

Passed 2-26-07 vote 6-1 (McCasland No)

RESOLUTION NO 4-2007

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION SERVICE FOR VALPARAISO**

Whereas, at a City Council Meeting in January 2006, the Council was introduced to a feasibility study for a public transportation service for the City of Valparaiso, hereafter referred to as the “Transit Service Design Plan”;

Whereas, the funding and implementation of Option 2 of the Transit Service Design Plan, will offer important access to jobs, shopping, entertainment, and important medical and other services to citizens of Valparaiso and assist in the maintenance of both our environment and economy; and

Whereas, the service is proposed to be operated employing a historic trolley theme, using equipment that recalls an earlier era of transportation, and is thus hereafter referred to as “Trolley Service”;

Whereas, the Board of Works appoints a “Permanent Transportation Committee” to oversee the transportation implantation process and the committee makes recommendations to the Committee Chairperson;

Whereas, the proposed service as designed will include capital improvements to certain infrastructure in the city, specifically, sidewalks at proposed bus stops which may be supported by significant non local funds available for such projects;

Now Therefore be it Resolved; *City Staff have successfully captured \$2.3 million in State and Federal funding through Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission for operating and capital costs as requested by City Council , and;*

The Valparaiso City Council supports proceeding with a proper solicitation of cost and service proposals from prospective contract operators for the trolley service in order to properly plan for the service, such contract to be subject to Council approval, and;

The Valparaiso City Council authorizes, subject to its normal annual budget ordinance process, and conditional upon the successful results of solicitation of various other funds, the commitment of up to \$183,000 in local funds for the start-up and first year operating and capital costs for the trolley service as outlined in Option 2 of the Transit Service Design Plan, and;

The Valparaiso City Council authorizes appropriate City Staff to move forward and purchase the buses needed to operate the “Valparaiso Transit Service”.

ADOPTED this 26th day of February, 2007 by a ___ vote in favor and ___ vote opposed of all members present and voting.

Joe Larr

Al Eisenmenger

Ed Howe

Robert McCasland

John Bowker

Jan Dick

Chuck Williams

Jon Costas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharon Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer