

# **Fishers City Council Regular Meeting September 20, 2021**

**BOARD/COMMISSION:** City Council Meeting

**DATE:** 9/20/2021

**DIRECTIONS:** [Fishers City Hall](#)

## **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Auditorium**

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

**2. Announcements:**

- President Selina Stoller called the meeting to order. Present were David George, John Weingardt, Jocelyn Vare, Todd Zimmerman, Crystal Newmann, Brad DeReamer, Cecilia Coble, and Pete Peterson. Others present were Mayor Scott Fadness, Deputy Mayor Elliott Hultgren, City Clerk Jennifer Kehl. Chris Greisl, Tracy Gaynor, Lisa Bradford, Ethan Lee, Ed Gebhart, Hatem Makkey, Jason Taylor, Lucas Gannon, Scott Pederson, Art Hennig, Anna Skinner, Ashley Elrod, Megan Vukusich, Todd Crowder, Robert Barrett, Robert Robert Barrett Jr., Abraham Wondergem, Gloria Flahault, Tiffany Davidson, Judith Burke, Janet Dermody Bayem, Jan Kavensky, Dayna Colbert, Sara Schmidt, Sara Richardson, Andrea Davis, Dawn Overend, Adam Thomas, Repheim Stevenson, Christian Pfeifer, Akash Yenti, Aryadeep Buddah, Ronnie Saunders III, and Ian S.

**3. Proclamations**

- a. Service Award:** Todd Crowder (30 years) and Glen Phillips (25 years)
- Chief Ed Gebhart presented Todd Crowder his 30-year service award. Glen Phillips was not present.

**4. Presentations:**

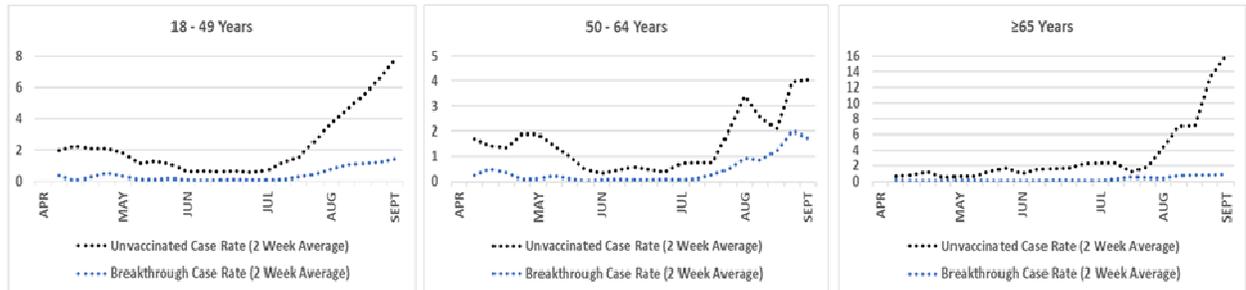
- President Selina Stoller read a brief summary of the Health Department.

“Regular” (non-COVID) items of interest:

- West Nile Virus has been found in 23 counties in Indiana, including Hamilton County/Fishers (results are reported only at the county level, but we contribute to the sampling). The first human case has been reported in the state, in Lake County.
- Short staffing in restaurants is evident when we are conducting restaurant inspections. Restaurants are struggling to meet standards due to difficulties finding staff. We are working closely with the restaurants to assure they are meeting health codes, but as long as the staffing shortages continue, this will continue to be a challenge.
- We have conducted a few focus groups to begin process of Community Health Assessment with key partners and community stakeholders
- CDC Public Health Associate to start October 12, she will devote time to mental health program for 2 years. CDC pays her salary.

COVID-19 updates:

- Vaccines- We are continuing outreach efforts to the unvaccinated by continuing to offer pop-up vaccines, including at area apartment communities. The vax site is ready to resume full capacity operations for boosters doses. We are still awaiting final word on criteria, but FDA did vote yesterday (9/17/21) to approve booster doses for those 65 and older and others at high risk of COVID who had the Pfizer vaccine. We cannot administer the doses until we have further details, which we expect mid next week after the ACIP meeting. We have a communication plan ready once the criteria are decided. We are working with area long term care facilities and have developed a plan for our homebound population to assure booster doses. We may be able to offer flu vaccine at the vax site as well, and will communicate more on this when this is finalized and ready. We anticipate that we will be able to offer vaccine to children aged 5-11 around the end of October or beginning of November. We anticipate that children under 5 will be eligible in early 2022.
- Testing- we have had a slight decrease in testing demand but are still seeing 300-400 people daily. Rapid tests (BINAX Now Antigen tests) now comprise about half of our testing volume.
- Case rates- we have now seen 2 weeks of declining case numbers. Our case incident rates, and % positivity remain in “red” but they are trending down. Graphs below are from Fishers data, and demonstrate the much higher case rates in unvaccinated groups of all ages.
- Vaccination rates- over 80% of our eligible population has now received at least their first dose of vaccine! We continue to see about 50 people daily at our vaccine site getting their first dose, and 80-100 total each day.



#### 5. Finance Committee Report:

- Chairman John Weingardt gave a brief report from the Finance Committee meeting.

#### 6. Consent Agenda:

- Request to approve the previous meeting minutes for [August 16, 2021](#).
  - Rog2021** - A Resolution of the Common Council Authorizing the City Controller to Transfer Certain Funds: [Council Action Form](#) | [Resolution](#) | [Exhibit A](#) *Signed Adoption*
- Pete Peterson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Cecilia Coble seconded the motion. David George abstained from voting on item 6a, the previous minutes. All other members voted yay. The motion passed.

### REGULAR AGENDA

#### *Budget/Financial*

- 081621** - An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Fishers, Indiana, Authorizing the Issuance of Sewer Works Revenue Bonds to procure funds to finance the acquisition of Sewer

Works and Related Assets from Hamilton Southeastern Utilities Inc., The issuance and sale of bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of such bonds, and collection, segregation and distribution of the revenues of such sewage works and other related matters

- **2nd Reading:** [Council Action Form I Ordinance](#) *Signed Adoption*

- Chris Greisl made his presentation to the city council members.
- The based purchase included all acquired assets. Accounts will be included with the capital.
- The City of Fishers has until the end of year to raise any concerns.
- No impact to consumer costs.
- Council member Cecilia Coble as what were the positives in purchasing this utility.
- John Weingardt made a motion to approve ordinance **081621**. Pete Peterson seconded the motion. There was no remonstrance and all members voted yay. The motion passed.

**8. R092021A** - A Resolution Approving Lease between Redevelopment Commission and Redevelopment Authority and approving transfer of property (Station 97 project): [Council Action Form I Resolution I Exhibit A](#) *Signed Adoption*

- Lisa Bradford made her presentation to the council members.
- Pete Peterson made a motion to approve resolution **R092021A**. John Weingardt seconded the motion. There was no remonstrance and all members voted yay. The motion passed.

**9. R092021B** - A Resolution Approving Lease between Redevelopment Commission and Redevelopment Authority (State Road 37 project): [Council Action Form I Resolution I Exhibit A](#) *Signed Adoption*

- Lisa Bradford and Jason Taylor made Their presentation to the council members.
- Jocelyn Vare asked Jason Taylor if it was possible to have a public update by the end of the year. Jason stated he could put something together for January. Jason said there will be a public information meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Pete Peterson made a motion to approve resolution **R092021B**. Todd Zimmerman seconded the motion. There was no remonstrance and all members voted yay. The motion passed.

**10. 092021** - A Request to Approve the City of Fishers 2022 Budget - **1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Public Hearing:** [Council Action Form I Exhibit A](#)

- Mayor Scott Fadness made his presentation to the city council members.
- The mayor stated the city is on solid financial ground and that the city remains a AAA Bond Rating.
- The mayor discussed the partnerships with the school district for the Agricultural Park and Hub and Spoke.
- The budget is proposing a decrease in property taxes, increase in police and fire staff and moving two inspectors from part-time to full time. There is also a proposed salary increase of all city staff and elected officials of 4%.
- There have been millions invested in infrastructure and the progress is continuing.
- Todd Zimmerman asked about the progress in sidewalks and staffing Statin 97. The mayor said there have been a lot of progress and if they were able to lease another

piece of equipment, they could make additional progress. This equipment is in high demand. Station will be fully staffed when it opens. The police is adequately staffed. The mayor feels the quality-of-life investments are equally important.

- Jocelyn Vare asked if the \$500,000 excess in the Health Department can be invested in public health to help the community. Jocelyn also asked for an update on the Nickel Plate Trail and asked if the Not-for-Profit Grant program the city makes available can be increased from the \$250,000. The mayor wants to keep the reserves for the Health Department until we are sure the city has the resources needed for the pandemic as well as what may come up in the future. The mayor stated the city council makes the decision in increasing the not-for-profit grant funding.
- David George congratulations for locking down the health insurance for the next five years.
- David George stated it is important to keep the reserves for a potential recession. He said it is great to have the teachers at the Agri park and Hub and Spoke.
- Cecilia Coble wanted to congratulate the staff on the budet.
- Pete Peterson made a motion to have the **1<sup>st</sup> Reading**.

**11. 092021A - A Request to Approve the City of Fishers 2022 Salary Ordinance - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:**  
**[Council Action Form I Ordinance I Exhibit A](#)**

- Ethan Lee made is presentation to the city council members.
- Cecilia Coble asked if this ordinance accounts for the employees needed from the purchase of the HSE Utilities.
- If the purchase of HSE Utilities goes through, an amendment to the budget and ordinance will be made to accommodate the new staff.
- Pete Peterson made a motion to have the **1<sup>st</sup> Reading**.

