

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
VALPARAISO, INDIANA

June 28, 2010

The Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, met on Monday, June 28, 2010 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, Taylor, Eisenmenger, Elwood and Dick. Councilmember Ward was absent.

MINUTES

Councilmember Dick moved to approve minutes of the June 14, 2010 meeting. Councilmember Eisenmenger seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion to adopt the minutes passed with a 6-0 vote.

PRESENTATION

Tim Burkman, City Engineer, addressed the Council. He gave a presentation on mini-roundabouts. The project scope is to interconnect signals north/south of Lincolnway, incorporate technology and safety upgrades, remove signals where warranted and investigate alternatives to signals. The two roundabouts on Jefferson Street have been put on hold. A stop sign will be installed and lane configurations will be changed. Traffic will be studied to see if this is a good alternative. The City has received an STP grant in the amount of \$687,500. A 20% local match will be funded by the Redevelopment Commission.

Councilmember Elwood asked if the Hyatt Palma report had been considered in this project. Tim replied they are working with their recommendations.

Councilmember Eisenmenger asked about the Monroe and Washington intersection and the size. Tim discussed the advantages and how well the mini roundabouts work.

Citizen comments were heard from: Jack Weiland, who stated his concern that side streets need more lighting.

Rich Wheeler asked if it is safe to assume the two roundabouts on Jefferson Street are gone. Tim replied the alternatives will be studied for 30 days and then a decision will be made.

Barbara, representing the Women's Club, expressed concern they would lose parking and property if a roundabout were put in at Washington and Jefferson Streets.

Councilmember Bowker asked if the new lines would be put down during the test. Tim replied it will be done with the repaving which will be next year.

ORDINANCE NO. 21, 2010

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

Councilmember Eisenmenger moved that Ordinance No. 21, 2010 be read a first time and considered on first reading. Councilmember Dick seconded the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart read the Ordinance. Councilmember Dick moved that Ordinance No. 21, 2010 be carried to the July 12, 2010 meeting. Councilmember Bowker seconded the motion.

Clerk-Treasurer Swihart addressed the Council and explained this money will be used to preserve the old Clerk-Treasurer's records. These books date back to 1857 when the records were handwritten.

Upon voice vote the motion to carry Ordinance No. 21, 2010 to the July 12, 2010 meeting passed with a 6-0 vote.

REPORTS

Councilmember Dick announced the Red Cross will have a blood drive at City Hall.

Councilmember Eisenmenger discussed the work which began on the Fire Department's station one today.

AUDIENCE

Jason of Prudential Executive Group addressed the Council and discussed control of people who are walking along roadways with advertising signs.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

/s/ Sharon Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer