

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

### VALPARAISO, INDIANA

January 22, 2016

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met on January 22, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall. Present were Mayor Costas, Matt Murphy and Attorney Ethan Lowe. Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Costas moved that the minutes of the January 8, 2016 meeting be approved, seconded Matt Murphy and so approved. Mayor Costas moved that the claims be approved for payment and subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Matt Murphy and so approved.

#### 2016 City Insurance Package

Jim Anton from Anton Insurance presented the City's 2016 Insurance Package. **The following is for informational purposes only and was not put to vote.**

- 1) The total property schedule increased from approximately \$35,000,000 to approximately \$41,000,000. The majority of this increase is the addition of the Urschel Pavilion.
- 2) The additional liability exposure of ice skating was added on to the policy.
- 3) The commercial auto fleet was upgraded – the total number of vehicles stayed the same but old vehicles were swapped out with new, higher values.
- 4) Added liquor liability to the package policy. (This was previously insured with a separate policy.)
- 5) The inland marine schedule was increased by approximately \$330,000. This was driven by equipment for Public Works and the Pavilion.
- 6) The City is compliant with the increased bonding requirements put in place by the state.
- 7) Cyber liability was added for the 2016 term.
- 8) Workers Comp experience modification went from 1.16 to .90. This is a testament of the dedication of both the City's leadership and it's employees to be safer and healthier.

Net results: \$34,038 savings in premium over expiring.

#### Public Works/Utilities Campus

Matt Evans requested authorization to solicit bids to raise the entrance road at the Public Works/Utilities Campus. In raising the entrance 16 feet, the city would realize the following benefits:

1. Improved storm water drainage from Westside Park Avenue;
2. Prevention of soil loss due to the current storm water drainage from Westside Park Avenue;
3. Increased campus security via an automatic gate at Joliet Road;
4. Improved accessibility via a designated emergency, secondary access road from Westside Park Avenue; and
5. Cost savings due to the reuse of approximately 18,500 cubic yards of material collected from other citywide projects.

Mayor Costas moved to approve, Seconded by Matt Murphy and so approved.

### **Downtown Liquor License Availability**

Patrick Lyp announced that there is one downtown liquor license available. Starting next week the applications will be online and will be due on March 15, 2016. *This is for informational purposes only and was not put to vote.*

### **Property Use Agreement- 23 Lincolnway**

Attorney Ethan Lowe recommended approval of Property use of 23 Lincolnway (Martin Binders Bldg). Mr. Welter will take responsibility of restoring two stairwells on the East Side of the building, as well as the City's sidewalk, gates and maintenance.

Mr. Stephen Pease, Architect on the project, said that drainage conveyance will still need to be addressed. Mr. Pease also announced that while restoring the first half of the first floor, hand laid tiles was found. The pattern is from India and is said to mean Good Luck.

Mayor Costas moved to approve, Seconded by Matt Murphy and so approved.

### **Citizen Request**

Attorney Ethan Lowe recommended authorization for Paul Mobley (Citizen) to distribute literature on the City's sidewalk. Mr. Mobley will be handing out flyers regarding the Fukushima Earthquake/Tsunami of 2011. Mayor Costas moved to approve, Seconded by Matt Murphy and so approved.

### **Right of Way Dedication**

Tim Burkman requested acceptance of Right of Way Dedication for property located at 455 Lincolnway. (Harvey Building). Mayor Costas moved to approve, Seconded Matt Murphy and so approved.

### **Lakes of Valparaiso**

Tim Burkman requested approval of the Secondary Plat for The Lakes of Valparaiso PUD, Business Park Are- Phase 2. This is Lot 8 and has 8 acres. Mayor Costas moved to approve, Seconded by Matt Murphy and so approved.

### **Highway Safety Improvement Grant**

Tim Burkman requested approval of Grant Applications submitted to NIRPC for HSIP Funding. Four requests were submitted and three were approved.

1. Low Cost Improvements \$81,000 (100% Federally Funded) for Traffic Signal Improvements.
2. Road Safety Audit \$84,000 for the City's ten corridors. (100% Federally Funded)
3. Supplemental request of 1 Million for the Silhavy/LaPorte Roundabout. Local match is \$100,000
4. Intersection of Roosevelt/Glendale was denied- We will look for assistance elsewhere.

Mayor Costas moved to approve, Seconded by Matt Murphy and so approved.

### **Preserve at Grande Oaks**

Tim Burkman requested approval of Surety Reductions for the Preserve at Grande Oaks. Phase 1 total amount will be \$20,000 and Phase 2 total Amount will be \$40,000. Mayor Costas moved to approve, Seconded by Matt Murphy and so approved.

### **Traffic and Safety**

Tim Burkman requested approval of the following Traffic and Safety Recommendation.

- 1) Post one parking space as “Handicapped Parking Only” along the East side of Napoleon Street (in front of the Activities Building) in Central Park Plaza, Phase 2.

Mayor Costas moved to approve, Seconded by Matt Murphy and so approved.

### **YMCA Event**

The YMCA requested approval for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ringing in Spring Event. The 2016 5K/10K Road Race will be held on April 2, 2016 at 9 am. Mayor Costas moved to approve, Seconded by Matt Murphy and so approved.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.