

REGULAR MEETING – August 4, 2009

The Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday evening, August 4, 2009, at the hour of 6:30 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 6:30 p.m. by Council President Bob McKee.

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

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS Patricia Boy, Phillip Jankowski, Marc Espar, Robert McKee, Richard Murphy, Joe Doyle, Angie Nelson, Ron Meer, and Willie Milsap (9).

ABSENT: None (0).

A QUORUM WAS NOTED PRESENT.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk – Thomas Fedder, Deputy Clerk – Gale Neulieb and Council Attorney – James Meyer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President McKee inquired whether there were any corrections, deletions, or additions to the minutes of the regular Meeting of July 21, 2009.

Councilman Espar made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Councilwoman Boy. The minutes were approved as printed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Jankowski advised the Tax Abatement Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2009, 5:00 p.m. with Kevin Kieft, Economic Development, to review this years tax abatement information received. Mr. Jankowski stated at the next Council Meeting (August 18, 2009) Mr. Kieft will be making a presentation to the Council regarding the tax abatements.

Councilman Jankowski commented on the letter received from IOSHA regarding a safety order and notification of penalty identifying several serious violations.

Councilman Jankowski stated that a Utility Meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. to address these issues.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL OR SELECT COMMITTEES

Councilman Murphy announced that a Press Release from the Mayor's Office was

in the News Dispatch stating the Michigan City Board of Public Works scheduled a public information meeting on Tuesday, August, 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall so people can comment on the proposed Michigan Boulevard Redevelopment Project.

REPORTS of OTHER CITY OFFICERS and DEPARTMENTS

John Schaefer, City Controller stated the 2010 budget will be presented to the Council on first reading at the next Council Meeting (August 18, 2009). Mr. Schaefer requested a workshop be scheduled to present the 2010 budget to the Council Members for their consideration.

Mark Swistek, M.C.P.D. Chief of Operations, reported on the progress and updates of the newly adopted Graffiti Ordinance.

Chief Swistek addressed Councilman Murphy's request advising what procedures to take when sighting graffiti.

PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk read the following letter received in the Clerk's Office on July 28, 2009,

July 28, 2009

Mr. Thomas Fedder
City Clerk
100 East Michigan Blvd.
Michigan City, IN 46360

Dear Mr. Fedder:

Please find attached ordinance #4066 adopted by the Common Council on the 21st day of July, 2009.

While I agree with the concept of the ordinance to reduce the amount of Riverboat funds utilized for operating expenses, I do not believe this is the time to reduce the restrictions presently in place. As you know, to comply with the recent state laws establishing property tax caps, the City of Michigan City must already reduce our 2010 budget by two million dollars. This requirement alone is a formidable task.

The Common Council has previously, at my request and consent, authorized a 45% cap. By reducing the cap at this time through this ordinance to 35%, one million dollars of additional appropriations will need to be removed from the 2009 budget for the year 2010. Thus, if this ordinance is enacted, a combined total of three million dollars will need to be removed from the 2010 budget.

In an attempt to reduce reliance on riverboat money for operating expenses, numerous initiatives are already in place. This includes reduction of four police officers, four firefighters, nine dispatchers, and three mechanics in the Central Maintenance department. In addition, upper ranks in the Fire Department have been frozen until, by attrition, the number of Asst. Chiefs and Captains is in line with the current station alignment. We have implemented energy saving measures in all departments, converted to a self insured worker's compensation program and brought our IT support back in house as the cost of private support escalated.

As I look ahead to the 2010 budget, I anticipate significant changes in the health insurance program for the employees. I have anticipated a phase in over two years but, under the consequence of ordinance #4066, we will be required to institute significant changes in a single year. I also anticipate additional staff reductions and replacing our T-1 lines with a connection to the Michigan City Area Schools fiber optic.

Furthermore, property tax assessments have not been established for the years 2007 through the current year and the 2008 and 2009 municipal budgets have not yet been approved by the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) leading to uncertainty and some financial risk as we proceed forward. Actual revenue and expenditure lines are not known in spite of the fact that the 2008 budget has been closed and we are more than one-half way through 2009.

Based on the uncertainties created by the state property tax loss (both tax caps and assessment process) and the cost reduction programs already imposed, I am vetoing ordinance #4066 pursuant to IC-36-4-6-16.

Should you support my veto of the ordinance, I can assure you that the administration has no intention of submitting a budget that would exceed the existing 45% cap, but, will strive to reduce those obligations.



Sincerely,
Chuck Oberlie, Mayor
City of Michigan City

Councilman Espar made a motion to override the Mayor's veto on Ordinance No. 4066, second by Councilman Jankowski.

Councilman Jankowski stated several reasons to support the override of Ordinance No. 4066.

Councilwoman Boy advised that the Council does have the power to override the 35% if it would need to be done.

Councilman Meer commented on the letter received from the Mayor regarding his veto of Ordinance No. 4066; and City employees cost for their health insurance benefits, reduction of personnel, along with creations of positions within the City in the last two (2) years. Mr. Meer stated other reasons why he supports the override.

Councilman Espar presented the following statement to the Council;

Two weeks ago, the Mayor spoke for the first time indicating his reluctance to sign this ordinance. Prior to that, he simply requested that the Council table the ordinance until the State of Indiana completes its preparation of the biennial budget. The Finance Committee acquiesced and recommended that the Council table the ordinance, in which it did on December 16, 2008. During the debate that followed, we suggested the formation of a Local Advisory Task Force to review our governmental efficiencies and asset management. Those findings could then be used to evaluate areas where savings or revenue enhancement could occur.

Back then and even before that time, we recognized that we could not continue to spend riverboat money to prop up or subsidize the day to day running or operations of the City. The Council took the lead in forming the Task Force and participated, along with the Mayor and local business leaders and residents in identifying areas of concern. I will not go into the findings of the Task Force and its subcommittees, other than to say that it found significant areas of concern, and made meaningful recommendations on how best to provide services to our residents in the most efficient manner possible. The Mayor has copies of these findings and has at his disposal its recommendations, that he can choose to implement, or conversely, ignore. Anyone from the public is also welcome to review these reports by requesting a copy from the City Clerk.

As I pointed out earlier, the Mayor stated that this ordinance was one he could not and would not support. He began by indicating that "in concept" we all agree on decreasing our reliance on riverboat funds. But that, apparently is the extent to which we agree. According to the Administration, the time is not right for reducing our reliance on riverboat funds. Quoting the Mayor, "The 2006 pay 2007 property tax assessed values are not known, the 2007 pay 2008 values are unknown, last year's budget, although all spent, has not yet been approved by the State of Indiana, the 2008 pay 2009 assessed values are not known, and through six months of the 2009 budget, we have been spending the funds without an approved document from the DLGF." And based on this "smoke" and these "mirrors", we should not proceed with limiting spending from the riverboat fund for the year 2010 and beyond.

If we truly were concerned that these factors were to bear negatively on the budgeting process, that the budget was at best a "sophisticated guessing game", why did we appropriate and spend 100% of the allotted cap in the 2009 budget year? If we were concerned that one or more of our estimates were wrong, why did we not maintain a cushion in the riverboat fund

that we could fall back on? Make no mistake about it; these items do affect our budgeting. They affect us in the sense that a finalized tax bill cannot be sent out. They affect us in the sense that the LaPorte County Treasurer cannot deliver 100% of our property tax assessment to us. And to the extent that we can maintain a balance in the Riverboat Fund, it affects us in the sense that we can borrow against that balance, and not seek outside financing as so many other communities have had to do. But by spending it, we no longer have that ability.

The Administration also points out that House Bill 1001 has placed a burden on the City in the amount of roughly \$2,000,000 in reductions to spending for 2010. The amount of reductions is debatable; however, no one disagrees that some amount of spending needs to be reduced. This, in the Mayor's view, is a further reason not to pass this ordinance now. That because the taxpayers spoke through its elected representatives, that local spending has gotten out of control and too much burden has been placed on the backs of property taxpayers, we should not do what they want by way of streamlining governmental operations, but rather invade the Riverboat Fund and put off the day of reckoning to later. If we do not pass this ordinance now, then when?

