

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
VALPARAISO, INDIANA

June 23, 2008

The Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, met on Monday, June 23, 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 Larr, Bowker, Ward, Taylor, Eisenmenger, Elwood and Dick.

**MINUTES**

Councilmember Dick moved to approve minutes of the June 9, 2008 meeting. Councilmember Bowker seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion to adopt the minutes passed 7-0.

**RESOLUTION**

Councilmember Eisenmenger moved to support the Murphy Plan in reference to the County using interest money from the sale of the hospital to repay units of government for lost money due to lack of tax draws. Councilmember Elwood seconded the motion.

Councilmember Larr asked how this money applies to the Redevelopment Commission and the City itself and other taxing units. He also asked if this motion is enough to let the County know the City supports this plan.

Clerk-Treasurer Swihart explained as she understands it, this plan takes in to account interest the City lost from not receiving the June tax draw. This would be for all taxing entities. A letter from the Mayor saying the Council passed this motion should suffice for letting the County Council and Commissioners know the City Council supports this plan.

Upon roll call vote the motion passed 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 25, 2008**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATION FUNDS IN PARK NON-REVERTING CAPITAL FUND AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE**

Councilmember Eisenmenger moved that Ordinance No. 25, 2008 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. 25, 2008. Councilmember Bowker seconded the motion.

Clerk-Treasurer Swihart explained this money is to fund equipment lease payment, Creekside sewer construction and field facility improvements.

Mayor Costas announced this Ordinance requires a Public Hearing and presented Proof of Publication that at tonight's meeting the Council will consider the appropriation of \$44,000 in the Park Non-Reverting Capital Fund. Seeing no one wishing to address the Council, he declared the Public Hearing closed.

Upon roll call vote the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 25, 2008 passed with a 7-0 vote.

**ORDINANCE NO. 26, 2008**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VI OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF VALPARAISO REMOVING ARTICLE VI IN ITS ENTIRETY AND AMENDING THE VALPARAISO CITY CODE, CREATING CHAPTER 55 ENTITLED "FLOODPLAIN AND STORMWATER REQUIREMENTS"**

Councilmember Eisenmenger moved that Ordinance No. 26, 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. 26, 2008 to the July 14, 2008 meeting. Councilmember Bowker seconded the motion.

Craig Phillips addressed the Council. This is correcting an error that was made in the version that was passed in November of 2007.

Upon voice vote the motion to carry Ordinance No. 26, 2008 to the July 14, 2008 meeting passed with a 7-0 vote.

Craig Phillips addressed the Council and advised the UDO is close to completion. They will have public workshops before asking for approval.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmember Bowker announced the Redevelopment Commission meets July 10<sup>th</sup> at the north side Fire Station starting at 7:30 p.m.

Councilmember Dick announced the Plan Commission meets July 8<sup>th</sup> in City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Eisenmenger announced Traffic and Safety meets July 8<sup>th</sup> in City Hall at 1:00 p.m.

### **AUDIENCE**

Bob McCasland addressed the Council. He had a person call him who is a member of the Blind Support Group. This group needs transportation and they are having trouble using the V-Line. Also there are a lot of illegal real estate signs around town. He is hearing concerns regarding R-1 homes being used as bunk houses for employees of companies.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.  
/s/ Sharon Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer

The City Council also met in special session at 5:30PM to interview candidates for the Valparaiso School Board. The session was adjourned in order to convene the regular Council meeting and re-adjourned after the meeting. The following candidates were interviewed:

Vincent Galbiati,  
Janice Hannah  
Paul Uhrina  
Melissa Mundt  
Brigid McClinn

Ballots were distributed to each council member to rank their choice from #1 to #5. The highest vote went to Brigid McClinn for appointment to the Valparaiso School Board. The special session adjourned at 8:45PM.

/s/ Sharon Swihart