

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
VALPARAISO, INDIANA**

December 10, 2018

The Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, met on Monday December 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall. Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart called roll. Present were Councilmembers Murphy, Douglas, Hoffman, Reed, Hudson, Cotton and Porter.

MINUTES

Councilmember Hudson moved to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2018 meeting. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion.

Upon voice vote the motion to approve the November 26, 2018 minutes passed with a 7 -0 vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 17, 2018

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO,
INDIANA GRANTING LAKE CABLE OF INDIANA LLC INC. AN ASSESSED
VALUATION DEDUCTION (TAX ABATEMENT) FOR TANGIBLE PERSONAL
PROPERTY UNDER INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1**

Councilmember Hudson moved that Resolution No. 17, 2018 be read a first time and considered for passage. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart read Resolution No. 17, 2018. Councilmember Hudson moved to adopt Resolution No. 17, 2018. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion.

Patrick Lyp addressed the Council. Lake Cable is expanding. Ryan Witges, a representative addressed the Council, explained their business and the expansion. This is a seven-year abatement from tangible personal property – manufacturing and IT equipment limited to a cost of \$5,800,000.

Councilmember Cotton asked if they do spec buildings. Ryan explained the various locations they have. Councilmember Cotton asked questions regarding why the decision was made to stay in Valparaiso. Ryan replied they have a very long lease and the rest of the information is proprietary to their business. Another representative, Mary Oziemkowski, addressed the Council. She explained the type of cable wire they manufacture and discussed their commitment to Valparaiso.

Councilmember Cotton asked about the profit margin on the two types of wire they manufacture. This information is proprietary. Councilmember Cotton explained he was trying to determine what makes it a necessity to have an abatement versus what might be just an enlightened business decision from an entrepreneurial standpoint to capture what is a very attractive dynamics for profitability.

Patrick Lyp explained the process of working to retain businesses in Valparaiso and to encourage businesses to move to Valparaiso.

Councilmember Cotton talked about the terms of the abatement and the chances of the business not performing as required by the abatement in the amount of years for the abatement. Patrick Lyp explained the process of how many employees are required to be obtained because of the abatement.

Upon roll call vote the motion to adopt Resolution No. 17, 2018 passed with a 6-1 vote. Councilmember Cotton voted no.

RESOLUTION NO. 18, 2018

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO,
INDIANA GRANTING CAROLINA CREEK DEVELOPMENT LLC AN ASSESSED
VALUATION DEDUCTION (TAX ABATEMENT) FOR TANGIBLE REAL PROPERTY
UNDER INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1**

Councilmember Hudson moved that Resolution No. 18, 2018 be read a first time and considered for passage. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart read Resolution No. 18, 2018. Councilmember Hudson moved to adopt Resolution No. 18, 2018. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion.

Upon roll call vote the motion to adopt Resolution No. 18, 2018 passed with a 6-1 vote. Councilmember Cotton voted no.

ORDINANCE NO. 21, 2018

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONEY RECEIVED FROM PARK NON-REVERTING OPERATING SOURCES OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019

Councilmember Hudson moved that Ordinance No. 21, 2018 be read a second time by title and a third time in full and be considered for adoption and the opportunity be given for the offering of amendments. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart read the Ordinance. Councilmember Hudson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 21, 2018. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion.

Mayor Costas announced that Ordinance No. 21, 2018 requires a Public Hearing and presented Proof of Publication that at tonight's meeting the Council will hear comments from the public regarding the appropriation of \$2,460,500 in the Park Non-Reverting Operating Fund. Seeing no one wishing to address the Council, he declared the Public Hearing closed.

John Seibert addressed the Council. He offered to answer any questions regarding Ordinance No. 21, 2018.

Upon roll call vote the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 21, 2018 passed with a 7-0 vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 22, 2018

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONEY RECEIVED FROM PARKING SOURCES OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019

Councilmember Hudson moved that Ordinance No. 22, 2018 be read a second time by title and a third time in full and be considered for adoption and the opportunity be given for the offering of amendments. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart read the Ordinance. Councilmember Hudson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22, 2018. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion.

Mayor Costas announced that Ordinance No. 22, 2018 requires a Public Hearing and presented Proof of Publication that at tonight's meeting the Council will hear comments from the public regarding the appropriation of \$163,700.00 received from parking sources. Seeing no one wishing to address the Council, he declared the Public Hearing closed.

Upon roll call vote the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 22, 2018 passed with a 7-0 vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 23, 2018

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE LOCAL ROAD & STREET FUND AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE

Councilmember Hudson moved that Ordinance No. 23, 2018 be read a first time and considered on first reading. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart read Ordinance No. 23, 2018. Councilmember Hudson moved to carry Ordinance No. 23, 2018 to the January 14, 2019 meeting. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion.

Nate McGinley addressed the Council. This money was derived from gas tax. It will be used for materials and paving.

Councilmember Cotton asked if this is derived on next year's estimate or actual balance in the fund. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart replied the current balance of the fund is over \$400,000. She has been told the estimate for next year is approximately \$550,000.

Upon voice vote the motion to carry Ordinance No. 23, 2018 to the January 14, 2019 meeting passed with a 7-0 vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 24, 2018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO, INDIANA, ADOPTING AN ADDENDUM TO ORDINANCE NO. 16-2018 ENTITLED "CITY OF VALPARAISO 2019 SALARY ORDINANCE"

Councilmember Hudson moved that Ordinance No. 24, 2018 be read a first time and considered on first reading. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart read Ordinance No. 24, 2018. Councilmember Hudson moved to carry Ordinance No. 24, 2018 to the January 14, 2019 meeting. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion.

Bill Oeding addressed the Council. He explained this is an addendum to the Salary Ordinance which was already approved. The part time salaries had been left off the original Ordinance. The amounts were covered in the budget. He asked for suspension of the rules.

Councilmember Cotton asked what the total amount is. Bill Oeding explained it is scattered out through the entire budget and each individual amount would need to be pulled out.

Councilmember Cotton moved to suspend the rules. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion. Upon unanimous voice vote the motion to suspend the rules passed with a 7-0 vote.

Councilmember Hudson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 24, 2018 under suspension of the rules. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote the motion to adopt passed with a 7-0 vote.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Douglas reported the RDC meets on Thursday.

At this point there will not be a second meeting for the Council this month.

Councilmember Hudson reported there is no Plan Commission meeting this month.

AUDIENCE

Bob McCasland - He requested the City look at making Valparaiso a totally non-smoking City.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

/s/ Sharon Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer