The Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday Evening, February 1, 2000, at the hour of 7:30 p.m., local time, in the Common Council Chambers, located in the lower level of the City Hall Building, 100 East Michigan Boulevard, Michigan City, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council President JoEileen Winski, who presided.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a short period of silent prayer were observed. Deceased City employees Bob Holt and Don Peterson were remembered at this time.

Roll call was authorized and the following were noted present and/or absent:

PRESENT:  COUNCIL MEMBERS Evelyn D. Baker; Carolyn Harmon; Joseph LaRocco; Charles Lungren; Virginia R. Martin; Willie Milsap; Paul A. Przybylinski; Denzil D. Wilson and JoEileen Winski (9)

ABSENT:  None (0)

A QUORUM WAS NOTED PRESENT.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

President Winski inquired whether there were any corrections, deletions, or additions to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 18, 2000, and, there being no objections, declared the minutes approved as printed.

REPORTS of STANDING, SPECIAL, or SELECT COMMITTEES

Councilwoman Baker reported that the Plan Commission had a short meeting the previous week. She asked City Planner John Pugh about what can be done about the new, double billboards. She mentioned the possibility of repealing the 1983 Ordinance which allows the signs. Mr. Pugh agreed that could be done. There was further discussion among Council Members Wilson and LaRocco and City Attorney Larry Allen. Mr. Pugh agreed to hold applications for new billboards until the Council had an opportunity to repeal the Ordinance at their next meeting.

Councilman Lungren reported on the Redevelopment Commission.

Councilman LaRocco announced a meeting of the Tree Board.

REPORTS of OTHER CITY OFFICERS and DEPARTMENTS

Councilwoman Baker declined her appointment as liaison to the Housing Authority because of a conflict. This position was left to be filled by Mrs. Winski at a later date.

PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no Resolutions.

ORDINANCES

The Clerk read on second reading by title only, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL NON-REVERTING FUND WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION OF THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA FOR REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE, AND REPLACEMENT EXPENSES AT THE MICHIGAN CITY SENIOR CENTER, introduced by Joseph LaRocco.

Councilman LaRocco requested suspension of the rules to allow third reading of the Ordinance at this meeting. There were no objections.
ORDINANCE NO. 3781

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL NON-REVERTING FUND WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION OF THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA FOR REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE, AND REPLACEMENT EXPENSES AT THE MICHIGAN CITY SENIOR CENTER

WHEREAS, the Michigan City Common Council has determined that there is a need for a Special Non-Reverting Operating Fund within the Department of Parks and Recreation of said City to improve the quality and efficiency of the operation of the Michigan City Senior Center in Washington Park, including repairs, replacements, and maintenance expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan City Common Council is empowered to establish a Special Non-Reverting Operating Fund for park purposes pursuant to Chapter 311, Section 221 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana for 1955 (I.C. 36-10-3-22);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Michigan City Common Council as follows:

Section 1. Under the provisions of Chapter 311, Section 221 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana for 1955 (I.C. 36-10-3-22) there is hereby established within the Department of Parks and Recreation of the City of Michigan City, a Special Non-Reverting Operating Fund for the repairs, replacements, and maintenance expenses of the Michigan City Senior Center facility in Washington Park.

Section 2. All monies from fees received by said Department from the rental of said facility, or any revenues received from its use, for seminars, bridal showers, wedding receptions, or other private social events, from and after the date of the adoption of this Ordinance, shall be deposited into such fund.

Section 3. Expenditures shall be made from said fund only for the maintenance, repairs and replacement expenses of the Michigan City Senior Center facility. Such expenditures include but are not limited to building repairs and maintenance; office and household supplies; furniture; replacement of operating systems, light fixtures, carpeting, or other fixtures in the building; reimbursement of employee maintenance costs; landscaping and other similar expenditures.

Section 4. Expenditures may be made from said fund for said purposes only upon approved claims allowed by the Park and Recreation Board and signed by its President and Secretary.

Section 5. Any unexpended monies remaining in said Fund at the end of each year shall not revert to the General Fund of the City, but shall remain in said Fund and become available for expenditure upon the terms and conditions set forth herein, during the following year.

Section 6. In the event that the Park and Recreation Board determines that an excess of monies in said Fund will not be needed for expenditure for an anticipated period of more than six (6) months, such excess monies may be invested at interest by the City Controller upon written notification from the Board, provided however, that said funds may not be invested in time deposits.

Section 7. All monies to be expended from said Fund in any year shall be shown in the budget of said Department beginning with the first fiscal year from and after the adoption hereof.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and approval according to law.

INTRODUCED BY: /s/ Joseph LaRocco

Councilman LaRocco moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Przybylinski. The motion carried and the Ordinance was adopted by the following vote:


UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Appointment of one member of Urban Enterprise Association, term to end December 31, 2003 - A member who is a resident of the zone and a member of opposite political party of the Mayor

Councilman Przybylinski nominated John Sharkey, 218 East Tenth Street, seconded by Councilman Milsap. John Vail, 401 Vail Street, spoke in support of this nomination.

Councilman LaRocco nominated Scott Emerick, 715 Emma Street. Mr. Sharkey was nominated by the following vote: Mr. Sharkey: COUNCIL MEMBERS Przybylinski, Wilson, Winski, Harmon, LaRocco, Martin, and Milsap (7). Mr. Emerick: COUNCIL MEMBERS Baker and Lungren (2).

Councilman Milsap seconded the motion, which carried as follows: AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS Wilson, Winski, Baker, Harmon, LaRocco, Lungren, Martin, Milsap, and Przybylinski (9). NAYS: None (0).
The position from the Welfare to Work was left to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS
There was no New Business

COMMENTS BY THE COUNCIL
Councilwoman Martin requested agendas ahead of time from all of the Boards and Commissions. President Winski requested that all Council Members receive copies of agendas at their homes.
Councilman Lungren spoke concerning volunteers for removing snow from the sidewalks of the handicapped and elderly.
Councilman Przybylinski called attention to the tour of their facilities offered by the Water Department.

COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to transact and there being no objections, President Winski declared the meeting ADJOURNED (approximately 8:05 p.m.).

Thomas F. Fedder, City Clerk