

SPECIAL MEETING – DECEMBER 29, 2009

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in SPECIAL SESSION on Tuesday morning, December 29, 2009, at the hour of 8:30 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 Vice-President, John Schaefer, who presided.

Noted Present: John Schaefer, and Mayor Charles Oberlie, (2).

Absent: Anthony Metzcus, President (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
Shelley Dunleavy, Personnel Director

Gale Neulieb, Deputy City Clerk

END OF YEAR BUSINESS

PUBLIC ACCESS STUDIO AND GOVERNMENT CHANNEL -

Vice President, John Schaefer stated the purpose of this special meeting was for any unfinished or last minute business that has to be conducted on behalf of the City; and asked if anyone had any such business.

Mayor Oberlie advised the Board that the City Attorney's Office has been working on the RFP for the Public Access Studio and Government Channel, and formally moved to authorize the Attorney's Office to proceed with the solicitation of proposals with an opening as determined (usually a 45 day response period due to information required). The motion was seconded by Mr. Schaefer and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Oberlie and Schaefer (2). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

LaFAYETTE/BARKER SEWER PROJECT -

5TH Ward Councilman, Willie Milsap addressed the Board regarding the Lafayette/Barker Sewer Project which extends into his ward, asking for an update.

Mayor Oberlie informed Councilman Milsap that at the last meeting of the Redevelopment Commission and the Sanitary District, the Sanitary District has made a tentative award of the contract subject to the Redevelopment Authority for selling Bonds for the project. The Mayor stated the objective would be to get the Michigan Boulevard section done from 8th Street to 11th Street through the Bond, and pursuing additional stimulus monies for the advancement of the project from there; indicating the hopes to start the project next year.

(note: for informational purposes only)

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT –

Shelley Dunleavy, Personnel Director addressed the Board informing them that she has requested bids from three (3) Optometrists in Michigan City to perform eye examinations for the Police, Fire and CDL holders. Mrs. Dunleavy stated she has received only one (1) bid from Midwest Eye Consultants, and that they have increased the fee from \$27.00 to \$32.00 per eye exam. Ms. Dunleavy asked the Board to accept the bid.

Mayor Oberlie made the motion to approve the contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schaefer and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Oberlie and Schaefer (2).**
NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.

ENGINEER DEPARTMENT –

Bill Phelps, City Engineer reported to the Board the status of the Coolspring Avenue project; stating there are some deterioration problems with the road surface and that the Contractor has been made aware of them, and will repair as weather permits.

5th Ward Councilman, Willie Milsap addressed the Board about the recent paving of Walker Street and when “striping” of the street will be done, as well as Coolspring Avenue.

Mr. Phelps addressed Mr. Milsap’s concerns and explained the process.

CLAIMS AND PAYROLL -

Mayor Oberlie, 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 Oberlie and Schaefer (2).**
NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.

The Board signed: Allowance of claims as set forth in the Register of Claims for informational purposes (which Register is in the possession of the City Controller) as follows:

Page	Date	Amount
1 of 6	12/29/2009	\$946,076.47

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.).

Thomas F. Fedder, City Clerk