

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
FEBRUARY 23, 2006**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Valparaiso met on February 23, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. Present were members Dave Pilz and Mayor Costas. John Hardwick was absent. Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dave Pilz moved that the minutes of the February 7th Special meeting and the February 9th meeting be approved as submitted, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

Dave Pilz moved that claims be approved for payment subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

Bill Oeding presented a request for the Waste Management Transfer Station Tipping Fee. Not knowing where we are going with a transfer station in the future he did not want to sign a yearlong agreement so they have come up with a month-to-month agreement at a cost of \$31 a ton, which is still under what the competitors were bidding two years ago. Pilz moved to approve the Waste Management Transfer Station Tipping Fee agreement, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

Dave Pilz presented a resolution on behalf of the Stormwater Board being proposed in conjunction with the Union Street Project. We have 27 easements to acquire so that we can build sidewalks, new curbs and gutters and have room for the contractors to work to install the new storm drainage system. We are proposing to make the owners of the property an offer where we will install the sidewalks and construct the curbs and gutters for free if they will donate their easement to us for free in a timely fashion. For those who do not choose that arrangement there will be the possibility of us pursuing an assessment for the cost of the improvements. Dave Pilz moved for approval of the resolution, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

Dave Pilz presented a request to reduce the surety amount for the Porter Business Center. They have completed many of the infrastructure improvements to the satisfaction of the City and they are seeking reduction in their surety from \$183,000 to \$45,000. This has been reviewed and inspected and Dave Pilz moved for the reduction of the surety, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

Dave Pilz presented recommendations from the Traffic and Safety Committee. He moved that we install a street light at the intersection of Burling Beach Road and Silhavy Road, post one handicapped parking space on the north side of

Chicago Street in front of the Chicago Street Theatre directly each of the alley, and request INDOT to post a "No Turn on Red" for westbound traffic on U. S. 30 at the intersection of Silhavy Road. Dave Pilz moved to approve all requests, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

Bill Hanna presented a contract for a third party (DESCO Inc.) to handle citywide NIPSCO billings. Jim Mooney explained what his company would be doing. Dave Pilz moved that this be approved subject to approval by Dave Hollenbeck and Bill Hanna going over the contract, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

City Engineer Dave Pilz advised that we will be receiving bids for Phase #2 of the Downtown Streetscape Improvements on Thursday, April 13th. We will also be receiving bids on the Stormwater Board's Campbell Street Stormwater Project on March 23rd.

Police Chief Mike Brickner advised that there will Open Houses at the Police Station starting tonight and one on Saturday in anticipation of the petition drive beginning March 1st.

Park Director Steve Doniger advised that the Activity Guide for the Park Department has been sent out. He also advised that the City will be hosting the Chicago White Sox World Series Trophy on May 26th at Creekside Golf Course from 3:30 to 6:30.

MIS Director Ron Ziolkowski advised that the City Website now has interactive calendars up and running. There is a new Code Enforcement page on the site also.

The meeting was adjourned.