

Fishers City Council Meeting

Minutes

December 18, 2023

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BOARD/COMMISSION: City Council Meeting

DATE: 12/18/2023

DIRECTIONS: [Launch](#) Fishers, 12175 Visionary Way, Fishers, Indiana 46038

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, 7:00 p.m., Launch Fishers, Auditorium

1. Meeting Called to Order with the Pledge of Allegiance:

- President John Weingardt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Todd Zimmerman, Selina Stoller, Pete Peterson, Brad DeReamer, David Giffel, Jocelyn Vare, and Crystal Neuman. Cecilia Coble was absent.
- Others present were City Clerk Jennifer Kehl, Deputy Mayor Elliott Hultgren, Chris Greisl, Tracy Gaynor, Lisa Bradford, Megan Baumgartner, Ashley Elrod, Ross Hilleary, Jake Reardon McSoley, Lindsey Bennett, Marissa Deckert, Breanna King, Joyce Slusher, Kathy McIntosh, Jack Follmar, Melody Landis, Tiffanie Ditlevson, Abe Wondergem, Sue Anthony Follmar, Joshua Lippert, Mindy Weststrick Baum, Tom Teitgen, Mike Colby, Dayna Colbert, Robert Evans, Charlie Mattox, Carl McIntyre, Gordon Krite, Larry Lannan, and Dennis Byrne. Mayor Scott Fadness was absent.

2. Announcements: NONE

3. Proclamations: NONE

4. Presentations: NONE

5. Council Committee Reports: NONE

6. Department Reports

a. Health Department Report - REPORT

7. Consent Agenda:

- a. Request to approve the previous meeting minutes for [Monday, November 20, 2023](#).
- b. **R121823** - A Resolution of the Common Council Authorizing the City Controller to Transfer Certain Funds: [Council Action Form](#) | [Exhibit A](#) | [Resolution](#) **Signed Adoption**
- c. **R121823A** - A Request to Void Outstanding Checks: [Council Action Form](#) | [Exhibit A](#) | [Resolution](#) **Signed Adoption**
 - Pete Peterson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Todd Zimmerman seconded the motion. There was no remonstrance and all members voted yay. The motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

Budget/ Financial

8. **R121823B** - A Request Authorizing the City Controller to Appropriate Additional Funds (2023 General Obligation Bonds) - **Public Hearing:** [Council Action Form](#) | [Resolution](#) *[Signed Adoption](#)*
- Lisa Bradford made her presentation to the city council members.
 - President John Weingardt opened the meeting for a **Public Hearing**. No one came forward and the **Public Hearing** was closed.
 - Pete Peterson made a motion to approve resolution **R121823B**. Selina Stoller seconded the motion. There was no remonstrance and all members voted yay. The motion passed.

Economic Development

9. **R121823C** - A Resolution Approving First Amendment to Project Agreement (onPoint innovation): [Council Action Form](#) | [Exhibit A](#) | [Resolution](#) *[Signed Adoption](#)*
- Megan Baumgartner made her presentation to the city council members.
 - Pete Peterson made a motion to approve resolution **R121823C**. Selina Stoller seconded the motion. There was no remonstrance and all members voted yay. The motion passed.
10. **R121823D** - A Resolution Approving First Amendment to Project Agreement (District South): [Council Action Form](#) | [Exhibit A](#) | [Resolution](#) *[Signed Adoption](#)*
- Megan Baumgartner made her presentation to the city council members.
 - Pete Peterson made a motion to approve resolution **R121823D**. Todd Zimmerman seconded the motion. There was no remonstrance and all members voted yay. The motion passed.
11. **R121823E** - A Resolution Approving First Amendment to Project Agreement (CityWalk): [Council Action Form](#) | [Exhibit A](#) | [Resolution](#) *[Signed Adoption](#)*
- Megan Baumgartner made her presentation to the city council members.
 - Pete Peterson made a motion to approve resolution **R121823E**. Selina Stoller seconded the motion. There was no remonstrance and all members voted yay. The motion passed.
12. **R121823F** - A Resolution Approving Project Agreement (Thermo Fisher): [Council Action Form](#) | [Exhibit A](#) | [Resolution](#) *[Signed Adoption](#)*
- Megan Baumgartner made her presentation to the city council members.
 - Pete Peterson made a motion to approve resolution **R121823F**. Todd Zimmerman seconded the motion. There was no remonstrance and all members voted yay. The motion passed.
13. **R121823G** - Resolution Approving Company's Statement of Benefits (Thermo Fisher): [Council Action Form](#) | [Exhibit A](#) | [Exhibit B](#) | [Resolution](#) *[Signed Adoption](#)*
- Megan Baumgartner made her presentation to the city council members.
 - Pete Peterson made a motion to approve resolution **R121823G**. Selina Stoller seconded the motion. There was no remonstrance and all members voted yay. The motion passed.

