

**Minutes**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**April 20, 2020**

BOARD/COMMISSION: City Council Meeting

DATE: 4/20/2020

DIRECTIONS: [Fishers City Hall](#)

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, 5:30 p.m., City Hall Auditorium**

- *The April 20, 2020 City Council Meeting was done via conference call due to the COVID-19 Stay at Home Order.*
- *A verbal attendance was taken by City Clerk Jennifer Kehl for the City Council Meeting.*

*City Clerk Jennifer Kehl asked all City Council Members, Mayor Scott Fadness and Controller Lisa Bradford for permission to use Electronic Signatures for all Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements for the April 20, 2020 City Council Meeting. All Council Members, Mayor Scott Fadness and Controller Lisa Bradford gave their verbal consent to use their electronic signature on all approved documents. A roll call vote was taken for each item on the agenda.*

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

- President Cecilia Coble called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.
- Those participating in the City Council Meeting were President Cecilia Coble, Vice President Selina Stoller, David George, Pete Peterson, John Weingardt, Brad DeReamer, Todd Zimmerman, Jocelyn Vare and Samantha DeLong. Other participants were Mayor Scott Fadness, City Clerk Jennifer Kehl, City Attorney Chris Greisl, City Controller Lisa Bradford, Tracy Gaynor, Tony Bagato, Ashley Elrod, Megan Baumgartner, Leslie Wagner (Ginovus) and Joe and Julie Bielawski (Knowledge Services).

**2. Announcements:**

- Mayor Scott Fadness gave a brief overview of the COVID-19. He is currently working on his Phase 3 plan. Two police officers contracted the COVID-19 virus, recovered and are now back to work. The Fire Department has had about 100 runs related to the virus.

**3. Proclamations:**

- a. Arbor Day
  - President Cecilia Coble read Mayor Scott Fadness proclamation.
- b. Week of the Young Child
  - President Cecilia Coble read Mayor Scott Fadness proclamation.

**4. Presentations:**

- None

**5. Finance Committee Report:**

**6. Consent Agenda:** The Finance Committee meeting was not held in April. There is not a report.

- a. Request to Approve the previous meeting minutes: **Regular Meeting March 17, 2020.**
- b. **Ro42020** - A Resolution of the City of Fishers Authorizing the City Controller to Transfer Funds:
  - Pete Peterson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. John Weingardt seconded the motion. There was no remonstrance and all members voted yay. The motion passed.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### *Economic Development*

7. **Ro42020A** - A Resolution Approving a 4th Amendment to a Certain Economic Development Agreement by and among the City of Fishers, City of Fishers Redevelopment Commission, Fishers Town Hall Building Corporation, Guidesoft, Inc., KHI Solutions, Inc., DOT Staff, LLC, and JJB Group, LLC (Knowledge Services):
  - Megan Baumgartner made her verbal presentation to those participating in the council meeting. Joe and Julie Bielawski (Knowledge Services) also spoke.
  - Cecilia Coble called for a motion. Pete Peterson made a motion to approve resolution **Ro42020A**, a Resolution Approving a 4th Amendment to a Certain Economic Development Agreement by and among the City of Fishers, City of Fishers Redevelopment Commission, Fishers Town Hall Building Corporation, Guidesoft, Inc., KHI Solutions, Inc., DOT Staff, LLC, and JJB Group, LLC (Knowledge Services). John Weingardt seconded the motion.
  - Cecilia Coble asked each council member if they had any questions or concerns.
  - Jocelyn Vare asked how many employees Knowledge Services had. Joe Bielawski said they had between 1700 -1800 nationwide and about 400 employees in Fishers.
  - No other council member had any questions or comments.
  - City Clerk Jennifer Kehl took a roll call vote for approval. Cecilia Coble, Selina Stoller, David George, Pete Peterson, John Weingardt, Brad DeReamer, Todd Zimmerman, Jocelyn Vare and Samantha DeLong all voted yay. There was no remonstrations. The motion passed.
8. **Ro42020B** - A Request to Approve Declaratory Resolution Designating Certain Property as an Economic Revitalization Area and Authorizing Abatement (9800 Crosspoint Blvd- Knowledge Services):
  - Megan Baumgartner made her verbal presentation to those participating in the council meeting.
  - Cecilia Coble called for a motion. Pete Peterson made a motion to approve resolution **Ro42020B**, a Request to Approve Declaratory Resolution Designating Certain Property as an Economic Revitalization Area and Authorizing Abatement (9800 Crosspoint Blvd- Knowledge Services). Todd Zimmerman seconded the motion.
  - Cecilia Coble asked each council member if they had any questions or concerns.
  - None of the council member had any questions or concerns.
  - City Clerk Jennifer Kehl took a roll call vote for approval. Cecilia Coble, Selina Stoller, David George, Pete Peterson, John Weingardt, Brad DeReamer, Todd Zimmerman, Jocelyn Vare and Samantha DeLong all voted yay. There was no remonstrations. The motion passed.

9. **Ro42020C** - A Request to Approve an Economic Development Agreement by and between the City of Fishers and Genezen Laboratories:
- Megan Baumgartner made her verbal presentation to those participating in the council meeting.
  - Cecilia Coble called for a motion. Pete Peterson made a motion to approve resolution **Ro42020C**, a Request to Approve an Economic Development Agreement by and between the City of Fishers and Genezen Laboratories. Samantha DeLong seconded the motion.
  - Cecilia Coble asked each council member if they had any questions or concerns.
  - None of the council member had any questions or concerns.
  - City Clerk Jennifer Kehl took a roll call vote for approval. Cecilia Coble, Selina Stoller, David George, Pete Peterson, John Weingardt, Brad DeReamer, Todd Zimmerman, Jocelyn Vare and Samantha DeLong all voted yay. There was no remonstrations. The motion passed.
10. **Ro42020D** - A Request to Approve Declaratory Resolution Designating Certain Property as an Economic Revitalization Area and Authorizing Abatement (Genezen Laboratories):
- Megan Baumgartner made her verbal presentation to those participating in the council meeting.
  - Cecilia Coble called for a motion. Pete Peterson made a motion to approve resolution **Ro42020D**, a Request to Approve Declaratory Resolution Designating Certain Property as an Economic Revitalization Area and Authorizing Abatement (Genezen Laboratories). John Weingardt seconded the motion.
  - Cecilia Coble asked each council member if they had any questions or concerns.
  - None of the council member had any questions or concerns.
  - City Clerk Jennifer Kehl took a roll call vote for approval. Cecilia Coble, Selina Stoller, David George, Pete Peterson, John Weingardt, Brad DeReamer, Todd Zimmerman, Jocelyn Vare and Samantha DeLong all voted yay. There was no remonstrations. The motion passed.

### ***Government/Miscellaneous***

### ***Budget/Financial***

11. **032320A** – An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Fishers, Indiana Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds for the Purpose of Providing Funds to Refinance the City's General Obligation Bonds of 2010, Providing Funds to be Applied to Pay for Construction of Certain Intersection Improvements and Incidental Expenses in Connection Therewith and on Account of the Issuance of the Bonds: **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:**
- Chris Greisl made her verbal presentation to those participating in the council meeting.
  - Cecilia Coble called for a motion. Pete Peterson made a motion to approve Ordinance **032320A**, a Request to Approve an Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Fishers, Indiana Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds for the Purpose of Providing Funds to Refinance the City's General Obligation Bonds of 2010, Providing Funds to be Applied to Pay for

Construction of Certain Intersection Improvements and Incidental Expenses in Connection Therewith and on Account of the Issuance of the Bond. Selina Stoller seconded the motion.

- Cecilia Coble asked each council member if they had any questions or concerns.
- None of the council member had any questions or concerns.
- City Clerk Jennifer Kehl took a roll call vote for approval. Cecilia Coble, Selina Stoller, David George, Pete Peterson, John Weingardt, Brad DeReamer, Todd Zimmerman, Jocelyn Vare and Samantha DeLong all voted yay. There was no remonstrations. The motion passed.

