissioner Caflisch asked about the number on the Treasurer's worksheet reflecting the current loan balances for the Water Projects. The City Clerk explained that those balances are based on the invoices received from KDHE, and that she is working with Shawn Turner to determine if we have projects that have not been submitted for reimbursement as they should have been.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Caflisch, seconded by Commissioner Meier, the commission approved the Treasurer's Statement for February 29, 2016.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

- l. Consider reviewing and approving the community video [CITIZENS/QUALITY OF LIFE SYSTEM].

The Commission previously approved contracting with Hoite Caston Productions for a short community video for display on the new City website. Hoite has requested the Commission review the video for approval.

The Commission viewed the video and complimented Hoite Caston on his work.

- m. Consider a request from the 2016 Leadership Independence class for the City to serve as the "gatekeeper" for a mobile showcase [CITIZENS/QUALITY OF LIFE SYSTEM].

Attached is an email from Mary Jo Dancer representing the 2016 Leadership Independence class. They are requesting the City serve as the "gatekeeper" for a mobile showcase that can be checked out for use. Representatives will be at the meeting to provide more information.

Members of the 2016 Leadership Independence class presented their class project to the Commission.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Caflisch, the commission approved the 2016 Leadership Independence Class project for the City to utilize.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier

Nay: None

Abstain: Hogsett

***Note: Because Mayor Hogsett is a member of the 2016 Leadership Independence Class, he abstained from the vote.**

- n. Consider a change order for a curb ramp at the northeast corner of 8th and Myrtle and two handicap parking stalls on 8th just north of Myrtle as requested by CRMC [CITIZENS].

Attached is an email from Mark Woodring of CRMC requesting two handicapped parking spots on the east side of 8th Street just north of Myrtle. Also attached is a change order for installation of a curb ramp at the northeast corner of 8th and Myrtle and two handicap parking stalls on 8th just north of Myrtle in the amount of \$2,400.

This item will be brought back on the April 28, 2016 agenda, allowing time for the sidewalks around the building to be reviewed.

- o. Consider a request from CRMC to close a portion of the 100 block of West Myrtle on May 20, 2016 from 3 – 6 PM for a block party [CITIZENS].

Attached is a request from CRMC to block off Myrtle in front of their building at 122 W. Myrtle from 3 PM to 6 PM on Friday, May 20, 2016 for a Block Party to celebrate the opening of their new clinic.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Meier, seconded by Mayor Hogsett, the commission approved the request from CRMC to close a portion of the 100 block of West Myrtle on may 20, 2016 from 3 – 6 PM for a block party.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

- p. Consider bond refinancing and new project financing for 2016 [CITIZENS].

Staff will provide an update on this agenda item at the meeting.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Caflisch, seconded by Mayor Hogsett, the commission approved the refinancing of the 2010 bonds as soon as possible.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

Reports

- q. Status of ADA Settlement Agreement mandates [CITIZENS/OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES].

Shawn Turner and John Heckman reviewed the status of projects on the ADA Settlement Agreement.

- r. Sales tax report [CITIZENS].

The Commission reviewed the Sales Tax report.

- s. Report on City Board Minutes [CITIZENS].

- t. Update concerning the letter from Kautsch Law dated 3/31/2016 and received by the City Commissioners on 4/1/2016.

The City Attorney reiterated that he had conversations with both the Mayor (Mayor Caflisch at the time in question) and the Commission regarding the actions taken by the City. He feels that there is no merit to the letter, but that it achieved its intended goal of creating negative publicity.

Commission Comments

- **Commissioner Caflisch asked about the Preferred Provider agreement with Air Methods. It is his understanding that the City is driving patients to Caney because the helicopters have issues with fuel capacity to get to Independence. Micky Webb told the Commission that this is absolutely not correct, but that they are making the transfer en route to improve the time the patient gets to treatment. He will prepare a report for the April 28, 2016 meeting.**
- **Commissioner Caflisch asked about the alternate bid on the Sewer Project. The Commission awarded the base bid and the City was to look at funding to approve the alternate bid as well. Shawn Turner responded that he has been talking with KDHE who would like to close out the current loan and open a new one, and confirmed that the contractor is holding the bid.**
- **Commissioner Caflisch asked about the Airport Terminal and Restroom Renovation. Micky Webb told the Commission that he has informed GLMV that we need to proposal redone.**
- **Micky Webb informed the City Manager that the City will begin using signing bonuses to recruit paramedics. The plan is to issue up to a \$2,000 bonus to help the City recruit paramedics.**

Executive Session(s)

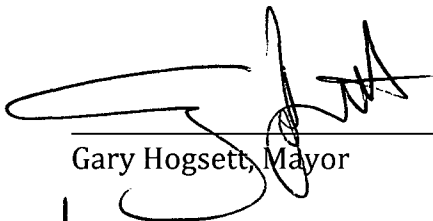
Adjournment

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Caflisch, the commission adjourned the meeting.

Aye: Meier, Hogsett, Caflisch

Nay: None

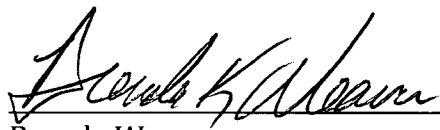


Gary Hogsett, Mayor

Leonhard Caflisch, Commissioner

Fred Meier, Commissioner

Attest:



Brenda Weaver
Deputy City Clerk

PROPOSED PROJECTS

Project	Estimated Project Cost	Funding Source
Peter Pan Geometric	755,970.67	
Laurel & Penn Repair	525,000.00	
Maple Street	464,000.00	
5th Street	180,000.00	
US 160 (Walgreens)	336,000.00	
Total	2,260,970.67	

2015 -A BOND STREET PROJECTS

Project	Bonded Amount	Construction Costs	Other Costs	Variance
KLINK - US 160	\$350,630.00	\$299,486.28	\$63,109.00	(\$11,965.28)
KLINK - US 75 Oak to Morningside	\$600,179.00	\$321,262.39	\$63,109.00	\$215,807.61
Total	\$950,809.00	\$620,748.67	\$126,218.00	\$203,842.33

POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCES

Source	Amount
Federal Exchange Funds	\$362,753.00
Special Use Sales Tax (Estimate)	\$770,130.15
2015-A Bonds Overage	\$203,842.33
Total	\$1,336,725.48
West Main Close-Out	(\$325,000.00)
Total	\$1,011,725.48

* Due to the Utility work added to the West Main Project as we close out that fund, there is \$325,000 overage that needs to be funded.

\$2,000,000 funded by KDOT funds

\$ 858,850 was funded by bonds in the 2013-A issue

\$ 295,388.50 was funded from water/sewer fund

Attendance Sheet
Independence City Commission Meeting
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Name

Address

1	Mary Jo Danner	
2	Jan McHugh	
3	Jerry Bright	201 South 13 th Indef
4	DAMON TURN	102 S 1ST
5	Melba Miller	P.O. Box 571
6	Kim Carter	2710 N 8 th
7	Bill Catfish	704 S. 6 th
8	Karen Fuller	218 1/2 N Penn
9	NED STRICKLAND	
10	Abbas Arden	1000 1/2 5 th City
11	Harold Baden	1712 N 8 th (15)
12	Cody Dixon	4315 Morris Lane
13	Sebeve McBride	
14	John Heckman	P.O. Box 1314 City
15	Holly Carter	301 S. 4 th
16	Opame Litch	2116 Overlook Dr.
17	Gary Ma	2800 Terra Vista, 406
18	Jon Risner	123 L Mrs. Apt 301

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Judy Daugherty

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DEBBIE DYE

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Mark Worsley

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Louis Lyons

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Charlotte Caplesch

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2406 Benita Jean

1021 W. 4th TRNDP.

CRMC

112 Timbavane Indep

600 S. 5th Indep.

Citizen's Concerns & Petitions

Request to Address the City Commission



Name: _____

NEA STICKLAND

Agenda item you wish to address: Letter: _____; or

Public concern you wish to address: _____

STREETS

Prior to the start of the meeting, please hand this form to the City Clerk

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Request to Address the City Commission



Name:

Bill Caflisch

Agenda item you wish to address: Letter: _____; or

Public concern you wish to address: _____

ADA Ramps on S 6th

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