Planning & Zoning

14. 112023A - Consideration of a rezone of 25 Acres from R2 Residential to OS Open Space known as the Fishers Community Center rezone (RZ-23-5) - **Final Reading:** [Council Action Form](#) | [Ordinance](#)
Signed Adoption

- Ross Hilleary made his presentation to the city council members.
- Jocelyn Vare stated that some neighbors have some concerns about his project. She asked how the neighbors' concerns were being addressed and how will their voices be heard in the future.
- Jake McReadon McSoley said surrounding neighbors were notified by post card to attend a community meeting. Additional conversations have been had between himself and Mayor Fadness. One concern was the mature trees being removed and he stated they will be retaining some of the mature trees. Proactive emails are being sent out to neighbors surrounding the community center and will continue as the center progresses.
- Pete Peterson made a motion to approve ordinance **112023A**. Todd Zimmerman seconded the motion. There was no remonstrance and all members voted yay. The motion passed.

15. 121823 - Consideration of a rezone of 5.67 Acres from PUDM to R3 Residential for the expansion of the Traders Point Fishers Church (RZ-23-7) - **First Reading:** [Council Action Form](#) | [Concept Plan](#) | [Ordinance](#)

- Ross Hilleary made his presentation to the city council members.
- Pete Peterson made a motion to have **First Reading** on ordinance **121823**.

16. 121823A - Consideration of a text amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance to remove Section 4.2.1. Commercial Use Limit overlay (TA-23-6) - **First Reading:** [Council Action Form](#) | [Ordinance](#)

- Ross Hilleary made his presentation to the city council members.
- Pete Peterson made a motion to have **First Reading** on ordinance **121823A**.

Carrington Office Annexation:

17. 121823B - Request to approve a voluntary annexation of 1.482 acres, known as the Carrington Office property. Subject site is located at 10418 Hague Rd. (ANX-23-13) - **First Reading & Public Hearing:** [Council Action Form](#) | [Ordinance](#) President John Weingardt opened the meeting for a **Public Hearing**. No one came forward and the **Public Hearing** was closed.

- Ross Hilleary made his presentation to the city council members.
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- Pete Peterson made a motion to have **First Reading** on ordinance **121823B**.

Jai Hanuman Temple Annexation:

18. 121823C - Request to approve a voluntary annexation of 1 acre, known as the Jai Hanuman Temple property. The subject site is located at Cyntheanne Road. (ANX-23-12) - **First Reading & Public Hearing:** [Council Action Form](#) | [Ordinance](#)

- Ross Hilleary made his presentation to the city council members.

- Brad DeReamer asked if they are dedicating the right-of-way on Cyntheanne Road. Ross said yes.
- President John Weingardt opened the meeting for a **Public Hearing**. No one came forward and the **Public Hearing** was closed.
- Pete Peterson made a motion to have **First Reading** on ordinance **121823C**.