### ***Planning & Zoning***

**12. Ro42020E** - Request to approve a resolution adopting the Fiscal Plan for the Iron Pointe

Annexation:

- Tony Bagato made her verbal presentation to those participating in the council meeting.
- Cecilia Coble called for a motion. Pete Peterson made a motion to approve Resolution **Ro42020E**, a Request to Approve a Resolution adopting the Fiscal Plan for the Iron Pointe Annexation. Todd Zimmerman seconded the motion.
- Cecilia Coble asked each council member if they had any questions or concerns.
- None of the council member had any questions or concerns.
- City Clerk Jennifer Kehl took a roll call vote for approval. Cecilia Coble, Selina Stoller, David George, Pete Peterson, John Weingardt, Brad DeReamer, Todd Zimmerman, Jocelyn Vare and Samantha DeLong all voted yay. There was no remonstrations. The motion passed.

**13. 021720A** - Request to approve a voluntary annexation of one (1) Lot known as the Iron Pointe property, located at 10777 E 106th Street, Fishers, IN 46037, and consisting of approximately 19.93 acres – **3<sup>rd</sup> Reading:**

- Tony Bagato made her verbal presentation to those participating in the council meeting.
- Cecilia Coble called for a motion. Pete Peterson made a motion to approve Resolution **021720A**, a Request to approve a voluntary annexation of one (1) Lot known as the Iron Pointe property, located at 10777 E 106th Street, Fishers, IN 46037, and consisting of approximately 19.93 acres John Weingardt seconded the motion.
- Cecilia Coble asked each council member if they had any questions or concerns.
- None of the council member had any questions or concerns.
- City Clerk Jennifer Kehl took a roll call vote for approval. Cecilia Coble, Selina Stoller, David George, Pete Peterson, John Weingardt, Brad DeReamer, Todd Zimmerman, Jocelyn Vare and Samantha DeLong all voted yay. There was no remonstrations. The motion passed.

**14. Ro42020F** - Request to approve a resolution adopting the Fiscal Plan for the Atkins Annexation:

- Tony Bagato made her verbal presentation to those participating in the council meeting.
- Cecilia Coble called for a motion. Pete Peterson made a motion to approve Resolution **Ro42020F**, a Request to approve a Resolution adopting the Fiscal Plan for the Atkins Annexation. Selina Stoller seconded the motion.
- Cecilia Coble asked each council member if they had any questions or concerns.
- None of the council member had any questions or concerns.

- City Clerk Jennifer Kehl took a roll call vote for approval. Cecilia Coble, Selina Stoller, David George, Pete Peterson, John Weingardt, Brad DeReamer, Todd Zimmerman, Jocelyn Vare and Samantha DeLong all voted yay. There was no remonstrations. The motion passed.
15. **021720B** - Request– 3<sup>rd</sup> to approve a voluntary annexation of one (1) Lot known as the Atkins property, located at 6110 E 106<sup>th</sup> Street, Fishers IN 46038, and consisting of approximately 9.73 acres **Reading:**
- Tony Bagato made her verbal presentation to those participating in the council meeting.
  - Cecilia Coble called for a motion. Pete Peterson made a motion to approve Ordinance **021720B**, a to approve a voluntary annexation of one (1) Lot known as the Atkins property, located at 6110 E 106<sup>th</sup> Street, Fishers IN 46038, and consisting of approximately 9.73 acres. John Weingardt seconded the motion.
  - Cecilia Coble asked each council member if they had any questions or concerns.
  - None of the council member had any questions or concerns.
  - City Clerk Jennifer Kehl took a roll call vote for approval. Cecilia Coble, Selina Stoller, David George, Pete Peterson, John Weingardt, Brad DeReamer, Todd Zimmerman, Jocelyn Vare and Samantha DeLong all voted yay. There was no remonstrations. The motion passed.

#### **REGULAR ITEMS**

- 16. Any other Unfinished / New Business
  - None
- 17. Community Comment
  - Please see the attached documents
- 17. Meeting Adjournment
  - Pete Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

***\*Electronic Signatures were used on all Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements for the April 20, 2020 City Council Meeting. A roll call vote was taken for each item on the agenda. This will be done again for the April 20, 2020 City Council Meeting.***

*Respectfully Submitted,*



Jennifer L. Kehl  
City Clerk

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**Please select the meeting to which you would like to submit a public comment** Public Works & Safety Board - 4/13/2020  
City Council - 4/20/2020

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**Project Name/Number** Automatic Crosswalk Signals

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**Public Works & Safety Board (4/13/2020) Comment** During this Covid-19 pandemic, can crosswalk signals be set to automatic. This would be helpful to stop unnecessary touching of buttons. I've seen other towns are implementing this, i.e. Durham, NC.

Thank you for your consideration.

-Meredith

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**Would you like to receive email communications and updates from the City of Fishers?** Yes

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**Please select the meeting to which you would like to submit a public comment** Public Works & Safety Board - 4/13/2020  
City Council - 4/20/2020  
Public Works & Safety Board - 4/27/2020  
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting - 4/30/2020

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**Project Name/Number** Verizon 5G small cell towers

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**Public Works & Safety Board (4/13/2020)**  
**Comment**

As a resident of Fishers for 15 years I am very upset and concerned about the implementation of 5G in our community. Since 5G began there have been major questions raised about its safety. Although studies been conducted, they have been done by the companies installing them and not outside efforts to make sure it's safe for the public. We all are aware by now that since the introduction of cell towers, cell phones, and WiFi that people have worried about electromagnetic frequencies and their safety. I have personally worked with several clients who believe theirs or their children's health issues, including brain tumors and cancer, were the cause of these unseen waves of electromagnetic energy. As I mentioned, we have large cell towers, cell phones, WiFi, smart meters, as well as all of our electronics in our homes, and now small cells being placed as close as they can get them to our homes. The fact that we don't have a say in this (per what I have been told by local government) is absolutely outrageous. For several years I worked in television in Washington, DC and I know exactly what these energies are and what they can do to those who are sensitive to them. I myself had major sensitivity so I know first hand how damaging it can be. I know this is a very controversial topic. Fishers wants to be cutting edge however growth is not always such a great thing if it involves taking away the rights of citizens. In my opinion there needs to be independent studies conducted on the safety of these small cells. There are warning labels on the boxes concerning the equipment, what exactly do they say? How far does this frequency reach and how far is safe or dangerous? Does or can it it disrupt sleep, does or can it cause health problems including physical or mental, have their been complaints from other communities where it's been installed and what were they? I am all for technology but I am not for 5G if it hasn't been independently tested and verified as absolutely safe for adults and children, if it is placed close to homes of people who don't want it there (me and many others in this community) and if there have been complaints and concerns by other communities where it's been installed. It's just that simple. I heard that Carmel, Indiana has held off in further implementation due to a lack of research and concerns by their community. Why cannot we do the exact same? I know we can. I felt safe here for 15 years but if this happens I don't believe I will as long as I don't know the details of the cautions and warnings and if it could actually cause harm. Please keep the safety of Fishers residents in mind when making this very crucial decision!

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**Technical Advisory Committee  
Comment**

(If this meeting pertains to the implantation of 5G)

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**Please select the meeting to which you would like to submit a public comment** City Council - 4/20/2020  
Public Works & Safety Board - 4/27/2020

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**Project Name/Number** City Shut Down

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**City Council Comment** To the City Council:

I feel it is important to address the forced closer of businesses and orders to the public to stay home in the believe that this will save lives, due to this Chinese caused Wuhan virus (Covid-19). I believe America and Fishers IN specifically, are full of compassionate patriots that care enough for there fellow citizens to close there companies, lose income by stay home from work, pull their kids from schools, refuse to go to church during the holiest of holidays, and give up the majority of their civil liberties when told in the beginning, this could cause up to 2 million of their fellow countrymen and women to likely die. After time has passed we have see time and time again, that this estimate along with the many others are completely inaccurate. Due to this, The city of Fishers should lift the ban on businesses and open immediately. Americans are compassionate, and don't want any of their fellow citizens to be harmed. This also means citizens being able to provide for there families and what we are doing now is harming the general public more then it is helping them. I hope this council can see the clear threat to the community by keeping our city closed any longer and reopen this beautiful city. Thank you for your time and lets move past this event by restoring this city back to the way it was always designed to be, prosperous and free.

