

REGULAR MEETING – March 2, 2009

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in REGULAR SESSION on Monday morning, March 2, 2009, 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.

Also noted in attendance:

John Espar, Corporate Counsel
Sgt. Jeff Loniewski, Traffic Division, M.C.P.D.
Bill Phelps, City Engineer
John Pugh, Director, Planning and Inspection
Jim Elwell, Superintendent, Central Maintenance
Jack Kahn, Director, Street Department
Al Walus, General Manager, Sanitary District

Thomas Fedder, City Clerk
Kim Sliwa, Asst. Deputy City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schaefer moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2009 be approved as printed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Metzcus and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

GRANT AGREEMENT

John Pugh, Director, Planning and Inspection addressed the Board explaining that Michigan City has been awarded a \$100,000 Brownfields Stipulated Assessment Grant by the Indiana Finance Authority for environmental assessment activities at the former Josam Foundry site; this is the eastern side that adjoins the Knoll Brothers area, where plums have been located and needs further analysis. This is for informational purposes only.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT

Bill Phelps, City Engineer addressed the Board explaining the Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with regards to the Coolspring Avenue reconstruction project; stating this is an amendment to the agreement for the design of Coolspring Avenue for Engineering Services. Mr. Phelps informed the Board that he has reviewed the Man Hour Justification and finds it acceptable; and recommends the Board approves this agreement. Mr. Phelps also stated that the City will receive 80% funding for this project.

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

RESIGNATIONS – M.C. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Steven Bailey and Officer KC Hayden tendered their resignations effective February 13, 2009. This is for informational purposes only.

CLAIMS AND PAYROLL

Mr. Schaefer, 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 Mr. 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 3	02/20/2009	\$173,016.53
1 of 10	02/27/2009	\$627,206.08

Allowance of claims as set forth in the Register of Claims as follows:

Page	Date	Amount
1 of 4	03/02/2009	\$627,505.49

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

A.L.C.O. – Proposal and Operating Plan for MC channel 99

Mayor Oberlie addressed the Board, making the motion, to have the Clerk's Office prepare a letter to the President of the Common Council asking that a date be set for a workshop to discuss the Proposal and Operating Plan for MC channel 99 (A.L.Co.). The motion was seconded by Mr. Metzcus and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

ORDINANCE NO. 3965 – Animal Services Fund

Corporate Counsel John Espar, advised the Board that the City has been approached by the Independent Cat Society for financial assistance to support their management of a Trap, Neuter and Return Program for stray cats in the city. Counsel Espar explained the specifics of the program to the Board; and addressed Ordinance No. 3965 which states that funds collected through the Licensing Fees. Counsel Espar advised the Board to consider the request for a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Independent Cat Society and the City. The City has also been approached by the Michiana Humane Society.

Mayor Oberlie made the motion to have the Controller's Office to submit a request for appropriation to the Council; the objective would be to sign an agreement with the interested parties, i.e.; Independent Cat Society, Fried's Cat Shelter, and the Michiana Humane Society. The motion was seconded by Mr. Metzcus and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie, and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

ADJOURNMENT

The presiding officer inquired whether there was anything else to be considered by the Board at this time and, there being none, declared the meeting ADJOURNED (approximately 9:30 a.m.).

Thomas F. Fedder, City Clerk