REGULAR ITEMS

19. Any other Unfinished / New Business: **NONE**

20. Community Comment:

- Mike Colby came forward to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.
- Robert Evans who resides in Quaker Ridge spoke on the dangerous road that the county is working on. He handed out copies of emails with pictures. He said the road as is isn't safe. See [**Robert Evans handout.**](#)
- Dennis Byrne came forward and asked about White River Park. He spoke about Hazel Landing Park that will be linked to White River Park by a bridge. He asked the city to consider adding a 18 hole disc golf course.
- Abe Wondergem came forward to thank everyone. He mentioned the article in the Indianapolis Star on three Fishers men were arrested to trying to sell machine guns to ISIS. He wanted to remind current and future council members that things are just going to get tougher as time progresses.
- David Giffel thanked the residents and wanted to welcome and congratulate new council members.
- Jocelyn Vare thanked the citizens of Fishers and spoke on what she hopes for the future of Fishers.
- Crystal Neuman thanked everyone and wanted to welcome and congratulate the incoming council members.

21. Meeting Adjournment

- Pete Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Todd Zimmerman seconded the motion. There was no remonstrance and all members voted yay. The motion passed.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer L. Kehl
Fishers City Clerk

DATE: DECEMBER 18, 2023

	PLEASE PRINT NAME	STAFF/ BUSINESS NAME / RESIDENT ADDRESS / OTHER
1	Joyce Slushar	12876 Mondavi
2	Kathy McIntosh	16151 Maiba St
3	Jack Follmer	Regency - Wind Sor
4	Melody Landis	Traders Point Church
5	TIFFANIE DILLERSON	10433 Buxton Lane
6	Alvin Winkelman	Brithan Falls
7	Sue Anthony Follmer	13857 Canyon Ln
8	JOSHUA LIPPERT	TRADERS POINT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
9	Mindy Westrick Bram	Fuegve Drinker
10	TOM TEITGEN	12940 Fawns Ridge
11	MIKE COLBY	Resident
12	Danina Gilbert	12346 Cobblestone Dr
13	ROBERT EVANS	10707 BURNING RIDGE
14	Charlie Mattox	Cross Road Engineers 115 N 17th Ave
15	CALL McIntyre	10418 HAWK RD
16	Gordon Krite	Stagwell & Assoc
17	Dennis Byrne	11744 Langham Crescent Ct
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Fishers Health Department Update – 12/18/2023

Senate Enrolled Act 4 – “Health First Indiana” Governors Public Health Commission Legislation

- Final funding amount for 2024 is \$1,001,725.50 to be transferred to FHD early January 2024. FHD working on workplan per requirements.

Community Health Assessment:

- Continuing work on health assessment and readiness for accreditation process.

Core Health Services

- Immunizations: Seasonal vaccines for flu, COVID-19, and respiratory syncytial virus to be offered at clinic. Recommendations for seasonal vaccines available on FHD [Clinic Services](#) webpage.
 - 657 patients seen for immunizations and testing services in October.
- Testing services: consistent demand for tuberculosis tests (66). Demand decreasing for COVID-19 tests (5). Slow uptake of lead testing.
- Reportable conditions continue to be managed at a steady pace and monitored for outbreak potential.

Health Education

- 15 health education sessions offered in November to 1,198 individuals. Health Educator has provided 81 sessions at over 33 different locations since starting in June. On target to provide health education to ~10,000 individuals this year.

Mental Health

- [Stigma Free Fishers](#) platform & [Community Resource List](#) continue to see increase in usage and awareness. Over 6,900 unique users and 8,240 sessions since launch on May 1. Majority of users from Fishers and surrounding area, female, and younger than 25 years of age. Most common features used are mental health assessments around depression and anxiety, and over 500 unique resources used.
- Mental Health Matters monthly newsletters available [here](#). [December](#) newsletter focuses on social isolation and loneliness during the holiday season. In addition to highlighting mental health issues, the newsletter includes resources and event information, and is a leading contributor to internet traffic to the new Stigma Free Fishers website.

Environmental Health & Inspections

- Grading placards posted at all permanent food facilities. [Food Grade and Inspection Dashboard](#) is live where anyone can view sanitation grades and inspection reports for retail food establishments. Grades - 420 receiving grade A, 38 grade B, and 18 grade C. High school interns created social media video explaining new grades and can be viewed [here](#).
- 2024 food permit applications opened 12/1/2023.



Community Outreach and Social Media

- Social media focused on seasonal vaccine recommendations, health safety during holiday gatherings, and food safety alerts/recalls in November.

Open Positions

- Interviewing for open Public Health Nurse position.

