

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

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

JUNE 25, 2009

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met on June 25, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall. Present were Mayor Jon Costas, John Hardwick, Chuck Williams and Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Emerson. Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chuck Williams moved that the minutes of the June 11, 2009 meeting be approved as presented, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved. John Hardwick moved that claims be approved for payment subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

NIRPC GRANT FOR EQUIPMENT

Bill Oeding requested permission to seek bids for equipment through the NIRPC Grant Program thru C-MAK. \$595,000 is available for the Public Works Department for 3 pieces of equipment and for 2 pieces of equipment for Wastewater. He presented a contract with NIRPC which states that we will pay NIRPC \$2400 for oversight of the grant and an agreement with the State of Indiana which outlines the guidelines for the grant. Bill assured Sharon Swihart that this is reimbursable money and that RDC has agreed to pay for the equipment and then the money will be repaid to them. Mayor Costas moved to approve the request and the contract, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved. Atty. Hollenbeck stated that this is unique in that we get to keep the equipment that this is replacing and can sell it ourselves, we do not have to turn it over to the State. Mayor Costas moved to approve the contract with NIRPC and the agreement with the State, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

CAMPBELL CEMETERY

Bill Oeding advised that the City has received a request from Bob Cain that we take over the maintenance of the Campbell Cemetery which is over off John Howell Drive. It is a small family cemetery that Mr. Cain has been taking care of but he is getting up in years and is unable to keep it up. In trying to get title on the property to turn over to the City they found that Mr. Cain had to clear title and everyone who was on the title was now buried in the Cemetery! He filed a Quiet Title Action and the court will order ownership to Mr. Cain who will then turn it over to the City. This is just informational and when the title is turned over to Mr. Cain it will come before the Board to accept ownership.

PUBLIC WORKS TRUCKS BIDS

Ron DeTorrice advised the Board that the bids on the Public Works trucks that were accepted previously will not be ordered until the grant is received. The grant is pending and hopefully should be awarded by the middle of July.

DOWNTOWN U PROJECT BID ACCEPT

Tim Burkman asked for approval of the contract with Larson-Danielson Construction Co. for the Downtown U Project in the amount of \$749,255.03. This will be funded by an RDA Grant through Redevelopment and they approved the contract at their last meeting. Mayor Costas moved to approve the contract with Larson-Danielson, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

LINCOLNWAY/MORGAN, CALUMET AVE. PROJECTS-BID ACCEPT

Tim Burkman requested that the Board ratify the award of the bids and approve the contracts with Gariup Construction for Lincolnway and Morgan Streetscape Improvements in the amount of \$183,600.00 and for the Calumet Avenue Streetscape Improvements project in the amount of \$348,142.00. Mayor Costas moved to ratify the bids and approve the contracts with Gariup Construction, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

DOWNTOWN SIGNAL MODERN. PROJ. AGREEMENT

Tim Burkman requested that the Board approve the INDOT/LPA Project Coordination Contract for the Downtown Signal Modernization Project. This is a State/Local agreement with INDOT and will be funded by a Service Transportation Grant through Redevelopment. Mayor Costas moved to approve the contract, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

ACCEPT CUMBERLAND DRIVE AND CUMBERLAND CROSSING DRIVE AS CITY STREETS

Tim Burkman asked that the Board accept the Right-of-Way documents and accept Cumberland Drive and Cumberland Crossing Drive as City streets. They were opened yesterday. This has been reviewed by the engineering and legal departments. Mayor Costas moved to approve the documents and accept the streets, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

CITIZEN REQUESTS:

1. Approval for Indianapolis Colts Fan Fest to be held on Wednesday, July 8, 2009, starting at 12:00 noon with street closure until 10:00 p.m. to be held at the Central Park Plaza. Chuck Williams moved to approve, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.
2. Approval for road closure for block party on Avondale Avenue between Kenwood and Calvin Streets on Sunday, August 23, 2009 for 4:00-8:00 p.m. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

Atty. Hollenbeck advised that when there are requests for use of the city sidewalks he will work with the person requesting use, give them the regulations and notify the Police Department. He did want the Board to know that Ken Ropper came to him to request to walk around the courthouse and carry a sign on July 3, 2009 from 8:00-12:00 a.m. He does not know the purpose of the signage.

Chief Brickner advised that he had police monitor the Berkley and Dorset Street area due to the request of citizens at the last meeting. They have issued tickets but there has been no one driving through the yards of the residents.

Mayor Costas advised that this will be the last meeting for John Hardwick as a member of the Board of Public Works and Safety. His spot will be filled by Bill Oeding. The Mayor thanked John for all the years of service on the Board.

There was no further business and the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned.