

REGULAR MEETING–FEBRUARY 19, 2008

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in REGULAR SESSION on Tuesday morning, February 19, 2008, at the hour of 9:00 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, President; Mayor Charles Oberlie, Member; and John Schaefer, Member (3).

Absent: None (0).

A QUORUM WAS NOTED PRESENT.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schaefer moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 4, 2008 be approved as printed. The motion was seconded by Tony Metzcus and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

Also noted in attendance:

Attorney John Espar
Cpl. Jeff Loniewski, Traffic Division, M.C.P.D.
Al Walus, General Manager, Sanitary District
John Pugh, Director, Planning & Inspection
Bill Phelps, City Engineer
Dave Lamb, Chief, M.C. Fire Dept.
Shelley Dunleavy, Personnel

Gale Neulieb, Deputy City Clerk
Kim Sliwa, Assistant Deputy City Clerk

BUTTERFLY PROJECT

Thomas S. Phillips of Oposo Industries addressed the Board regarding the success of the 2007 Butterfly Project and his proposal to continue this project in 2008; previously Mr. Phillips worked with the Redevelopment Commission. He explained this time the project would be offered to businesses outside of the Redevelopment District. Mr. Phillips asked if the Mayor's Public Relations Director could put the information on the City's web page as they did in the past. Mr. Phillips will e-mail a PDF version of the advertisement for the web page designers to the Mayor's Office. A donation was made to Dunebrook Child Abuse Prevention Center last year from the proceeds made.

John Schaefer made the motion to approve; the motion was seconded by Mayor Oberlie and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie, and Schaefer (3).**
NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Shelley Dunleavy, Personnel Director, explained the Memorandum of Understanding to the Board between the City of Michigan City and the Amalgamated Transit Union, regarding a Grievance that had been filed. The Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed to by both parties with regards to the assignment of extra work within the department and now needs the Board's approval.

Mayor Oberlie made the motion to approve; the motion was seconded by John Schaefer and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie, and Schaefer (3).**
NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GRIEVANCES

John Espar, City Attorney explained to the Board how the two (2) grievances from AFSCME came about and what they are trying to do as far as dispatchers bumping/displacing City employees with less seniority within the City with equal or lesser job classifications. Mr. Espar informed the Board of their responsibility with regards to the grievances; and some questions that need to be asked/answered in regards to these types of grievances. AFSCME (American Federation of State County Municipal Employees Union) represents both the dispatchers and city employees. Mr. Espar recommended to the Board that it authorizes him to frame these questions in the form of a letter to the Union in seeking greater clarification; and then once the issues have been better framed or identified for the Board then a hearing can be scheduled on the issues to be resolved.

Mayor Oberlie made a motion to authorize the City Attorney to communicate the issues of concern to the AFSCME director so that a hearing can be set on those grievances the union wishes have heard, the motion was seconded by John Schaefer and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie, and Schaefer (3).** **NAYS: None (0).** **Motion carries.**

Laverne Gill-Jefferson, Police Dispatcher, expressed her issues and concerns with the current proposal/packet put together by the County.

CLAIMS AND PAYROLL

John Schaefer, City Controller moved that the claims set forth in the Register of Claims (in possession of the City Controller) and appearing in the Register be severally allowed and ordered paid and proper warrants for payment thereof hereby ordered issued in the stated amounts to person(s) and/or firm(s) as set forth, and payrolls approved. The motion was seconded by Tony Metzcus and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie, and Schaefer (3).** **NAYS: None (0).** **Motion carries.**

The Board signed: Payroll Items in Register of Claims for informational purposes (which Register is in the possession of the City Controller) as follows:

Page	Date	Amount
1 of 7	02/15/2008	\$396,584.21

STREET LIGHT REQUEST

John Pugh, Director, Planning & Inspection addressed the Board with regards to the request of the Krueger Neighborhood Association for a street light to be placed at the corner of Woodland Avenue and East 8th Street; there is an existing pole, #234/399, and recommended that the Board approve this request.

Mayor Oberlie moved to direct the Clerk's Office to send a letter to NIPSCO authorizing the installation of the street light on pole #234/399; the motion was seconded by John Schaefer and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie, and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

Angie Starks, 714 Minnie Street, a member of the Krueger Neighborhood Association addressed the Board to express the Krueger Neighborhood Association's appreciation for their quick response to this request.

ADJOURNMENT

Board at this time and, there being none, declared the meeting ADJOURNED (approximately 9:25 a.m.).

Thomas F. Fedder, City Clerk