

REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 17, 2007

The Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday Evening, April 17, 2007, 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 Willie Milsap, who presided.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a short period of silent prayer were observed.

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

PRESENT: **COUNCIL MEMBERS** Evelyn D. Baker; Patricia Boy; Angelo Corley, Joseph Doyle; Phillip Jankowski, Virginia Martin; Ronald Meer, Willie Milsap, and Paul Przybylinski (9).

ABSENT: None (0).

A QUORUM WAS NOTED PRESENT.

At this time, Council President Milsap and Councilman Przybylinski welcomed new Council Member Angelo Corley.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

President Milsap inquired whether there were any corrections, deletions, or additions to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 3, 2007, and, to the Executive Session of April 3, 2007, and, hearing none, the minutes were approved as printed.

REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Doyle reported on the Park Department's State Board of Accounts favorable audit.

Councilwoman Boy advised the Council of jointed workshop with the Plan Commission and the City Council for May 15th at 6:00 p.m. before the regular scheduled Council meeting.

Councilman Przybylinski reported on the Solid District Board meeting that was held last month.

REPORTS of SPECIAL or SELECT COMMITTEE

Councilman Doyle advised the Council about the second Labor Relations meeting/contracts (Council Members Jankowski, Boy, and Doyle).

Councilman Doyle reported on the Summer Festival Board meeting held last evening which finalized the plans.

REPORTS of OTHER CITY OFFICERS and DEPARTMENTS

There were no reports.

PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

COMMUNICATIONS

The City Clerk read the following communications in its entirety: The following letter was received from Charlene Johnson, dated April 11, 2007, Re: Condition of Soccer Fields.

This is to inform you that money given to Park and Recreation Department to improve soccer fields at Patriot Park has not been used. No improvements have been made.

The children have their first scheduled game April 14th. I suspect the fields will be as dangerous to our young ones as they were in the fall of 2006. Are you waiting for injuries due to the city's irresponsibility.

I invite you to attend the games on Saturday mornings to see for yourself. Aren't you responsible for seeing that Park and Recreation Department follow through with their promises for money already received?

Council Members Przybylinski commented on the letter received from Charlene Johnson.

Councilman Doyle read a letter received from the Recreational Director addressed to Charlene Johnson regarding the Soccer fields located at Patriot Park.

Councilwoman Martin commented on the condition of Patriot Park, in which Councilman Doyle responded to her comments.

Council President Milsap asked if there were any comments or questions by the public and Mr. Steve Budak (111 Dewolfe Street), Vice President of the Soccer Club, and stated he has been working along with Pat at Patriot Park. He addressed the questions pertaining to the playability of the fields and the chuck holes.

There was discussion among Mr. Budak, Council President Milsap, Councilwoman Martin, and Councilman Doyle regarding various matters at Patriot Park.

Councilman Doyle reported on the numbers of what has actually been done at Patriot Park and stated he has copies available for the Council as far as their expenses.

ORDINANCES

The Clerk read on first reading by title only, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2053, THE BUILDING CODE**

Councilwoman Baker, Committee Chairman, reported on the meeting that was held and informed the Council that Attorney Jennifer was present to explain what has been done and to answer any questions concerning the proposed Ordinance.

City Attorney Jennifer Evans addressed the Council and stated the proposed Ordinance is an Ordinance presented by the Code Review Committee. She said they were contacted by Duane Seifert from the Licensing Board in reference to some issues that had come up in regards to these sections of the Code. Attorney Evans said what she thought she would do is explain each section to the Council why they are proposing that those sections be changed and if the Council has any technical question that she can't answer Mr. Seifert is present to answer questions.

Attorney Evans went through each section and explained to the Council why the Committee is proposing that those sections be changed and technical and additional questions were answered by Mr. Duane Seifert.

There was discussion regarding the proposed Ordinance among Attorney Evans, Mr. Seifert, Councilwoman Martin, Councilman Jankowski, Councilman Przybylinski, and Councilwoman Baker.

Council President Milsap asked if there were any questions or comments by the public and hearing none, the Ordinance was laid over for second reading.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Councilman Meer commented on the Council's new colleague Councilman Corley. There were various Council Members who extended their welcome and expertise to Mr. Corley.

Councilman Doyle made various comments directed to Councilman Jankowski regarding what he felt as an attack to his character by his fellow Park Board Liaison Councilman Jankowski. Councilman Jankowski responded to Councilman Doyle's acquisitions.

Councilman Corley made various comments pertaining to his brief time as a Council Member.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Larry Silvestri, 414 E. Coolspring Avenue, made various comments pertaining to the Chamber of Commerce/North End Projects.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilman Doyle, supported by the majority of the Council, and there being no further business to transact, President Milsap declared the meeting ADJOURNED (approximately 8:25 p.m.)

Thomas F. Fedder, City Clerk

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