

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

MARCH 26, 2009

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana, met on March 26, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in city Hall. Present were members Mayor Jon Costas, Chuck Williams and Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Swihart. Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chuck Williams moved that the minutes of the March 12, 2009 meeting be approved as presented, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved. Chuck Williams moved that the claims be approved for payment subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

EASEMENT-IND. AVE. STREETScape PROJECT

City Engineer Tim Burkman presented an easement for property along the north side of Indiana Avenue belonging to Smith Co. for the Indiana Avenue Streetscape Project. Mayor Costas moved to accept the easement, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

CONTRACT WITH MICHIANA CONTR/CUMBERLAND-CALUMET SIGNAL PROJECT

City Engineer Burkman asked the Board to ratify the bid award that went to Michiana Contracting, Inc. for the Cumberland Crossing/Calumet Avenue Traffic Signal Project and to approve the contracts on same. The contract is in the amount of \$124,699.25 and work will start as soon as the contract process is done. Mayor Costas moved to ratify the award and to approve the contract with Michiana Contracting, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

CALUMET AVE. PROJECT CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS

City Engineer Burkman asked the Board to approve the construction drawings for the Calumet Avenue Project (Glendale Blvd. to Wall Street) that is going out for bids. This project will be funded by Redevelopment and should be completed this year. Mayor Costas moved to approve the construction drawings for the Calumet Avenue Project, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

FAIRFIELD GREENS CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS

City Engineer Burkman presented construction drawings for Fairfield Greens and asked for approval from the Board on these. This is a residential project north of Essex Park and East of Heritage Valley. The engineering staff has reviewed the drawings and they meet all requirements. Mayor Costas disclosed that he has a relationship with Bob Coolman in the Hampstead development but has no interest in the Fairfield Green project. Chuck Williams moved to approve the construction drawings for Fairfield Greens, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

DOWNTOWN OUTDOOR DINING POLICY

Craig Phillips presented a redo on the Downtown Outdoor Dining Policy after it being reviewed by the City Attorney's office. This was presented to the City Council at the last meeting for approval of the penalties and violations section. Chuck Williams moved to approve the new Downtown Outdoor Dining Policy subject to approval by the City Council, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

VU/V-LINE MOU

Transportation Director Tyler Kent presented the VU/V-line MOU for approval by the Board. V.U. will be paying \$90,054 for 2008/2009 and \$133,278 for 2009/2010. V.U. is also working on funding grants for new buses when needed. There may be some extension of service and hours also. Mayor Costas moved to approve the VU/V-Line MOU, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

DAILY VEH. INSPECTION LIST AMEND

Tyler Kent presented the amendment to the Daily Vehicle Inspection List for the V-Line to include AD ramps and seatbelts for wheelchairs. Mayor Costas moved to approve the amendment to the Daily Vehicle Inspection List, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

HISTORIC LANDMARKS FOUNDATION CONTRACT

Tyler Kent presented the renewal contract with the Historic Landmarks Foundation in the amount of \$6,050. Mayor Costas moved to approve the renewal contract with the Historic Landmarks Foundation, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved. Chuck Williams asked Tyler is he could look into the façade owners program that is through the State and Tyler advised he would do so.

BEAM, LONGEST & NEFF-ROW ACQ.

City Attorney Hollenbeck asked the Board's permission to endorse the concept and allow him to work on agreement with Beam, Longest and Neff LLC in regard to engineering services related to right-of-way acquisitions. They are professionals in this area and we can use them on an as needed basis. Any department in the city can use them if we do contract with them. He would like to pursue a one year contract to see if it works out to our advantage to use them. Mayor Costas moved to approve the request to work with Beam, Longest and Neff for a one year contract, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

CITIZEN REQUESTS

1. VNA Stroll for Hospice to be held on Sunday, April 19, 2009 starting at noon.
2. Hilltop Annual July 4th Parade starting at 11:00 a.m.

Mayor Costas moved to approve both requests, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY AGREEMENT-HOLLENBECK

Attorney Hollenbeck asked permission from the Board to work with Purdue University North Central in regard to a piece of land-locked property that is by their parking lot. They would like that property to be upgraded to a detention/retention pond for drainage of their parking lot. They would be willing to do the work needed and could be interested in a long term lease of the property. Mayor Costas moved to approve permission for Hollenbeck to work with Purdue in regard to this situation, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

FAIRFIELD GREENS STREET VARIANCE

Engineer Burkman advised that the construction drawings for Fairfield Greens includes a variance for street width on four streets and this must also be approved by the Board. He has consulted with the Fire Department and they are okay with this variance. Mayor Costas moved to approve the variance of the street widths on the four streets in Fairfield Green, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

There was no further business and Mayor Costas declared the meeting adjourned.