

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

### **VALPARAISO, INDIANA**

**August 13, 2009**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met August 13, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in city Hall Present were members Mayor Jon Costas, Bill Oeding, Chuck Williams and Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Swihart. Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill Oeding moved that the minutes of the July 23, 2009 meeting be approved as presented, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved. Chuck Williams moved that the claims be approved for payment subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

### **SIDEWALK REPAIR & REPLACEMENT POLICY**

Ron DeTorrice presented the policy for the evaluation and structure of sidewalks. There are 280 miles of sidewalk in the City. Concentration will be on older areas and areas in need of immediate repair. Work will be completed by contractors and /or city employees. Mayor Costas moved to approve the agreement, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

### **UPTOWN EAST PARKING**

Stu Sommers and Attorney Patrick Lyp presented a resolution to the Board establishing certain rules and procedures for the East Gate parking area. This will be Resolution 3, 2009. There are twenty eight (28) spots. Additional spots will be created. Permits and permit applications are to be picked up at the Clerk-Treasurer's office. The City Administrator is the designated person to oversee these parking areas. Bill Oeding moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved. Mayor Costas recused himself.

### **OPENING OF SWEEPER BIDS**

Sweeper bids were opened and taken under advisement by Ron DeTorrice. Bids were submitted by Jack Doheny Company (\$159,940.00 - \$10,000.00 trade-in allowance), Northern Equipment (\$98,097.00 - \$8,000.00 trade-in allowance) and Brown Equipment Company (\$140,940.00 - \$5,000.00 trade-in allowance). Bids will be presented to the City Utilities Board on August 25 and then back to the Board on August 27 for final action.

### **CHICAGO DASH & V-LINE**

Tyler Kent presented requests for the ChicaGo Dash service. An additional bus will be added to the weekday schedule. An additional bus will be added to the Saturday service. In September ChicaGo Dash will celebrate Customer Appreciation Month. Fares will be reduced from \$7.50 to \$5.00 for the month of September only. Approval was also requested to continue the Guarantee Ride Home Program until the end of 2009. This is a partnership between ChicaGo Dash and the V-Line to provide a ride from the South Shore Dunes Park Station to the Village Station in Valparaiso. Mayor Costas moved to approve the recommendations, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

Tyler Kent also presented requests for the V-Line service. The Orange route service is to include hourly trips Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Friday service will begin at 2:20 p.m. and end at 8:10 p.m., with Saturday and Sunday service beginning at 8:47 a.m. and ending at 8:47 p.m. running every other hour between trips to the South Shore. The Brown route will begin to provide service to Ivy Tech and the Valparaiso Walk between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. with one bus on the route. Green and Yellow routes will extend hours of operation from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Mayor Costas moved to approve the recommendations, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

#### **CITY HALL EXTERIOR REPAIRS & LANDSCAPING**

Don McGinley requested approval to enter into the bid process for repairs and landscaping for City Hall and the adjoining alley. Mayor Costas moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

#### **VALPARAISO STREET PROJECT**

Tim Burkman requested that the additional funding needed to complete the Valparaiso street storm sewer extension be taken from a 2012 project. The final cost is \$7.1 million. Mayor Costas moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

#### **BLN CONTRACT**

Matt Murphy requested approval of a contract for Beam, Longest and Neff, LLC, Consulting Engineers, to prepare preliminary engineering reports for the "green alley" analyses of alleyways in Valparaiso. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

#### **STANDARDS FAIRFIELD GREENS**

Matt Murphy submitted a request for a variance in road materials to insure the highest possible green certification. The developer will give a \$500,000.00 letter of credit for five years in case of any road problems. Green certification is based on the National Green Building Institute Guidelines. Chuck Williams moved to approve the motion, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved. Mayor Costas recused himself.

#### **ESSEX PARK PHASE 3**

Tim Burkman recommended accepting the streets in Essex Park Phase 3 subject to the receipt of a one year maintenance bond. Bill Oeding moved to approve, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved. Mayor Costas recused himself.

#### **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS AGREEMENT**

Tim Burkman presented the state and local agency agreement for \$100,000.00 to construct sidewalks around Parkview Elementary School. Mayor Costas moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

### **SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT**

Tim Burkman presented the easement for acceptance at 1919 Rebecca Street. Mayor Costas moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

### **CITIZENS REQUESTS**

1. Street closure for block party on Clover Lane from Glendale to Lorane on August 29, 2009.
2. Street Closure on Napoleon Street between Lincolnway and Jefferson September 17 and 18 2009 for Mayor's Charity Ball.

Mayor Costas moved to approve the requests, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

### **CAMPBELL CEMETARY**

Bill Oeding reported that the Campbell Cemetery has been conveyed to the City. Some of the earliest settlers to the City are buried there. It is the fourth cemetery owned and maintained by the City.

Mayor Costas congratulated the Leadership team of the City for the City receiving the State Chamber of Commerce's Community of the Year Award.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.