

SPECIAL MEETING – June 29, 2009

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in SPECIAL SESSION on Monday morning, June 29, 2009, at the hour of 8:00 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 Chuck Oberlie, Member;
And John Schaefer, Member (3).

Absent: None (0).

A QUORUM WAS NOTED PRESENT.

Also noted in attendance:

John Espar, Corporatation Counsel
Sgt. Jeff Loniewski, M.C.P.D. Traffic Division

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

OPENING OF BIDS – Purchase of one (1) Dump Truck, Central Maintenance

Mayor Oberlie informed the Board there were five (5) bids packets for the purchase of one (1) Single Axle Dump Truck for Central Maintenance. The Mayor opened the following bids:

Northern Equipment Company, Plymouth, IN	\$52,955.00
Great Lakes International Trucks, LLC, South Bend, IN	\$127,078.61
(*Note: early option – deduct \$837.00 if you pay for chassis only when it is delivered to the body company.)	
Weirs International,	\$134,354.42
Hill Truck Sales, Inc., South Bend, IN	\$120,855.00
Truck City of Gary, Inc., Gary, IN	\$123,708.00

Mayor Oberlie made the motion to refer to Central Maintenance Department, the City Engineer and the E.E.O. Office for tabulation; and reporting back at next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schaefer and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

REQUEST FOR STREET CLOSING

The following correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office on June 19, 2009 from Pastor Willie Martin, 2109 Elston Street:

My name is Pastor Willie Martin. I reside in Michigan City at 2109 Elston Street. I'm requesting for a permit to close my street down for the Fourth of July because we, the Martin family are having a huge family reunion. We are having family to come from all around. Family we haven't seen in years. It would start at 8:00 am until 12:00 pm July 4, 2009 (Saturday). If it is possible I would like to get this done so we can have somewhere to park. We want our kids to play and have fun. I'm renting equipment for the kids to play on or in. We are having fireworks on the street and we will clean up our street after our family reunion. Thank you! If you have any questions, call my secretary Mrs. Taylor at 219-879-3162 or 219-898-9032.

Sgt. Jeff Loniewski, M.C.P.D. Traffic Division addressed the Board regarding this request stating he had left a message with Pastor Martin's secretary, Mrs. Taylor, regarding some concerns about the request; specifically - #1) fireworks on street, this will not be allowed, and #2) the time length of the street closure – 8:00 am to 12:00 pm – Sgt. Loniewski recommended a time frame of 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Mayor stressed that it is the Martin Family's responsibility to have someone available to move the barricades for local traffic.

Mayor Oberlie moved to accept the recommendation of the M.C.P.D. Traffic Division, and authorized the street closure from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Metzcus and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

REQUEST FOR STREET CLOSING

The following correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office on June 19, 2009 from Charlie King, Charlie's Bar and Grill, 517 E. Barker Avenue:

I realize the Board of Public Works Meeting was Monday, June 15, 2009. I didn't know I needed the approval from the City until today. I am the owner of Charlie's Bar and Grill and plan on having an Independence Day Party in the parking lot of Charlie's on July 3, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to midnight. We will be having a band and the area will be fenced in. I will be hiring a Police Officer for security will bring in proof of insurance.

What I would like to do is close the street from Barker Avenue down to the Alley on Maple Street during this time. If you have any questions, please contact me at the above telephone number. Thank you for your assistance.

Sgt. Jeff Loniewski, M.C.P.D. Traffic Division addressed the Board regarding this request stating he had spoken to a manager of the establishment who informed him they are not going to be hosting any events on the City streets; their purpose of closing the street is for parking and pedestrian safety. Sgt. Loniewski did inform Charlie's that they would have to keep one (1) lane open for Fire and EMS vehicles; otherwise it will be solely for the purpose of parking.

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

AWARDING OF BID – Karwick Bridge Project – item #14

Mayor Oberlie explained to the Board that their approval is necessary for the claim that was submitted as part of a Grant requirement that the funding has to be committed by June 30, 2009; with the objective being to approve the claim that is in the possession of the Controller's Office for the beginning construction work, so the check can be issued to Tonn & Blank for \$84,228.01.

Mayor Oberlie made the motion to approve the claim. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schaefer 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 8:35 a.m.).