

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
OCTOBER 27, 2005

The Board of Public Works and Safety met at 10:00am on Thursday, October 27, 2005. Present were Mayor Costas, Board Member John Hardwick, Board Member David Pilz and Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Swihart.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor wanted to recognize A White Sox Victory and asked City Attorney Hollenbeck as an avid 4th generation Sox fan to say a few words.

MINUTES AND CLAIMS

Mr. Pilz moved the minutes of the previous meeting be approved, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so moved.

Mr. Hardwick moved for approval of claims subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Mr. Pilz and so moved.

ITEM 8-UNITED WAY FINAL RESULTS.

Mayor Costas took Item 8 because of visitors from United Way. Bill Hanna, Sr. was the City of Valparaiso's loaned executive. United Way Director Sharon Kish accepted a check from the City of Valparaiso's Employees for \$7,372.00. Nine presentations were made to all city departments and giving is up two and ½ times from the previous year.

ITEM 4-APPROVAL OF GUARDIAN AS THE NEW LIFE INSURANCE CARRIER FOR THE CITY OF VALPARAISO (SHANER AGENCY).

Bill Nagy, agent of record for the Shaner Agency, indicated that Karen Marben, Human Resource Director and Shaner recommend a change in vendor for the city's life insurance carrier. Guardian Life Insurance was their recommendation and Guardian provides the city employee's disability insurance. A better rate is offered through Guardian as well as improves efficiencies. Mayor Costas moved to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Pilz.

ITEM 5-REQUEST FROM RDC, ACQUISITION/CONDEMNATION OF A PARCEL
OF EASTGATE PROJECT (PILZ)

Engineer David Pilz indicated Eastgate Project, through the RDC, will be constructing a connecting road between Lincolnway and LaPorte Avenue and parcels adjacent to that will be redeveloped into what has been called the university village. Condemnation proceedings are required through the BOW and the RDC is requesting this board take action today allowing the process to be started. Gill's Automotive parcels are involved. Mr. Pilz moved for approval for the initiation of the acquisition process by condemnation and seconded by John Hardwick. Motion carries.

ITEM 6-APPROVAL OF DEEDS/EASEMENTS FOR ROAD RIGHTS OF WAY
(PILZ)

Engineer David Pilz presented two quick claim deeds for acceptance. The first is in regard for the development of Eastgate Plaza, on the north side of LaPorte Avenue. The right of way is required by ordinance. The second quick claim deed is relates to the Valparaiso Street Project and a one-foot strip that is needed to acquire along Stanley Street in order to complete an acquisition. Mr. Pilz moves for acceptance and approval of both acquisitions, seconded by John Hardwick. Motion carries.

ITEM 7-AUTHORIZE ENGINEERING DIRECTOR FOR EXECUTE AGREEMENTS
FOR NORTH CALUMET PARTNERSHIP PROJECT WITH EXTENDED BY
VALIDITY DATE TO MARCH 2006 (PILZ)

Engineer David Pilz requests to change the action proposed on the agenda relating to the North Calumet Project and bid validity date that will expire on November 4th. It is being explored for the possibility of carrying the bid validity until next year, but it is not known for certain until the next BOW meeting on November 10th. The contractor also provided a written statement agreeing to the same. Mr. Pilz moved this extension in order to give flexibility to get this decision made. Mr. Hardwick seconded the motion and so moved.

ITEM 9-REQUEST APPROVAL FOR VALPARAISO COMMUNITY FESTIVALS
AND EVENTS FOR A STREET CLOSURE FOR TRICK OR TREAT FUN NIGHT
(ATTACHMENT)

Mayor Costas requests closure of the parking spaces on the eastside of Washington from Indiana and Lincolnway be closed for hayrides. Motion to approve was made by Mayor Costas and seconded by Mr. Pilz. Motion carried.

ITEM 10-REQUEST APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES FOR
PROPOSED GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF 2005 THROUGH CENDER AND
COMPANY (ATTACHMENT)

Mayor Costas indicated that the city is transitioning the police department to a new facility. Cender & Co. is advising for a general obligation bond in the area of \$4,400,000.00. Fees related for professional services regarding these bonds is \$24,000.00. David Pilz made a motion to approve, seconded by John Hardwick, motion carries.

Mayor requested Leadership Team Reports and hearing none took comments from the audience. Councilman Robert McCasland spoke from the floor and indicated that he witnessed a school bus on the intersection of Valparaiso Street and Glendale having a difficult time making a turn on to Glendale. Since the center line has been moved to accommodate the new bicycle lanes and the positioning of the existing telephone poll at the intersection, it is a traffic safety issue. Mayor Costas indicated through the Valparaiso Street Project, the intersection will be reengineered. City Engineer indicated that the said mentioned would be widened.

Hearing no further business, Mayor Costas adjourned the meeting.