Pedestrian Safety - 106th Street Bridge Project

Robert Evans <qrhoaboard20@gmail.com>

Thu, Dec 14, 2023 at 3:34 PM

To: county.highway@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Bcc: Denise Thomason <denise@designalchemyinc.com>, Jason Wertz <jwertz25@gmail.com>, Stephanie Jaward <sjaward07@yahoo.com>, Bob Fasig <fasig.bob@gmail.com>, Sherri Holm <sherri@holmdesign.biz>, Teresa Chapin <chapin_teresa@lilly.com>, Pete Cerar <pvcerar@gmail.com>, Terry Lee <tml063017@gmail.com>, Susan Fasig <bsfasig@att.net>, Janean Lee <janeanleelee@hotmail.com>, Judy Evans <judyaevans@gmail.com>

Good afternoon:

In my opinion, and that of my neighbors, the current design of the pedestrian walkway on the new 106th street bridge over Mud Creek shows a disregard for public safety.

In the last four years there have been multiple occasions that vehicles traveling at a high rate of speed have veered off 106th street between Hamilton Pass and Cumberland Road. On two occasions portions of the fence on the north side of the walking path have been damaged.

The second time, the portion of the fence damaged is more than 50 feet from the street.



On other occasions, vehicles have crossed the walking path, but not reached the fence.

We have been fortunate that no one has yet been killed or injured during one of these incidents.

I have already requested a pedestrian safety barrier similar to the one on Brooks School Road along this portion of 106th street.

The City of Fishers has made walkability a priority, going so far as to build a tunnel under 116th Street for the Nickel

Plate trail. However, the current pedestrian walkway design along the new bridge makes this portion of the 106th Street walking trail even more dangerous.

A mother pushing a stroller west on the bridge would never see the vehicle jump the small curb proposed as the only barrier between the street and her.

While we would prefer to see the two aesthetically pleasing walking bridges over Mud Creek remain or be replaced with a similar design, like the one over Mud Creek in Cumberland park, we understand that may not be possible with the widening of the Mud Creek channel.

Nevertheless, an acceptable pedestrian walkway design of a bridge over Mud Creek can be seen two miles away where 96th street passes over Mud Creek.



My neighbors and I implore you to reconsider the design of the pedestrian walkway over Mud Creek and not put those of us walking the 106th Street trail in even more peril.

Regards,

Robert Crawford Evans,
President, Quaker Ridge HOA

Pedestrian Safety - 106th Street Bridge Project

Matt Lee <Matt.Lee@hamiltoncounty.in.gov>

Mon, Dec 18, 2023 at 10:07 AM

To: "qrhoaboard20@gmail.com" <qrhoaboard20@gmail.com>

Cc: County Highway <County.Highway@hamiltoncounty.in.gov>

Mr. Evans,

I'd like to assure you that the safety of pedestrians and motorists is always a top priority of our road and bridge projects. The existing pedestrian bridges north of 106th Street at the Mud Creek crossing will be removed with this project because they are not ADA compliant and their removal will improve the hydraulics of Mud Creek to reduce overtopping of 106th Street. The bridge replacement will bring the pedestrian path adjacent to the roadway for approximately 425 feet at the bridge and the path will be separated from the roadway by an 8 inch barrier curb which is standard practice and can be seen at numerous locations throughout the County. The path outside of the bridge flares out to the existing path location east of the bridge and to a 5 foot offset from the back face of the barrier curb west of the bridge. While it is desirable to provide a 5 foot sidewalk/path offset, it is acceptable to place an elevated sidewalk/path with barrier curb adjacent to a roadway. This can be seen along several nearby roadway corridors like 116th Street, Cumberland Road, and the referenced 96th Street. Both this project and the referenced 96th Street project were designed to meet current standards for roadside safety.

Thanks,



HAMILTON COUNTY
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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Hamilton County Highway Department

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From: County Highway <County.Highway@hamiltoncounty.in.gov>

Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 4:25 PM

To: Matt Lee <Matt.Lee@hamiltoncounty.in.gov>

Subject: FW: Pedestrian Safety - 106th Street Bridge Project