

REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 5, 2009

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in REGULAR SESSION on Monday morning, October 5, 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 and John Schaefer, Member (2).

Absent: Mayor Charles Oberlie (1).

A QUORUM WAS NOTED PRESENT.

Also noted in attendance:

John Espar, Corporation Counsel
Bill Phelps, City Engineer
Sgt. Jeff Loniewski, M.C.P.D. Traffic Division
Dave Lamb, Fire Chief
Shelley Dunleavy, Personnel Director
Jim Elwell, Superintendent Central Services
Jack Kahn, Director, Street Department
Charlie Cate, Superintendent, Central Maintenance

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schaefer moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 21, 2009 be approved as printed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Metzcus and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, and Schaefer (2). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

DISPOSAL OF BUS

Charlie Cate, Superintendent, Central Maintenance addressed the Board asking for approval to declare a 2003 Bluebird Bus excess and approved for sale. Mr. Cate also requested that the method of sale be to advertise for sealed bids to be delivered to the Clerk's Office or in a manner that the Board of Works deems appropriate.

Mr. Schaefer moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Metzcus and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, and Schaefer (2). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

Mr. Cate also addressed the Board regarding a previous request to trade-in a 1990 Ford F350 Crew Cab to be used in the conversion of the Police Paddy Wagon Cab and Chassis to a Dump truck; stating this vehicle should have been included in the request of September 25, 2009 with Northern Equipment.

Mr. Schaefer clarified that this is just an addition to the request from before. Mr. Metzcus made the motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schaefer and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, and Schaefer (2). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

PHYSICAL FITNESS TESTING

Sgt. Chris Yagelski, Michigan City Police Department, wrote the following on September 28, 2009:

This letter is to inform you that the Michigan City Police Department Division of Professional Standards will be administering the Fall Physical Fitness Test for our officers.

This testing will take place on Tuesday's and Wednesday's beginning on October 6th thru October 28th, at 8:30 am and 2:30 pm. The testing site will be the Striebel Pond Park

Note: This has been filed in the Clerks Office for informational purposes only.

PHYSICAL FITNESS TESTING

Fire Chief Dave Lamb, Michigan City Fire Department, wrote the following on September 30, 2009:

Physical fitness program will be conducted on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the following weeks:

- October 6th, 7th and 8th
- October 13th, 14th and 15th
- October 20th, 21st and 22nd
- October 27th, 28th and 29th

Station assignments as follows:

- Station 1 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Station 2 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Station 3 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Station 4 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Training Officer will oversee the physical fitness program.

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REQUEST FOR STREET LIGHT

The following correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office on October 1, 2009 from Frances & Melvin Metcalf, 201 Holiday Street:

I, Melvin C. Metcalf live at 201 Holiday Street with my son. Due to the area being so dark I am asking the Board of Works and Public Safety to please put in a street light in front of my home, for the safety of the children and homeowners in the area.

Mr. Schaefer made the motion to refer the request to the M.C.P.D. Traffic Division and the Planning Department for their recommendation, to be presented at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Metzcus and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, and Schaefer (2). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

CLAIMS AND PAYROLL

Mr. Metzcus, 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. Schaefer and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus and Schaefer (2). 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 9	09/23/2009	\$424,054.90
1 of 3	10/01/2009	\$243,201.30

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

Page	Date	Amount
1 of 4	10/05/2009	\$745,278.84

DISPOSITION OF GREIVANCE – Michigan City Fire Department Local 475

Corporation Counsel, John Espar presented the disposition of a grievance; stating the hearing was held by Executive Session on September 8, 2009.

Mr. Schaefer made the motion to approve the disposition of the grievance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Metzcus and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, and Schaefer (2). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Bill Phelps, City Engineer addressed the Board and reported the following:

Walker Street Improvements – Mr. Phelps reported to the Board the project is complete, except for hydro-mulching the lawn areas, placement of the surface asphalt and completing the final punch list.

Coolspring Avenue Reconstruction – Mr. Phelps reported to the Board that the well point de-watering system at White Oak Drive and Coolspring Avenue has had trouble lowering the elevation ground water therefore the sub-contractor outsourced a different system. Mr. Phelps also reported that the storm sewer installation West of White Oak Drive and Coolspring Avenue is continuing.

Village Green Subdivision Pavement Improvement Project – Mr. Phelps informed the Board that Phase I, pouring of concrete pavement is complete. Mr. Phelps stated that Phase II, excavation of the existing pavement and drive-way approaches along Lexington will commence on October 7, 2009; and Phase II, excavation of the pavement and approach drive-ways on the remaining part of Broadbrook will commence on October 12, 2009. Mr. Phelps explained the type of concrete, as “high early strength concrete”, that will be used for Phase II. Mr. Phelps reminded the Board that the only exception for not getting done will be the weather.

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ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mr. John Chalikian, 609 Franklin Street addressed the Board stating he will do whatever the city expects of him in regards to the cleaning up and fixing of his property at 1203 E. 2nd Street. Mr. Chalikian expressed his concerns and issues with how the City handles the surrounding properties.

Mr. Metzcus reminded Mr. Chalikian that the City is only addressing the property owned by him, and that he has been given thirty (30) days to comply. Mr. Metzcus asked if he has contacted the City's Inspection and Planning Department regarding the other properties, as this is how the process gets started.

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 9:20 a.m.).

Thomas F. Fedder, City Clerk