

# SPECIAL MEETING - JULY 6, 2004

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in SPECIAL SESSION on Tuesday morning, July 6, 2004, at the hour of 11:30 a.m., in the Council Chambers, in the City Hall Building, located at 100 East Michigan Boulevard, Michigan City, Indiana - a regular meeting room of this Board.

The meeting was called to order by Anthony Metzcus, who presided.

**Noted Present:** Anthony Metzcus, Mayor Charles Oberlie, and Controller John Schaefer (3).

**Absent:** None (0).

## A QUORUM WAS NOTED PRESENT.

Also noted in attendance:

Al Walus, General Manager, Sanitary District  
Bill Phelps, City Engineer  
Pat Larsen, Deputy Clerk

Tim Haas, Haas & Associates  
Warren Thiede, Haas & Associates  
Ryan Miller, D & M Construction

Melissa Skopelja, News-Dispatch

## WABASH/WASHINGTON PROJECT

Consideration of agreement between the Board of Public Works and Safety and the Sanitary District.

Mr. Walus thanked the Board for scheduling a special meeting.

He submitted the following proposed letter of understanding for consideration:

### **A LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SANITARY DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN CITY AND THE MICHIGAN CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WABASH-WASHINGTON SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT, PHASE I**

WHEREAS, the Sanitary District of Michigan City (herein after referred to as the "District") desires to separate sanitary sewers within the City of Michigan City within an area generally bounded by Wabash Street on the West, Barker Avenue to the south, Franklin Street on the east and 11th Street on the north; and,

WHEREAS, the District has determined that certain sanitary sewer lines within the project area need to be replaced due to their age and deteriorated conditions, said replacement to be best accomplished at the time the sewers are separated; and,

WHEREAS, the budget of the City of Michigan City for the Year 2004 contains an appropriation for the construction of storm sewers, with said fund being administered by the Board of Public Works and Safety (herein after referred to as the "Board"); and,

WHEREAS, the project as envisioned by the Board includes the paving of impacted streets, the widening of streets to provide on-street parking where practical, as well as the construction or reconstruction of certain curbs, gutters and sidewalks.

NOW, THEREFORE the District and Board agree as follows:

- Section 1: That the District will provide engineering services and construction supervision for the Wabash-Washington Sewer Separation Project Phase I as described in the whereas clauses of this letter.
- Section 2: That the District will obtain bids for the project and proceed with construction. It being understood that a project of this magnitude will require a Common Construction Wage pursuant to Indiana Law and conformance to the City's Affirmative Action-Equal Employment Opportunity Program.
- Section 3: That prior to awarding the construction contract the District will present the final plans and specifications to the Board for review and approval.
- Section 4: That after the District has reviewed and approved periodic claims from the contractor, the District will forward said claims to the Board for payment; however, the Board's financial liability under this agreement shall not exceed \$2,000,000 with all designated for construction and engineering services.

Mr. Walus presented the following information to the members:

Re: Wabash-Washington Phase I Design Process Summary

The design process for the Wabash-Washington Phase I Project involved public participation and public input as follows:

1. February 29, 2004: Review meeting at the Sanitary District Administration Building with the Wabash Neighborhood Association Officers to discuss various configurations of Wabash Street.
2. March 14, 2004: Public Meeting at St. Anthony Hospital with neighborhood residents to present plans and discuss Wabash Street configurations.
3. May 23, 2004: Public Meeting at St. Anthony Hospital with neighborhood residents to present plans and discuss Wabash Street configurations.

Current as-bid drawings include the final recommendations from neighborhood residents to include parking on both sides of Wabash Street from 11<sup>th</sup> Street south to William.

During the Pre-Bid Meeting on June 15, 2004, the Sanitary District stated the intent to award a construction contract for this work no later than two weeks after receipt of bids. The purpose for the two week turnaround was to allow the successful bidder as much time as possible to begin mobilization in order to achieve the Phase IA Milestone Completion date of November 30, 2004. Phase IA construction work includes the reconstruction of Wabash Street from 11<sup>th</sup> Street south to Station 24 + 43.3, which is approximately 87' north of the Homer Street centerline. Bids were received for the construction of this project on June 23, 2004; thus, the desired bid award date is no later than July 7, 2004. A Sanitary District Special Meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2004, to consider the recommendation of our Consulting Engineer on this project, Haas & Associates, to award the contract to the low bidder, D&M Excavating, Inc., of Michigan City. A Pre-Construction Meeting has also been scheduled for this project on July 7, 2004.

Following discussion among Mr. Walus, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Thiede, and Mayor Oberlie, Mr. Schaefer moved to approve the agreement and plans as presented. Mr. Oberlie seconded the motion, which carried by the following vote: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie, and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0).**

There being nothing else to be considered by the Board at this time, the presiding officer declared the meeting ADJOURNED (approximately 11:55 a.m.).

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Thomas F. Fedder, City Clerk