I am not naïve enough to believe that what we are doing here, can be accomplished simply with a flick of a pen. These are real dollars we are talking about reducing. However, I do believe it is quite doable. In a cursory review of last year's riverboat expenditures, there are over \$500,000 classified as "operating", that will be non-recurring this year. There's another \$100,000 that was budgeted for operations, "if necessary" that could be visited at a later date, if it were to become necessary. In addition to these items, we've restocked our warehouse of road salt for next year and absorbed the cost into this year's budget in the amount of \$150,000. With these items alone, we are about ¾'s of the way there. I firmly believe we can find other savings as well, that would bring us to the targeted reduction for 2010.

Granted, we should not be here today debating whether we should be reducing the cap, or not. We should not have been put in this position in the first place. And if the Mayor wants to continue to say that it was he who brought the original ordinance to the Council during his first term, then it needs to be stated, it should never have come to that. The Mayor always had at his disposal the ability not to exceed the 45% cap. If he chose not to appropriate the funds, the Council could not unilaterally, or without his approval, initiate an appropriation ordinance. In my opinion, the ordinance that was passed in 2005, was not an ordinance limiting spending of riverboat funds, but rather was an ordinance authorizing spending of riverboat funds for operations. We lost track of why gambling facilities were placed in the economically depressed areas of the state. We lost track, the boats were approved and the fees they are charged, were to spur economic development and growth. The funds were to be used to improve our infrastructure, to supplement and support development, and to assist the communities to enhance the quality of life for its residents. Nowhere was the intended purpose to shirk the responsibilities we have to the taxpayers as a result of HB 1001.

Two weeks ago, I expressed a concern that we were becoming dangerously reliant on riverboat funds to support our day to day running of the City. I misspoke; we are already there. We cannot turn back the hands of time; the opportunities we lost by diverting those funds from these projects, are lost forever. It does no good to argue how we got to where we are. What is important is that we move in the right direction now, that we realign our priorities now, that we refocus our efforts now to increase our tax base, and move Michigan City forward. The time for maintaining the status quo is past.

The time is now.

Thank you.

Councilwoman Boy presented a copy of an article from the Indiana City and Town Actionlines regarding the Town of Fishers, Indiana recently opening an on-site clinic providing basic medical care, pharmacy and wellness services to its 365 member workforce and their dependents enrolled in the Town's health insurance program, they're expecting to save more than \$1.3 million over the next three years.

Councilman Doyle stated that he agreed with Councilman Espar's comments.

Councilwoman Nelson stated some of the City employees concerns, advising reasons to support the override of the ordinance.

Council President McKee addressed the Council with several reasons he supports the override of the Mayor's veto.

Council President McKee asked if there were any other comments by the Council and hearing none, the override of the veto was passed by the following vote: **AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS Nelson, Boy, Doyle, Espar, Jankowski, McKee, Meer, and Murphy (8). NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBER Milsap (1).**

RESOLUTIONS

The Clerk read the Resolution by title only,

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 4430

RESOLUTION OF THE MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA

AUTHORIZING THE 2009 BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG)

WHEREAS, the Michigan City Police Department and the LaPorte County Sheriff's Office have applied for and received, contingent on the approval of each respective legislative body, the 2009 Byrne Justice Assistant Grant (JAG) Program Award in the amount of \$25,973.00; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of this joint grant, since LaPorte County funds the LaPorte County Jail, a disparity occurs between the Michigan City Police Department and the LaPorte County Sheriff's Office requiring "disparate allocation" of funds under the terms of the grant, and as a result thereof, the LaPorte County Sheriff's Office and the Michigan City Police Department have agreed to the allocation of grant funds as follows: 75% to the LaPorte County Sheriff's Office (\$19,479.75) and 25% to the Michigan City Police Department (\$6,493.25); and

WHEREAS, there is no match requirement for this joint grant, and the 25% of the grant funds (\$6,493.25) allocated to the Michigan City Police Department would be utilized to purchase wireless security cameras to use in densely populated and high crime areas within the corporate limits of Michigan City to promote public safety and security for Michigan City residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, that:

Section 1. The Common Council supports and approves the 2009 JAG Program Award, the allocation of funds to the Michigan City Police Department, and the purchase of wireless security cameras, which will promote public safety and security for Michigan City Residents.

Section 2. Upon receipt of the 2009 JAG Program Award, the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all contracts and memoranda required for the award of the above-described grant.

Section 3. Upon receipt of the 2009 JAG Program Award, the City Controller is authorized to open an account to receive the grant funds and make

expenditures from said fund without further authorization of the Common Council.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect after passage and approval by the Mayor.

Introduced By: /s/ Ron Meer, Member
Michigan City Common Council

Councilman Meer advised the Resolution is a joint grant between the Laporte County Police Department and Michigan City Police Department. Mr. Meer stated there is no match requirement for this joint grant, and 25% of the grant funds (\$6,493.25) allocated to the Michigan City Police Department would be utilized to purchase wireless security cameras to use in densely populated and high crime areas within the corporate limits of Michigan City to promote public safety and security for Michigan City residents.

Councilman Meer stated that Chief Neitzel was present to answer any questions regarding the grant.

Councilman Meer made a motion to adopt the resolution, second by Councilwoman Nelson.

Chief Swistek addressed Councilman Milsap's questions regarding the time frame.

Councilman Meer stated several reasons that the grant monies would promote public safety and security for the residents in our community.

Council President McKee asked if there were any comments or questions by the general public or Council and hearing none, the resolution was adopted by the following vote: **AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS Boy, Doyle, Espar, Jankowski, McKee, Meer, Milsap, Murphy, and Nelson (9). NAYS: None (0).**

ORDINANCES

The Clerk read on third reading by title only,

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

ORDINANCENO: 4067

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA ANNEXING 47.3487 ACRES OF REAL ESTATE OWNED BY OEHMSTEAD COMPANY, LLC, SITUATED ON 600 WEST, MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE A PART OF THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA AND PROVIDING ZONING CLASSIFICATION THEREFOR

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2009 OEHMSTEAD COMPANY, LLC filed its voluntary petition for annexation with the COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY pursuant to Indiana Code 36-4-3-5.1; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana has determined it to be in the best interests of the City of Michigan City to annex 47.3487 acres of real estate owned by OEHMSTEAD COMPANY, LLC on and adjoining 600 West, Michigan City, Indiana into the corporate limits of the City of Michigan City, Indiana (hereinafter referred to as "City"); and

WHEREAS, this annexation shall also include the contiguous areas of public highway 600 West and its rights of way as required by Indiana Code 36-4-3-2.5; shall be included in the sixth councilmanic ward; and will have a zoning classification of agriculture.

WHEREAS, said real estate, as described more fully herein, is contiguous to the boundary of the City, and

WHEREAS, upon notice having been duly published, a public hearing was held on the petition before the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana on May 6, 2009; and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2009 the Common Council of Michigan City passed Resolution No. 4426, which was subsequently approved by the Mayor on June 19, 2009, adopting a written fiscal plan and establishing a policy for the provision of services to the area proposed to be annexed; and

WHEREAS, upon proper notice having been given to affected parties and having been duly published, another public hearing was held before the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana on August 4, 2009.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA, THAT:

Section 1: that the foregoing recitals are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2: The following described real estate contiguous to Michigan City, Indiana is hereby annexed into and declared to be a part of the City of Michigan City, Indiana; to-wit:

SEE EXHIBIT "A"

Section 3. The annexed real estate shall include all contiguous areas of the public highway 600 West and its rights of way as required by Indiana code 36-4-3-2.5; shall be included in the sixth councilmanic ward; and will have a zoning classification of agriculture in accordance with the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of Michigan City known as Ordinance NO. 2114, together with all amendments and supplements thereto;

Section 4. Pursuant to I.C. 36-4-3-5.1, a public hearing to consider this proposed annexation was held at the regular Council meeting set for the 4th day of August, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Section 5. That this Ordinance, after its passage and approval by the Mayor of Michigan City, Indiana shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the Michigan City News Dispatch, a daily newspaper of general circulation and shall become effective January 2, 2010 after the final publication thereof, in the absence of an appeal, as provided at I.C. 36-4-3-5.1 and I.C. 36-4-3-15.5.

INTRODUCED BY: /s/ Robert McKee
/s/ Joseph Doyle
/s/ Marc Espar

EXHIBIT "A"

DESCRIPTION OF ANNEXATION FOR:

Oehmstead Company, LLC

A parcel of land situated in the North half of Section 1, Township 37 North, Range 4 West, LaPorte County, Indiana, and being more particularly described as follows;

Commencing at a found cast iron monument marking the Northeast corner of Section 1, Township 37 North, Range 4 West, LaPorte County, Indiana, for the point of beginning;

Thence: S 00°09'33" E, along the East line of said Section 1, a distance of 760.00' to a point;

Thence: S 89°50'27"W, a distance of 750.00' to a point;

Thence: S 58°31'18" W, a distance of 616.87' to a point on the Northerly right of way line of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad;

Thence: N 58°25'09"W, along said Northerly right of way line, a distance of 2134.13' to a point on the North line of said Section 1;

Thence: S 89°22'49" E, along the North line of said Section 1, a distance of 3092.23' to the point of beginning;

Containing 47.3487 acres, plus the contiguous areas of public highway 600 West and its rights of way and subject to all legal easements.

THATE LAND SURVEYING SERVICES, LLC

3301 Franklin Street
Michigan City, Indiana 46360
219-872-0679

March 10, 2009

The formal public hearing was opened, with President McKee repeating three times, "formal public hearing is now open." There was no response, and the hearing was closed.

Councilman Espar made a motion to adopt the ordinance, second by Councilwoman Boy.

Council President McKee asked if there were any comments or questions by the general public or Council and hearing none, the ordinance was adopted by the following vote: **AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS Doyle, Espar, Jankowski, McKee, Meer, Milsap, Murphy, Nelson, and Boy (9). NAYS: None (0).**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Oberlie has requested advice and consent for the appointment of Ms. Rebecca Pelath as a member of the Tree Board – term to begin immediately and will expire August 1, 2012.

Councilwoman Boy moved to give the requested advice and consent. Councilman Milsap seconded the motion which carried as follows: **AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS Espar, Jankowski, McKee, Meer, Milsap, Murphy, Nelson, Boy, and Doyle (9). NAYS: None (0).**

Councilman Jankowski stated the Humane Society Board of Directors advised their recommendation as a member to the Humane Activities Committee is Shandra Niswander.

Councilwoman Boy read the following letter received from the United States Department of the Interior (National Park Service – Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore);

Dear Mr. McKee:

Thank you for sending a copy of your recent resolution regarding the Chelberg Farm area of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. We appreciate your interest and support of the national lakeshore. We are happy to clear up some possible misconceptions and provide additional information for you.

The Chellberg Farm has not been closed and we have no intention of closing the farm. The buildings, grounds and historic equipment are protected by the National Park Services (NPS) and in no danger of being lost. The Duneland Harvest Festival will be held this fall and the Maple Sugar programs will be offered next spring. School programs will continue as they have in the past. We continue to seek volunteers interested in presenting public programs and we are seeking to have volunteers in appropriate period costume available to present the school programs this fall and next spring as we have done in the past.

We do not, at the present, have livestock at the farm. In the two years the park has had a reduction in staff and without a full-time employee trained and skilled in caring for animals it was not prudent to have livestock. Unless we can properly care for the health and safety of the livestock and visiting public it would be irresponsible to have farm animals.

Chellberg Farm accounts for about 6% of the 2 million visits made to Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore each year. Though visitation at the farm area is up 10% this year, we feel this area can offer much more to the public. There is a broader and more diverse picture of the history of this area that can be told and we want to explore the possibilities. The history of immigrants to Northwest Indiana, development of the steel industry, the creation of the transportation systems, origins of the science of ecology, the Native American heritage, and the chronicle of the conservation movement and the creation of this national park are just some of the stories we want to look at expanding. We also want to look at the range of paces in the park and the variety of interpretation programs we offer throughout the national lakeshore to determine how best to tell the whole park story. Until we complete this review and the Comprehensive Interpretive Plan some past programs will remain on hold.

We have initiated a series of public workshops to engage the public in working with the park to develop a Comprehensive Interpretive Plan. The first workshop on park planning was held on July 28. The next workshop, dealing with interpretive program development and standards, will be offered on August 28, at 7:00 p.m. at the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitors Center in Porter. Additional workshops on volunteerism, fundraising and budgeting, and special park uses, will be offered this fall. Public involvement helps us build the best programs so we invite persons interested in all aspects and places within Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, from Hoosier Prairie on the west to Pinhook Bog on the east, to attend these workshops.

Should you ever have any questions or concerns regarding the operations or plans of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore please contact us. We want to be sure everyone has accurate and timely information and we continually striving to find means of improving our communications. We would be happy to meet with you at any time and we appreciate your suggestions on how we can make our communications better.

Constantine J. Dillon
Superintendent

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Tony Drzewiecki, President of the Michigan City Firefighters Association, Local 475, stated several concerns regarding the procedures of obtaining the minority hiring list for a probationary firefighter for the second time in one year, and addressed the Council regarding the 2010 budget.

Bob Pollock, 100 Lake Shore Drive, addressed the Council with concerns regarding a house his wife owns at 215 W. William Street that his children live in and the proposed South Shore project.

John Schoff, Michigan City, addressed the Council regarding the future development plans in our City.

Robert Murray, Michigan City, commented on proposed project/studies that have been done before any project is started in the City. Mr. Murray stated that the City should consider the effect of one project to another project being planned in different areas of the City.

Fred Miller, Michigan City New North End Group presented a power point to the Council regarding the comparison of the South Shore reroutes.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Councilman Murphy thanked the Michigan City New North End Group for their presentation and stated the next process regarding the South Shore Project will be a public workshop, which will be scheduled in the next few weeks.

Councilman Meer thanked Mr. Miller and their organization for the informative presentation. Mr. Meer stated that he agreed this project will affect many generations into the future. Mr. Meer stated his concerns regarding the South Shore Workshop that was held July 29, 2009.

Councilman Meer stated his concerns regarding a large sewer overflow that occurred on Thursday, July 27, 2009 adjacent to the "E" Street Bridge.

Councilman Milsap addressed Mr. Miller, Michigan City New North End Group regarding safety issues and emergency services to their proposed plan.

Councilwoman Nelson announced there is a City Wide School Supply Drive underway with several locations to drop off school supplies, urging the community to participate. Ms. Nelson thanked the local businesses that supported Councilman Jankowski and herself, raising over \$500.00 for school supplies in conjunction with the Michigan City Housing Authority.

Councilwoman Nelson stated on August 15, 2009, at Elston Middle School they will be collecting school supplies. Ms. Nelson stated that anyone that is interested in volunteering to work this function can contact her at 878-5896.

Councilman Milsap thanked everyone for attending the Fifth Ward Coffee with the Council on July 25, 2009, stating it was a great success.

John Vail stated there is a web page; www.michigancitysnorthend.com to find out more information regarding the South Shore project, there are also maps at the Michigan City Library regarding the proposed South Shore routes.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Councilman Espar, supported by Councilman Milsap, and there being no further business to transact, President McKee declared the meeting ADJOURNED (approximately 8:16 p.m.).

Thomas F. Fedder, City Clerk