

**TOWN OF MERIDIAN HILLS
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 11, 2022**

1) PUBLIC HEARING

- A. President Freihofer opened a Public Hearing for the consideration and discussion of a new Ordinance : Appropriation Ordinance – AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FROM THE ARPCORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND AND GENERAL FUND FOR PURPOSES THAT FULFILL THE INTENT OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT IN AID OF THE TOWN OF MERIDIAN HILL’S RECOVERY FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY.
- B. President Freihofer asked for any questions or discussion for this Ordinance. There were none.
- C. President Freihofer closed the Public Hearing.

1.) Call to Order

- 2.) Present:** Walter Freihofer
Greg Jacoby
Colleen Field
Cole Marr
Zack Gordon
Mike Russo, Town Marshal
Willie Hall, Town Engineer
Maddlyn Clary, Ass’t. Town Attorney
Jim Rush, Clerk Treasurer

3.) RESIDENT FORUM –ATTENDEES WAS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TOWN’S RESIDENT

- A. No Resident discussion

4.) Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of May 16, 2022 minutes: Motion: Greg Jacoby, Seconded by Approved by Cole Marr, Motion passed 5-0

5.) Approval of Claims and Warrants: Vouchers- \$67,450.78. Approval included vouchers and an insurance premium of \$8,379 and Police paper purchase of \$52.99. Motion by Colleen Field, Seconded by Zack Gordon. Approved 5-0

6.) POLICE REPORT: REPORT FILED ON LINE.

- A. IN ADDITION TO THE POSTING THAT WAS MADE BY MARSHAL RUSSO, TOWN MARSHALL RUSSO SUGGESTED THAT THE COUNCIL CONSIDER INSTALLING A SECOND SPEED SIGN WEST OF COLLEGE ON 75TH STREET FOR WESTWARD BOUND TRAFFIC.

- B. RUSSO ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE TOWN WILL NEED TO ADDRESS THE MARKET DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE AMOUNT THAT THE TOWN IS PAYING THE POLICE OFFICERS AND THE ALTERNATIVES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO THOSE SERVING THE TOWN.**

7.) REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY:

- A. MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS AS PROPOSED BY THE ORDINANCE. A MOTION BY COLE MARR AND A SECOND BY GREG JACOBY PASSED 5-0.
- B. PROVIDED GUIDANCE ON APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NUMBER MH 2022-4

8.) REPORT OF TOWN ENGINEER (SEE PROJECT INVENTORY)

- A. Updated the Council on the Town's work inventory
- B. Hall discussed potholes at that needed addressing. 73rd Street had not been filled yet.
- C. Hall indicated that he did not have anything to report regarding the effort to resolve the final tally for the highway miles with the DPW for which the Town is responsible.
- D. Hall reported that the Sidewalk contract had been signed and construction would begin May 31 to be completed approximately July 29 2022. However, the project was temporarily halted by the City of Indianapolis so that the proper permits were acquired. Apparently, attention needed to be addressed for the Federal Water Movement from the project.

9.) Clerk Treasurer Report

- A. CT requested that all Councilors sign the vouchers prior to leaving.
- B. CT reported that a letter had been sent to 7505 E. 75th Street requesting the trimming of shrubs that were extending out from Right of Way and causing a hazard.
- C. CT Reviewed the Five-year Budget Projections for 2023 budget consideration.
 - a. Police Priorities
 - b. Municipal Code: Williams Creek Ordinance (Approved for that Town)
 - c. Available funding for 2023 projects

10.) PERSONNEL MANUAL: (COLE MARR)

- A. COUNCILOR MARR REPORTED THAT HE IS WORKING ON A PERSONNEL MANUAL FOR THE TOWN.**

11.) NEW BUSINESS

A. RENEWAL OF TOWN INSURANCE POLICY: ASTRA INSURANCE.

- a. NEW POLICY YEAR: (7.2022-2023) \$8396. (7.2021-2022) \$7,474= (+\$922)
 - b. INCLUDES UNINSURED MOTORIST (REQUIRES ANNUAL APPROVAL)
 - c. INCLUDES TERRORISM COVERAGE (REQUIRES ANNUAL APPROVAL: \$115)
- REQUESTED APPROVALS: *MOTION FOR APPROVAL FOR INSURANCE POLICY AS WELL AS THE TWO RIDERS: COLLEEN FIELD, SECONDED BY GREG JACOBY, MOTION PASSED 5-0.*

B. FIVE YEAR BUDGET PLANNING

C. CONSIDERATIONS:

- a. POLICE CONSIDERATIONS
 - 1. PAY SCALE
 - 2. UNIFORMS
 - 3. AUTO EXPENSES: FUEL, MAINTENANCE
- b. STREET MAINTENANCE: MVH FUNDS
- c. SOURCES OF REVENUE: LIMITED
- d. NEXT VEHICLE WILL NOT BE PURCHASED WITH CASH
- e. FEES FOR ENGINEERS USAGE (SEE WILLIAMS CREEK ORDINANCE

12.) OLD BUSINESS:

A. STOP STRIPS: COUNCILOR MARR INQUIRED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE ‘STOP STRIPS’ THAT WERE BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE INTERSECTION OF 75TH AND PENNSYLVANIA STREET. ENGINEER HALL INDICATED THAT IT WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION BUT DID NOT HAVE A CURRENT STATUS. HE WILL REPORT BACK AT THE NEXT MEETING.

B. MUNICIPAL CODE: COUNCILOR GORDON INDICATED THAT HE WAS WORKING ON SEVERAL ISSUES. HOPEFULLY, HE WILL HAVE A REPORT BY THE NEXT MEETING.

C. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE 2022 BUDGET. WITH A MOTION FOR APPROVAL FROM COLE MARR AND SECOND FROM GREG JACOBY, THE MOTION PASSES 5-0.

13.) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Development Standards Committee:

- a. Chairman Freihofer discussed the consideration of 6111-6167 N. Meridian Street. It was reported that after a discussion, the Committee requested additional information before deciding on the project. No decision was made at the meeting.

- b. After reviewing the request of setback considerations for 231 Wellington, the committee voted to support Mr. Young's request for the variance with the conditions that 1.) the City of Indianapolis not require a use variance and 2.) Mr. Young agree that the additional structure would not be available to rental income and family only occupancy. With a motion from Councilor Freihofer and second from Greg Jacoby, the motion passed 5-0.

- c. Attorney Jacob Cox, representing Kevin and Satiana Pritchard appeared at the Council meeting requesting variance for the property on N. Meridian Street. After some discussion, Mr. Cox was advised that there were questions that should be answered and brought before the Development Standards Committee prior to being approved. Mr. Cox respectfully acknowledge that he would address some of the questions and submit a plan to the Committee.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

REMINDER: OCTOBER 10, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING FOR 2023 BUDGET APPROVAL

ADJOURNMENT