***Planning & Zoning***

**12. 092021C - Request to approve a voluntary annexation of two (2) lots known as the Cove at Thorpe Creek properties generally located on the west side of Florida Rd, north of 113th Street, parcels 13-12-31-00-00-030.000 and 13-12-31-00-00-039.000, consisting of 106.88 acres. Case ANX-21-9 - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading & Public Hearing: **[Council Action Form I Ordinance](#)****

- Megan Vukusich made her presentation to the city council members.
- Selina Stoller opened the meeting up for a **Public Hearing**. No one came forward. The Public Hearing was closed.
- Pete Peterson made a motion to have the **1<sup>st</sup> Reading**.

**REGULAR ITEMS**

**13. Any other Unfinished / New Business**

- None

**14. Community Comment**

- Sara Schmidt asked the council if they have given any thought about making station 97 green and making any future buildings as green as possible. Sara asked the council would consider 2.2 million affordable housing grants to help people with down payments so people can afford to work and live in Fishers. Elliott said they are in the

process of drafting a climate action plan. The buildings in the city are being built taking in account the environmentally friendly concept.

- Brian Fields came forward. He expressed his concerns about what is needed in the budget and what is wanted. He discussed the 4% salary increase for staff and the decrease in taxes. He is concerned about a property tax increase in the future and lowering in property value.
- Abraham Wondergem appreciates Station 97 and it will serve 17 communities. He stated in an original agreement with HSE Utilities agreed to build an access road when they were taking out the lift station. To date they have not done that. Will the city follow up on getting this access road completed?
- Dayna Colbert wanted to thank the Health Department for the pop-up Clinic. She is the democratic chairman for Hamilton County submitted a Public Information Request on June 9<sup>th</sup>. It took 3 months to get a reply. Her requests were not complete. Councilwoman Vare had brought up the diversity issue on the boards and commissions. Dayna would like a formal process for nominating board members with nomination forms. She would like an update on what progress has been made.
- Comment received prior to the meeting are attached.

#### 15. Meeting Adjournment

- Pete Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Todd Zimmerman seconded the motion. All members voted yay. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer L. Kehl  
Fishers City Clerk

Form Name: Public Meeting Comment Form  
Submission Time: August 29, 2021 5:20 am  
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**Subdivision or business name** Sandstone

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**Please select the meeting to which you would like to submit a public comment** City Council Meeting - 9/20/21 at 7 p.m.

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**Is this comment regarding 5G cell tower deployment?** No

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**Project Name/Number** Public Comment

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**City Council Meeting**

I should not have to follow laws established by a city council that does not represent me. I voted for none of you and therefore none of you represent my beliefs. Also none of you look like or relate to people like me. It is unfortunate that your city council lacks cultural diversity and diversity in many other forms. You also need to establish cultural training for City of Fishers employees as soon as possible. Your road ordinances such as the speed limit on 116st is shallow and incompetent. 40 mph is way too slow. I suggest 45 mph. Especially when majority of residents travel faster than that in your city limits. People of color have been singled out by your police officers for years and each officer should not only take interactions with all people seriously but in particular have decency, respect and sensitivity towards all people as well. It is your job to protect and serve, not the other way around. It is immature to make senseless jokes and comments during any interactions. Not only does this create mistrust but it's a form of systemic racism called macro and micro aggressions. When you have no representation for me, then there is no powers over me under the law and no trust for your implied authority. Do better.

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	PLEASE PRINT NAME	STAFF/ BUSINESS NAME / RESIDENT ADDRESS / OTHER
1	Robert Barrett	11387 Falling Water Way
2	Robert Barrett Jr.	11387 Falling Water Way
3	Ethan Lee	Staff
4	Abraham Wondergem	14331 Loire Valley Dr.
5	Gloria Flaherty	14597 Balfour Rd
6	TIFFANIE D. HENSEN	10433 Buxton Lane
7	WODITH BURKE	18942 WINTERCOVE WAY
8	Janet Dornally Bayen	7404 Madden Dr.
9	Jan Kavensky	11402 Charleston Pkwy
10	Dagna Colbert	12187 Windsor South Dr
11	Sara Schmidt	13053 FAUNSBROOK DR.
12	Kari Richardson	Finance Academy
13	Andrea Davis	12433 Traverse Pl
14	DWU OVEREND	16139 LOIRE VALLEY DRIVE
15	Adam Thomas	
16	Rephaim Stevenson	12415 Brooks Crossing
17	Christian Pfeifer	12807 Rotterdam Road
18	Jan Switzer	13610 Lake Ridge Lane
19	Aakash Yent	14353 Glapthorn Rd.
20	Aryadeep Buddha	14474 Glapthorn Rd.
21	Ronnie Saunders III	45411 Boyd Place, Westfield
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