

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
VALPARAISO, INDIANA

April 23, 2007

The Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, met on Monday, April 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall. Mayor Costas called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. A moment of silence was observed for the tragedy at Virginia Tech. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart called roll. Present were Councilmembers Larr, Howe, McCasland, Dick, Eisenmenger, Bowker and Williams.

MINUTES

Councilmember Dick moved to approve minutes of the April 9, 2007 meeting. Councilmember Bowker seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote of 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS

Lorelei Weimer of the Porter County Tourism Bureau addressed the Council and gave an update on the Porter County Visitor and Recreation Bureau. Christine Livingston addressed the Council and discussed the Dune Creek Watershed and other projects of Save the Dunes Conservation Club.

Councilmember Williams asked Lorelei to get numbers on what percentage of funding comes from hotels within the City of Valparaiso.

Mayor Costas discussed the recycling program. He also announced the Parks and Public Works fleets will begin using bio diesel fuel. For the fifth year Valparaiso has been named a Tree City.

RESOLUTION NO. 10, 2007

**A GRANTING TAX ABATEMENT FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY
TASK FORCE TIPS**

Councilmember Eisenmenger moved that Resolution 10, 2007 be read a first time and considered on first reading. Councilmember Dick seconded the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart read the Resolution. Councilmember Dick moved to adopt Resolution No. 10, 2007. Councilmember Bowker seconded the motion.

Economic Development Director, Charlie McGill, addressed the Council. He explained the tax abatement and requested a favorable vote from the Council.

Councilmember Howe commended the employees of Task Force Tips. Councilmember Larr asked about the equipment.

Upon roll call vote the motion to adopt Resolution No. 10, 2007 passed with a 7-0 vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 11, 2007

**A GRANTING APPROVAL FOR A FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT REIMBURSEMENT
GRANT FOR PIKK'S TAVERN**

Councilmember Eisenmenger moved that Resolution 11, 2007 be read a first time and considered on first reading. Councilmember Dick seconded the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart read the Resolution. Councilmember Dick moved to adopt Resolution No. 11, 2007. Councilmember Bowker seconded the motion.

Economic Development Director, Charlie McGill, addressed the Council. He explained the reimbursement request, the work that has been done and asked for a favorable vote from the Council. Craig Phillips stated this comes to the Council with a unanimous recommendation for approval from the Plan Commission.

Councilmember McCasland asked about a side entrance on the alley. It was explained there is a fire exit door that has been approved by the Fire Department. Councilmember McCasland asked if the City is any closer to having an EID. Charlie replied they are waiting on assessed numbers.

Councilmember Howe asked if the architect found the City's procedures and policies clear and easy to comply with. The architect replied they were quite clear.

Upon roll call vote the motion to adopt Resolution No. 11, 2007 passed with a 7-0 vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 18, 2007

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE CUMULATIVE SEWER FUND AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE

Councilmember Eisenmenger moved that Ordinance No. 18, 2007 be read a first time and considered on first reading. Councilmember Dick seconded the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart read the Resolution. Councilmember Dick moved to carry Ordinance No. 18, 2007 to the May 7, 2007 meeting. Councilmember Bowker seconded the motion.

John Hardwick addressed the Council. The money will be used for sewer repairs.

Councilmember Bowker asked how long streets will be closed. John replied they are hoping to keep one lane open during the repair work. Discussion followed regarding notice of publication and the material used for the repairs.

Upon roll call vote the motion to carry Ordinance No. 18, 2007 to the May 7, 2007 meeting passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 19, 2007

AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND

Councilmember Eisenmenger moved that Ordinance No. 19, 2007 be read a first time and considered on first reading. Councilmember Dick seconded the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart read the Resolution. Councilmember Dick moved to carry Ordinance No. 19, 2007 to the May 7, 2007 meeting. Councilmember Bowker seconded the motion.

Bill Oeding addressed the Council. The money will be used for new recycling bins.

Councilmember Williams moved to suspend the rules. Councilmember Dick seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote the motion passed 7-0.

Councilmember Williams moved to adopt Ordinance No. 19, 2007 under suspension of the rules. Councilmember Dick seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 19, 2007 passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Eisenmenger presented the Police Department Annual Report.

AUDIENCE

Rich Wheeler asked about the status of having flags displayed along Lincolnway.

Carol Kuznicki asked if the sample recycling bins will get new yellow lids and will the blue bins be recycled. She also asked about the parking meter attendant uniform.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

/s/ Sharon Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer