

REGULAR MEETING – August 18, 2009

The Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday evening, August 18, 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 August 4, 2009.

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Espar stated the Council received the Mayor's proposed budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010, and advised those present, the Finance Committee has scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, August 19, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the West Conference Room.

Councilman Jankowski reported on the August 12, 2009 Tax Abatement meeting and advised the Tax Abatement Committee scheduled a meeting to be held on August 25, 2009, 5:30 p.m. in the West Conference Room to finalize the review and make a recommendation to the Council. Mr. Jankowski stated that Mr. Kieft will be present at the next Council meeting (September 1, 2009) to answer any questions or concerns.

Councilman Jankowski reported on the Utilities meeting held on August 14, 2009.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL OR SELECT COMMITTEES

There were no special or select committee reports.

REPORTS of OTHER CITY OFFICERS and DEPARTMENTS

There were no reports of other city officers or departments.

PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

ORDINANCES

There were no ordinances.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Jankowski moved to nominate Shandra Niswander representing the Humane Society Board to the Animal Control Advisory Committee, second by Councilwoman Nelson. The motion was carried as follows: **AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS Jankowski, McKee, Meer, Milsap, Murphy, Nelson, Boy, Doyle, and Espar (9). NAYS: None (0).**

Council President McKee congratulated Ms. Niswander.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Jack Arnett, Doug Water and Jason Miller from the LaPorte County Convention Visitors Bureau presented a recognition plaque to Mayor Oberlie that they received on behalf of the City of Michigan City the evening of the International Super Boat event.

Mayor Oberlie accepted the plaque on behalf of the Council and administration stating the team work done by all involved made the event a success.

Jason Miller, Sport Manager, Laporte County Convention Visitors Bureau, addressed the Council in regards to the success of the boat event and the amazing team work displayed by the City employees.

Council President McKee thanked the LaPorte County Convention Visitors Bureau for attending the meeting; congratulating the Mayor's Office and all City Departments involved for making this event a success.

Dennis Metheny, Coolspring Township Trustee, thanked the Council for their support regarding the reconstruction project on Coolspring Avenue.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Councilman Meer stated his concerns regarding the proposed 2010 budget.

Councilman Murphy advised the public process regarding the South Shore improvements is moving forward and the questions about the realignment received during the public Workshop on July 29 should be answered by the consulting team by the end of August.

Councilman Espar stated as the budgetary process moves forward he looks forward to an open and constructive dialog with the Mayor, the administration and the Council as they adopt a budget for the City of Michigan City.

Councilman Murphy addressed President McKee's comments and questions regarding the realignment of the South Shore.

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 6:57 p.m.).

Thomas F. Fedder, City Clerk