

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
VALPARAISO, INDIANA

September 24, 2007

The Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, met on Monday, September 24, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall. Mayor Costas called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. 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 September 10, 2007 meeting. Councilmember McCasland seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion passed 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 31, 2007**

**2008 BUDGET**

Councilmember Eisenmenger moved that Ordinance No. 31, 2007 be read a second time by title and a third time in full and be considered for adoption and the opportunity be given for offering amendments to said Ordinance. Councilmember Dick seconded the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart read the Ordinance. Councilmember Dick moved to adopt Ordinance No. 31, 2007. Councilmember Bowker seconded the motion.

Upon roll call vote the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 31, 2007 passed 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 34, 2007**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN MAJOR MOVES CONSTRUCTION  
FUND AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE**

Councilmember Eisenmenger moved that Ordinance No. 34, 2007 be read a second time by title and a third time in full and be considered for adoption and the opportunity be given for offering amendments to said Ordinance. Councilmember Dick seconded the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart read the Ordinance. Councilmember Dick moved to adopt Ordinance No. 34, 2007. Councilmember Eisenmenger seconded the motion.

Councilmember Dick stated his support of this project. Councilmember Bowker discussed Councilmember McCasland's request to have TIF money fund the Cumberland pathway.

Mayor Costas announced that Ordinance No. 34, 2007 requires a Public Hearing and presented Proof of Publication that at tonight's meeting the Council will discuss the appropriation of money for extending the Campbell Street pathway and the Cumberland pathway. Seeing no one wishing to address the Council, he declared the Public Hearing closed.

Councilmember McCasland addressed the Council. The Cumberland pathway is in a TIF District. He will be voting against this Ordinance because of the source of funding.

Councilmember Williams stated the NIRPC money he referred to at the last meeting is not available. He agrees that TIF funds should be looked at to pay for the Cumberland pathway.

Councilmember Larr said he thinks TIF money should be considered for the Cumberland pathway. He does not want to see the pathway project delayed.

After discussion it was decided to vote on the Ordinance as is tonight, but strongly encourage the Redevelopment Commission to consider funding the Cumberland pathway portion.

Upon roll call vote the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 34, 2007 passed 6-1. Councilmember McCasland voted no.

**ORDINANCE NO. 35, 2007**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE RIVERBOAT FUND AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE**

Councilmember Eisenmenger moved that Ordinance No. 35, 2007 be read a second time by title and a third time in full and be considered for adoption and the opportunity be given for offering amendments to said Ordinance. Councilmember Dick seconded the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart read the Ordinance. Councilmember McCasland moved to adopt Ordinance No. 35, 2007. Councilmember Bowker seconded the motion.

Mayor Costas announced that Ordinance No. 35, 2007 requires a Public Hearing and presented Proof of Publication that at tonight's meeting the Council will discuss the appropriation of money from the Riverboat Fund for the initial cost of transferring to a countywide 911. Seeing no one wishing to address the Council, he declared the Public Hearing closed.

Upon roll call vote the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 35, 2007 passed with a 7-0 vote.

**ORDINANCE NO. 36, 2007**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE LOCAL ROAD & STREET FUND AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE**

Councilmember Eisenmenger moved that Ordinance No. 36, 2007 be read a second time by title and a third time in full and be considered for adoption and the opportunity be given for offering amendments to said Ordinance. Councilmember Dick seconded the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart read the Ordinance. Councilmember Dick moved to adopt Ordinance No. 36, 2007. Councilmember Bowker seconded the motion.

Mayor Costas announced that Ordinance No. 36, 2007 requires a Public Hearing and presented Proof of Publication that at tonight's meeting the Council will discuss the appropriation of money from the Local Road and Street Fund for paving. Seeing no one wishing to address the Council, he declared the Public Hearing closed.

Upon roll call vote the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 36, 2007 passed with a 7-0 vote.

**ORDINANCE NO. 37, 2007**

**AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS IN THE CCD FUND**

Councilmember Eisenmenger moved that Ordinance No. 37, 2007 be read a first time and considered on first reading. Councilmember Dick seconded the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart read the Ordinance. Councilmember McCasland moved to carry Ordinance No. 37, 2007 to the October 8, 2007 meeting. Councilmember Bowker seconded the motion.

Clerk-Treasurer Swihart explained this is a transfer in the Fire Department budget to shore up some accounts and purchase hose.

Upon voice vote the motion to carry Ordinance No. 37, 2007 to the October 8, 2007 meeting passed 7-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmember Howe stated south Valparaiso Street is looking really nice.

Pack 963 from Immanuel Lutheran School was introduced.

**AUDIENCE**

Rich Wheeler discussed his concern with Chicago Street at Silhavy. The traffic on Chicago backs up and the road is deteriorating.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.  
/s/ Sharon Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer