

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
VALPARAISO, INDIANA

March 31, 2008

The Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, met on Monday, March 31, 2008 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 Bowker, Ward, Taylor, Eisenmenger, Elwood and Dick. Councilmember Larr was absent.

**MINUTES**

Councilmember Dick moved to approve minutes of the March 10, 2008 meeting. Councilmember Eisenmenger seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion to adopt the minutes passed 6-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 4, 2008**

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING TAX ABATEMENT FOR REAL ESTATE  
IMPROVEMENTS  
I-PACT**

Councilmember Eisenmenger moved that Resolution No. 4, 2008 be read a first time and considered on first reading. Councilmember Dick seconded the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart read Resolution No. 4, 2008. Councilmember Dick moved to adopt Resolution No. 4, 2008. Councilmember Eisenmenger seconded the motion.

Matt Murphy addressed the Council. I-PACT is currently at 260 South Campbell. They plan to build in Eastport Centre. He asked the Council to pass this Resolution granting a seven year tax abatement.

Councilmember Bowker pointed out the abatement is on real property and not personal property. The personal property will be a pass through.

Upon roll call vote the motion to adopt Resolution No. 4, 2008 passed with a 6-0 vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. 5, 2008**

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING TASK FORCE TIPS, INC. AN ASSESSED VALUATION  
DEDUCTION (TAX ABATEMENT), FOR TANGIBLE REAL AND PERSONAL  
PROPERTY UNDER INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1**

Councilmember Eisenmenger moved that Resolution No. 5, 2008 be read a first time and considered on first reading. Councilmember Dick seconded the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart read Resolution No. 5, 2008. Councilmember Dick moved to adopt Resolution No. 5, 2008. Councilmember Eisenmenger seconded the motion.

Matt Murphy addressed the Council. Task Force Tips is expanding. This expansion will create approximately 45 new jobs in Valparaiso. He asked the Council to pass this Resolution granting a ten year tax abatement.

Stu McMillan addressed the Council. He explained the benefit of the expansion and talked about the careers it will generate. He thanked the Council for past tax abatements.

Upon roll call vote the motion to adopt Resolution No. 5, 2008 passed with a 6-0 vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. 6, 2008**

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING HEINOLD & FELLER, INC. AN ASSESSED  
VALUATION DEDUCTION (TAX ABATEMENT), FOR TANGIBLE REAL AND**

**PERSONAL PROPERTY UNDER INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1**

Councilmember Eisenmenger moved that Resolution No. 6, 2008 be read a first time and considered on first reading. Councilmember Dick seconded the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart read Resolution No. 6, 2008. Councilmember Dick moved to adopt Resolution No. 6, 2008. Councilmember Bowker seconded the motion.

Matt Murphy addressed the Council. Heinold & Feller is applying under the incentive package with the Eastgate Project. He asked for the Council's approval and recommended a ten year abatement.

Councilmember Bowker discussed the assessed value and the façade program.

Gordon Etzler, on behalf of Heinold & Feller, addressed the Council. He asked for the Council's approval on this abatement request. This improvement will create more jobs and will generate more business which will generate more sales tax.

Councilmember Eisenmenger cautioned the Council with tax abatement in special projects.

Upon roll call vote the motion to adopt Resolution No. 6, 2008 passed with a 6-0 vote.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 13, 2008**

#### **AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO, INDIANA, REGULATING PARKING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF VALPARAISO, INDIANA**

Councilmember Eisenmenger moved that Ordinance No. 13, 2008 be read a first time and considered on first reading. Councilmember Dick seconded the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart read the Ordinance. Councilmember Dick moved to carry Ordinance No. 13, 2008 to the April 14, 2008 meeting. Councilmember Bowker seconded the motion.

Bill Oeding addressed the Council. He explained the need to keep streets clear of vehicles in order to keep the street and sidewalks clean.

Councilmember Dick asked about the signs that will be posted. Bill said it will be significantly posted.

Councilmember Elwood asked if a tow truck could just see a vehicle in violation and hook it. Bill explained the towing company would have to be the one on call for that day. They would call the Police Department to advise what vehicle they are towing.

Councilmember Eisenmenger asked about notifying the owner. Bill said there would not be any notification because it is posted no parking.

Councilmember Bowker suggested the enforcement be postponed until the signs are done and posted on the streets. He also suggested having a notice put on residents' water bills.

Councilmember Ward asked about the residents who live in apartments in the area. Bill explained they will have to watch where they park each day. Councilmember Ward also questioned having different days with different parking versus all the same day and times. Bill replied he feels this is the best way to organize it.

Councilmember Taylor stated his concern that a \$50 fee on top of the towing fee and storage is too costly for a penalty.

Upon voice vote the motion to carry Ordinance No. 13, 2008 to the April 14, 2008 meeting passed with a 6-0 vote.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 14, 2008**

#### **AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND**

Councilmember Eisenmenger moved that Ordinance No. 14, 2008 be read a first time and considered on first reading. Councilmember Dick seconded the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart read the Ordinance. Councilmember Dick moved to carry Ordinance No. 14, 2008 to the April 14, 2008 meeting. Councilmember Bowker seconded the motion.

Dave Nondorf addressed the Council and explained the need for a transfer.

Upon voice vote the motion to carry Ordinance No. 14, 2008 to the April 14, 2008 meeting passed with a 6-0 vote.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmember Bowker announced the Fireworks committee meets in City Hall on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. The Redevelopment Commission meets April 10<sup>th</sup> in City Hall.

Councilmember Dick announced the Plan Commission meets Tuesday in City Hall at 7:00 p.m. He also reminded the Council it is the one year anniversary of the no smoking ordinance.

Councilmember Eisenmenger announced the Traffic and Safety Committee meets Tuesday at 1:00 in City Hall.

#### **AUDIENCE**

Stu McMillan commended the Fire Department on there ISO rating. He knows this takes a lot of work. Discussion followed regarding insurance ratings.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

/s/ Sharon Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer