

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
VALPARAISO, INDIANA

May 24, 2010

The Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, met on Monday, May 24, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall. Mayor Costas called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Costas.

**MATT KRAS**

Mayor Costas spoke about Storm water Engineer Matt Kras who passed away suddenly on Saturday, May 22, 2010 at the age of 31. The Mayor spoke about Matt's tireless work on behalf of the citizens who have been affected by flooding on their property. The Mayor said "It was a very difficult day for those working at City Hall Monday. It came as a shock to us and his whole family. He was beloved by everybody at city hall. He was a very kind person, conscientiously working in the background to improve the flooding issues, and he was an important part of our team."

Clerk-Treasurer Swihart called roll. Present were Council members, Larr, Bowker, Ward, Taylor, Eisenmenger, Elwood and Dick.

**MINUTES**

Councilmember Dick moved to approve minutes of the May 10, 2010 meeting. Councilmember Bowker seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion to adopt the minutes passed with a 7-0 vote.

**PRESENTATION**

Larry Bass, the Director of the Community Research and Service Center of Valparaiso University presented an overview of the latest Citizen views of the Quality of Life in Valparaiso. The survey included a random sample of 2700 households in the City of Valparaiso. The questionnaire used was similar to the questionnaire used in 2004. There was also an online response option. There were 604 timely and useable responses or a 23.4% return. Bar graphs illustrating percentage opinions were presented as well as comparison charts from 2004 to 2009.

A complete compilation of the survey will be available soon on the city website.

**ORDINANCE NO. 19, 2010**

**AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING REAL ESTATE INTO THE CITY OF VALPARAISO, PORTER COUNTY, INDINA, KNOWN AS CARIBBEAN POOLS ANNEXATION**

Councilmember Eisenmenger moved that Ordinance No. 19, 2010 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 Ordinance No. 19, 2010.

Councilmember Dick moved that Ordinance No. 19, 2010 be adopted. Councilmember Elwood seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, Ordinance #19, 2010 was adopted by a 7-0 vote.

**REPORTS**

City Attorney Hollenbeck announced that there were a total of 12 applicants for the Valparaiso School Board. The City Council met in executive session and reduced the field of applicants to five (5). The five applicants are: Robert Thompson, Karl Cender, Amy Corey, Scott Mundell and Deborah Koeppen. On June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00PM, the five applicants will be interviewed by the City Council, each applicant having 30 minutes for the interview process. After that process the public will be invited to submit questions to the applicants on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 5PM the Council will again meet so the applicants can be asked the questions submitted by the public. After that the Council will vote and choose the appointee to the school board.

John Siebert announced that on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Welter Room at the Forest Park Clubhouse the presentation of the public input portion of the park master plan will be discussed.

John Bowker announced the next meeting of the Redevelopment Commission will be on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM

#### **AUDIENCE**

School Board Member James Jorgensen reported on the choice of Andrew Melin as the new School Superintendent. He stated that there was an extremely strong list of candidates for the job and that is a sign of the great reputation of the Valparaiso community Schools.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

/s/ Sharon Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer