

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
JUNE 10, 2004

The Board of Public Works and Safety met at 10:00am on Thursday, June 10, 2004. Present were Mayor Costas, Clerk Treasurer Sharon Emerson Swihart, and Board Member John Hardwick.

Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES AND CLAIMS

Mr. Hardwick moved the minutes of the previous meeting be approved, seconded by the Mayor and so approved.

Mr. Hardwick moved for approval of claims subject to appropriation balances, seconded by the Mayor and so approved.

ITEM 1-REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REQUEST FOR SIGNS

John Marovich representing the Engineer's office requested approval to erect 4 project signs in City road right of ways. Two signs for the LaPorte Ave. Phase 3 project would be located on the north side of LaPorte Ave. across from Target, and the south side of LaPorte at the Dairy Queen. The Sturdy Rd. Project 2 locations would be on the east side of Sturdy Rd. at Speedway and on the west side of Sturdy across from the mobil home park. The signs are provided by the RDC and are to inform the public of future work. Mr. Hardwick moved for approval, seconded by the Mayor and so approved.

ITEM 2-BRIDGE WATER ESTATES SURETY

Mr. Marovich asked for acceptance of the surety in the amount of \$1,090,170 for Bridge Water Estates Development to guarantee that the public improvements will be constructed. Mr. Hardwick moved for approval, seconded by the Mayor and so approved.

ITEM 3-ARBORDALE IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Marovich recommended the Board authorize Engineer Pilz to serve notice to the developer of Arbordale that improvements must be completed by August 1, 2004 or surety will be defaulted. This has been an ongoing problem with the development. There have been numerous developers that have tried to take the project over and rectify the situation. The surety is coming due and the Engineer needs to take this action to create a safe environment for the residents concerning the roadways. The last surety was for 2 years for the latest developer who has been unresponsive to 3 months of continuous contacts made by the Engineering staff. Mr. Hardwick moved for approval of the notice and to authorize Mr. Pilz to default the surety if necessary, seconded by the Mayor and so approved.

ITEM 4-LIFE CARE SIDEWALK WAIVER

Mr. Marovich stated the intersection and the existing sidewalks that are in place, the sidewalk needs to be put in to fill in the blank spaces north from Vale Park Rd. to Bullseye along Campbell St.. The Engineer asks that the waiver signed, when we get to that type of situation Life Care be responsible to construct the sidewalk. The Life Care manager has been informed. Mr. Hardwick moved for approval, seconded by the Mayor and so approved.

ITEM 5-UTILITIES AWARD ENGINEERING CONTRACT

Mr. Hardwick referred to the development Campbell North Development. They are interested in pursuing completion and need sanitary sewers. The Bonar Group has given a price of \$29,325 to prepare cost estimates, schedules, plans and specs, and easements. He recommended the Board approve that contract. This is north of Meridian Woods on the north side of Campbell. The Mayor moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

ITEM 6-CHICAGO STREET THEATER BANNERS

At the last BOW meeting the theater requested the banners for 2004 and 2005. The item was tabled until this meeting. They now request to hang 18 7foot banners from September 15th thru October 15th of this year. Mr. Hardwick moved for approval, seconded by the Mayor and so approved.

ITEM 7-AGREEMENT VFD MEDICAL DIRECTOR

City Attorney Dave Hollenbeck stated the Fire Department personnel are regularly asked to provide and do provide first responder medical care at the scene. That involves a certification process that is culled with the need to have someone with a medical degree designated as the medical director of the unit of government providing that care. For many years this was done in conjunction with PMH and Dr. John Johnson and the department was able to piggyback on his certification and use him as medical director. Through developments PMH is no longer authorizing that type of piggybacking. It is necessary if they are to continue providing the service to our citizens, the City of Valparaiso designate a medical director for Fire Department medic certification purposes. Mr. Hollenbeck spoke to Dr. Johnson and he has agreed to continue in that capacity at no charge to the City as the Fire Department medical director. He asked the Board to accept that offer and designate Dr. Johnson as the medical director and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement at its completion. Mr. Hardwick moved for approval, seconded by the Mayor and so approved.

ITEM 8-AWARD STREET SWEEPER BID

Attorney Hollenbeck stated he and Mr. Oeding, Public Works Director reviewed the 3 bids entered. Two of the bids were the same dollar amount-\$126,000. The other bid was \$124,856 a lower dollar amount by Brown Equipment. Mr.

Oeding determined the Brown Equipment albeit the low dollar amount was non-responsive to the specifications- water capacity and speed. Attorney Hollenbeck asked that the low dollar bid not be accepted for that reason and to authorize awarding the bid to Northern Equipment as the Schwarze machine they offered @ \$126,000 met all specs and direct Mr. Oeding and himself to finalize the process with the successful bidder. The biggest remaining issue is the City would like to do this on a lease purchase and that still needs to be negotiated. Mr. Hardwick moved the bid submitted by Brown Equipment to provide a Johnson Sweeper be determined as non-responsive to the bid specs due to water capacity and speed deficiencies. He further moved the BOW accept the bid of Northern Equipment to provide a Schwarze Sweeper at the bid price of \$126,000 and authorize the Public Works Director and City Attorney to negotiate with Northern final terms and conditions of the transaction. The Mayor seconded and so approved.

