

**Marion City Council  
Legislation and Codes Committee  
REGULAR MEETING  
Minutes  
February 07, 2022**

Members present – Meade, Schaber. Cornelius absent. With a quorum present, Mr. Schaber called the meeting to order at 7:27 PM.

**Minutes**

Schaber made a motion to take no action, Meade 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes –Meade, Schaber; Nays – none.

**Minutes of 11/15/2021 approved (2-0)**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Item 1. Presentation by Housing Coalition (Warr-Cummings)**

- Housing Coalition Report and Recommendations to Land Bank, City of Marion, and Marion County

Mrs. Warr Cummings, Regional Planning, presented housing recommendations as developed by the Housing Coalition. Members are concerned citizens and representatives of organizations. They made recommendations to the county, the city, and the land bank. A letter of support from the League of Women Voters was provided. There is a concern in the community regarding blight, as well as safety and habitability of residential properties. No action is being requested from council at this time.

1. The city of Marion will work cooperatively with the MCLB to identify and advance properties through the foreclosure process, provide the necessary information and actions, in support of the evaluation of the expeditious

processing of distressed properties and evaluation of disposition alternatives for tax delinquent, vacant properties in Marion.

- Review process and procedure for Sheriff Sales and expedited foreclosure action, as provided to 1724 Corporations (Land Banks) through the Board of Revision (BOR) and make further recommendations relative to the prioritization of vacant, tax delinquent properties.
2. Enact minimum building codes and regulations for rehabilitation and new construction activities in conformance with OBC Chapters 1-35.
    - Develop local provisions, as they may be applicable, In the form of a "Residential Rehabilitation Standard should be developed and adopted by ordinance.
  3. Provide Certificates of Occupancy (C of O) for new residential construction {sited built and modular) and residential rehabilitation projects. Implement requirements for applications, inspections, and record collection for all residential rehabilitation or construction activities.
    - Develop an application and review process for the Issuance of residential building, permits and certificates of occupancy.
    - Review the potential of utilizing ARPA or funding from HB110 to support adding building inspection officials to address blighted property conditions.
  4. Support an application from the MCLR to ODOD under the \$50M program for Land Banks at the maximum feasible grant amount. Support potential applications to the State's new Brownfield Remediation Program {BRP) in the amount of \$1.0M and under the Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program (BDSRP) in the amount of \$500,000, for projects to be identified and prioritized locally to the State for funding under HB110.
    - Develop a process for identifying projects, evaluations feasibility, eligibility, match availability, and potential avenues for site redevelopment. Have projects prioritized and due diligence and research performed to be ready to make application to the state for funding as funding becomes available in the first quarter of 2022.

Schaber confirmed that things are starting to be implemented. They are putting out RFP for credentialed inspectors for land bank properties. They are completing

a contract and holding a deed in escrow so that property meets whatever was initially agreed to with the land bank. They are doing this in absence of local codes.

Schaber also observed that the city and county recommendations should be similar, so that the county/city is not operating under two sets of rules with two sets of inspectors.

They submitted an application for Brownfield Remediation Program.

Matt Carbary, president Marion Area Chamber of Commerce, said that employers are indicating that the overall health of the city is a concern to them, specifically blighted properties. They will be coming back on the individual asks. They support and urge anything that the city can do. The land bank did approve this to the whole board, and they will be talking to the commissioners. Schaber asked how deep the group had gotten into the details of the issues, i.e., funding, county vs. city. He said that if they are asking for building codes, it is a big lift. The voters voted it down before. Carbary shared that companies are indicating this as a reason to not come to Marion.

### **Other Business**

Schaber made a motion to table the presentation on charter cities, Meade 2nd;  
Roll Call: Ayes –Meade, Schaber; Nays – none.

### **Charter City Presentation tabled (2-0)**

Note: Charter City business will be taken up by an ad hoc committee.

### **Adjourn**

With no other business, Meade adjourned the meeting at 7:52 PM.

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Chairman Meade

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Clerk of Council