

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
MAY 24, 2007**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Valparaiso met on May 24, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. Present were members Mayor Jon Costas and John Hardwick and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Debbie Rosenbaum. Member Dave Pilz was absent.

Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. John Hardwick moved that minutes of the May 10, 2007 meeting be approved as presented, seconded by Mayor Costas and so ordered. John Hardwick moved that claims be approved for payment subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

WHEEL LOADER ACCEPTED BID

City Attorney Hollenbeck advised that Bill Oeding has recommended that the Board accept the bid from Holt Equipment for the wheel loader. This bid was \$1,100 more than the lowest bid but after looking over everything Mr. Oeding and Mr. Hollenbeck agreed that Holt was the best bid. John Hardwick moved to accept the bid of Holt, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

TRANSIT SERVICE PROPOSAL

Stu Summers presented the Request for Proposals for Operation of New Transit Service, Valparaiso to Chicago Commuters. He recommends approval himself as it has been reviewed and approved by the Redevelopment Commission and Assistant City Attorney Lyp. The City would cooperate with the Regional Bus Authority, MICTD and the RDA for our mutual best interests. No local taxes will be used in this service. John Hardwick moved to approve the Request, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

TRANSIT BUS SERVICE BIDS

Tyler Kent advised that he has received RFP's from Porter County Aging and Community Services and McDonald Transit for operation of the Transit Bus Service. Tyler and the committee will review these and come back on June 28th to present their recommendation. Mayor Costas moved to approve opening the bids and referring them to the committee for recommendation, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

TRANSIT BUS SV. AGREEMENT W/ NIRPC-MARKETING

Tyler Kent advised that the NIRPC representatives present, Allen Hammond, Angie Hayes and Tammy McKenzie have worked closely with him on the Transit Bus Service. This morning NIRPC approved a document outlining a reimbursable relationship with the City for marketing expenses at 20% up to \$40,000. Hollenbeck recommended that this contact be approved. Mayor Costas moved to approve the contract with NIRPC, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

CLOSE-OUT AGREEMENT-WESTSIDE SEWER PROJECT

City Attorney Hollenbeck presented the final close-out agreement on the Westside Sewer Project. There were some issues that needed to be resolved with the general contractor in regard to delays and this has been negotiated to where the City will retain \$75,000 of the overall retainage as compensation for costs associated to those delays. There is litigation pending in regard to the phone company problems caused by Atlas. In order to close this project out but yet protect the City, a general mutual release document has been prepared. He has reviewed this and recommends approval. Mayor Costas moved to approve the agreement, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

COMMUNITY REQUESTS

The Valparaiso Lions Club requested approval to have two banners hanging across two streets in regard to the Carson & Barnes Circus. The Public Works Department and the Police Department have denied the request due to safety factors. Bill Hanna advised that this has been brought before the City every year and has been denied every year. Mayor Costas moved to deny the request subject to trying to help them find another alternative, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Tammy Ferrari requested to hold a bike parade on Saturday, June 2nd at 9:30 a.m. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Paula George requested to hold a block party to be held on June 24th from 4-8 p.m. They will block Avondale off between Kenwood and Calvin Streets. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by John Costas and so approved.

The Elks are requesting to close the north alley at City Hall from June 11-14 for sidewalk repairs. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

MADISON CENTER CONTRACT RENEWAL

Karen Marben presented the renewal EAP Contract with the Madison Center. She had no report on how much this service has been used. They will be charging \$24.50 per employee. Mayor Costas moved to approve the contract, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

MISTWOOD PHASE 1 SURETY/SECONDARY PLAT

Tim Burkman presented the Surety and Secondary Plat for Mistwood Phase 1. He recommended that the Plat and Surety be approved subject to final review since the surety has yet to be delivered. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

LEADERSHIP REMARKS

Craig Phillips advised that he has met with the downtown restaurant owners in regard to outdoor dining standards. He should have standards to present at the June 14th meeting.

Steve Doniger advised that there will be a Memorial Day service held at Foundation Meadows at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow.

The meeting adjourned.