Sincerely,

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**Please select the meeting to which you would like to submit a public comment** Public Works & Safety Board - 4/13/2020  
City Council - 4/20/2020  
Nickel Plate Review Committee - 4/22/2020  
Public Works & Safety Board - 4/27/2020

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**Project Name/Number** Nickel Plate Trail

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**Public Works & Safety Board (4/13/2020) Comment** I strongly object to the City's plan for the trail/street intersections - for speed tables and traffic yield signs to give trail users right of way. I foresee accidents where a walker/runner/cyclist will enter the crossing without even bothering to look. Or will be moving fast on a bike and appear out of nowhere into a car's path. And the liability will be on the driver. What's good for the Monon Trail should be good enough for us. Trail users and drivers would be best served by consistent rules of the road in our area.

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**City Council Comment** please see comment above on 4/13 Public Works.

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**Nickel Plate Review Committee Comment** please see my comments above on 4/13 Public Works

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**Public Works & Safety Board (4/27/2020) Comment** please see my comments above on 4/13 Public Works.

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**Project Name/Number** Covid 19

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## City Council Comment

What actions are the city council and Mayor Fadness taking to protect the vulnerable senior citizens in assisted living facilities in Fishers? Specifically, why hasn't testing been made available to all workers in these facilities? As you know, senior living centers (both nursing homes and assisted living) are at high risk. Residents have been locked down for 5 weeks, but remain exposed to Covid-19 through the very caregivers they rely on for daily functions. My mother resides at Allisonville Meadows assisted living in Fishers. We were notified that 2 nurses have tested positive for covid 19. They were asymptomatic but interacted with my mother, exposing her to this deadly virus. Despite 2 positive tests in staff members, the facility has only tested 12 of its 85 employees and no residents. Because asymptomatic carriers can transmit the virus, it is imperative that all assisted living workers be promptly and regularly tested for covid 19 in order to protect these most vulnerable individuals.

I have requested that such testing be completed for the safety of my mother. However, the facility advises that some of its employees are unable to get tested because they do not have symptoms and/or cannot get a doctor's order. They maintain this is the case even though 2 asymptomatic nurses have tested positive. Further, when asked why they have not sought help from the state health department which regulates Indiana's assisted living facilities, the facility stated that testing is not done by the state health department strike teams until a RESIDENT tests positive. However, waiting for a resident to test positive is absurd when 2 employees who interacted with residents in close quarters through caregiving services have tested positive. There is no social distancing between a caregiver and resident. Some residents, such as my mom, need assistance to even wash their hands. She has no way to protect herself from potential exposure by asymptomatic workers at the facility.

The time to test is NOW. Before this turns into Bethany Pointe in Anderson. Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard took early action and is testing city employees weekly. He urged senior living facilities in Carmel to conduct regular testing stating that failure to do so could expose the facilities to reckless homicide charges.

What will Fishers city leaders do to protect its vulnerable residents? These facilities need a testing site closer. The only testing sites available if they can get a dr's orders are the state fairgrounds and Eli Lilly. Furthermore, workers in these facilities should not need a dr's order or symptoms to get tested. Given the close contact they have with residents that cannot protect themselves, asymptomatic carriers are a huge risk. Simply working with the most vulnerable residents at highest risk should be sufficient to require testing of these workers.

Many cities and states are now testing these workers. The horror stories coming out of these facilities will not stop until workers are tested. These residents have been locked down away from their families for 5 weeks already. They are looking at at least 6-8 more weeks of lockdown. They

are not permitted to go outside to feel the sun on their face. They eat their meals alone in their rooms. They will have spent more than 3 months in the facility. To many, their home has become a prison. We owe it to them to protect them. Across the country prisoners are being released to protect them from covid 19.

Don't our parents and grandparents deserve better treatment? Please urge all assisted living facilities to test their workers weekly. Help them get tests. Partner with them to protect these residents. I have reached out to the Hamilton county Health department, the Indiana state health department, and the governor's office on this issue with no response to date. Please advocate for Fishers residents at highest risk.

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