ITEM 9-WEST SIDE SEWER PROJECT BIDS

The Mayor showed proof of publication. The Clerk Treasurer opened the seven bids received, and Mr. Hardwick read the dollar amounts. Each company submitted a BASE bid and 2 ALTERNATE bids.

Atlas Excavating, Inc., W. Lafayette-\$3,191,109
Gatlin Plumbing/Heating, Inc., Griffith-\$3,539,832
HRP Construction, Inc., South Bend-\$3,835,921.
LGS Plumbing, Inc., Crown Point-\$3,719,687
Gough, Inc., Crown Point-\$3,451,608
Woodruff & Sons, Inc., Michigan City-\$4,139,680.69
G E Marshall, Inc., Valparaiso-\$3,813,124.90

City Attorney Hollenbeck and Mr. Hardwick Utility Director will review the bids and return to the BOW for recommendation. Mr. Hardwick moved for approval of the review, seconded by the Mayor and so approved. They thanked the bidders and invited them to peruse the bids.

ITEM 10-FIRE DEPARTMENT AIR PACKS BID FINALIZATION

Attorney Hollenbeck stated Fire Chief Nondorf and he have gotten with the ISI people who did have the successful bid on this project. They made two modifications. The original bid had a component of trade-in consideration. After discussion it was decided an independent sale of the equipment would be better in terms of dollars the City would recover. Secondly a minor modification affects the radio interface cable and speed of that which will add \$2,000 to the bid. The total bid is actually \$169, 667. With the 2 modifications, he asked the board to authorize them to execute the purchase order. Mr. Hardwick moved for acceptance of the final bid, seconded by the Mayor and so approved.

ITEM 11-VALE PARK ROAD BOUNDARY SURVEY

Mr. Marovich requested approval of a proposal from DLZ in the amount of \$6,820 for a Boundary Survey for those particular parcels for the discovered

link that is necessary for acquisition of that property. He asked the Board to accept the proposal and authorize Mr. Pilz to execute same. Mr. Hardwick moved for approval, seconded by the Mayor and so approved.

LAPORTE AVE. PHASE 3

Mr. McGinley requested the Board to allow the addition of three line items-0064, 0065, and 0066 to the itemized pay quantities of the contract for the LaPorte Avenue Phase III Project that will result in one change order close to the end of the project. Mr. Hardwick moved for approval of the request, seconded by the Mayor and so approved.

PARKING PROBLEMS

Councilman McCasland reminded everyone, the press and Leadership Team members school is out and people need to cease parking across and blocking sidewalks for the safety of bikers and walkers.

LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

Mr. Hardwick asked Steve Poulos to appear for the Water Reclamation Department to give an explanation of our public notification system that is part of the CSO Plan. It has not yet been adopted or approved by IDEM but he believes with the rainy season, it is good to get the word to the public. Mr. Poulos stated the City was required in 2003 to submit a CSO notification procedure to the State. The general elements of the program are to educate the public and alert those who may be immediately affected by CSO and enable them to protect themselves. The main mechanism they are using is the reverse 911 people mover program located in City Hall. According to the law they were to create a public notice in the paper in March 2004.

John Seibert City Administrator stated he is working with the Clerk Treasurer, members of the finance committee, and leaders on the 05 budget.

Karen Marben HR reported the National Day of Caring is Friday June 18th. She thanked the volunteers. They will be at Spring Valley Shelter.

Don McGinley Project Manager reported LaPorte Phase III is in progress in its 2nd week. There have been some traffic and dust issues. It is going on schedule. The Westside Sewer bids will be reviewed.

Craig Phillips reported tomorrow at 9am is the presentation of the finance portion from Camiros on the Corridor Plan. The public is invited. He will be finalizing the draft Annexation Policy for consideration at the July Plan Commission meeting.

Bill Oeding thanked the Board for support on the street sweeper. There will be immediate possession. He is still waiting to hear on the grant from IDEM. They will be painting stripes, arrows, etc. They are reviewing and finalizing the pavement program.

Bill Hanna stated they continue their pursuit of the 2 hi-tech prospects that would supply 80 jobs. They expect to have an abatement on Monday's Council agenda for an existing employer. There are 266 new jobs as of now that have received direct aid from the City. The Mayor added Mr. Hanna has just received his Masters Degree in business.

Linda Zyla reminded everybody there is a Council meeting on Monday evening and coffee with the council on June 19th. Tickets are on sale for the Valparaiso Community Day at the Gary Railcats Stadium at the Park Department.

Steve Doniger thanked the Mayor and members of the Leadership Team for their participation in the Memorial Day activities at Foundation Meadows. He thanked the C of C for their facility for the Community Improvement Award. The Department will be reviewing the proposal for Foundation Meadows Master Plan later this month. The 4th of July celebration will be Sunday, July 4th at T J Middle School.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

