

REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 17, 2008

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in REGULAR SESSION on Monday morning, March 17, 2008, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers, in the City Hall Building, located at 100 East Michigan Boulevard, Michigan City, Indiana - a regular meeting room of this Board.

The meeting was called to order by Anthony Metzcus, who presided.

Noted Present: Anthony Metzcus, President; Mayor Charles Oberlie, Member; and John Schaefer, Member (3).

Absent: None (0).

A QUORUM WAS NOTED PRESENT.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schaefer moved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 3, 2008, be approved as printed. The motion was seconded by Tony Metzcus and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

Also noted in attendance:

Sgt. Jeff Loniewski, Traffic Division, M.C.P.D.
Al Walus, General Manager, Sanitary District
John Pugh, Director, Planning & Inspection
Joe Siegel, Zoning Administrator, Planning Department
Russ Hatfield, Code Enforcement Officer
Jack Kahn, Street Director, Central Services
Walter Gipson, Municipal Coach Director
Cranston Harris, Municipal Coach Assistant Director

Jason Miller, The News Dispatch

Thomas Fedder, City Clerk
Kim Sliwa, Assistant Deputy City Clerk

STATUS REPORTS

910 Green Street – James and Doris Gast, Owners

Russ Hatfield, Michigan City Code Enforcement Officer, addressed the Board regarding the rehabilitation of this property by the new owner, Cassandra English who is purchasing the property on land contract from the Gasts'. The structure now has a new roof on it; and Inspector Hatfield meet with Ms. English to discuss the work that needs to be done to bring the structure up to code and ordinance standards. Inspector Hatfield will report back to the Board as progress is made; Ms. English has a tentative schedule to be in the home in 30 days.

Mayor Oberlie made the motion to proceed at the discretion of the Planning Department and to keep the Board informed on the status of the structure. The Motion was seconded by Tony Metzcus and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

213 Willard Avenue – vacant

Russ Hatfield, Michigan City Code Enforcement Officer, addressed the Board regarding this vacant property that has been recently sold. Inspector Hatfield will be working with the new owner and permits will be issued for the rehabilitation of that structure next week. Inspector Hatfield will report back to the Board as progress is made at this location.

CONTRACT APPROVAL FOR FRANKLIN STREET LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE – Coolspring Avenue to 11th Street

Mayor Oberlie addressed the Board on behalf of Bill Phelps, City Engineer, who has provided the letter with the tabulations; and has recommended that Lakeshore Landscaping, Inc. be awarded the contract in the amount of \$19,886.44. Mayor Oberlie made the motion to approve; the Motion was seconded by Tony Metzcus and carried as follows: **MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

SIGN REQUEST – No Semi’s Allowed sign for the 1100 block of Green Street

Sgt. Jeff Loniewski, Traffic Division Michigan City Police Department, addressed the Board to inform them that he did review the request; and according to City Ordinance the only portion of Green Street that allows for truck traffic is between Chicago and Kentucky Streets. Sgt. Loniewski will contact the Planning Department to post No Truck Route signs there; Sgt. Loniewski also contacted Chris Bohnert regarding minimum height requirements for the utility lines. A letter to the utility companies advising them to raise their utility lines will also need to be sent out.

Mayor Oberlie moved to accept the recommendations of Traffic and authorize the installations as required. The Motion was seconded by John Schaefer and carried as follows: **MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

APPROVAL OF BUS ROUTE CHANGES

Walter Gipson, Director, M.C. Transit, addressed the Board to request minor adjustments to the bus routes that cover the new Walgreens and the new Wal-Mart on Franklin Street/US 421 and Kieffer Road. Mr. Gipson further explained the minor changes, stating that these changes will help make the routes more efficient. There will be no eliminations of stops, just changes to accommodate.

ROUTE # 1

DELETE - Marquette Mall to Franklin St
Franklin St to Wal-Mart Plaza
Wal-Mart Plaza to Franklin St
Franklin to Westwind Dr
Westwind Dr to Southwind Dr
Southwind Dr to Kieffer Rd
Kieffer Rd to Franklin St

Franklin St to Holiday Inn
Holiday Inn to Franklin St

ADD - Marquette Mall to US Highway 20
US Highway 20 to Ohio St
Ohio St to Kieffer Rd
Kieffer Rd to Wal-Mart
Wal-Mart to Access Rd
Access Rd to Franklin St

DELETE - Franklin St to 9th St
9th St to Pine St
Pine St to 4th St
4th St to Library
Library to Wabash St
Wabash ST to Michigan Blvd
Michigan Blvd to Pine St

ADD - Franklin St to 10th St
10th St to Pine St
Pine St to Washington Park
Washington Park to Lakeshore Dr

ROUTE #2

DELETE - Woodland Ave to Coolspring Ave
Coolspring Ave to Medical Group
Through Medical Group to Woodland Ave
Woodland Ave to Barker Rd
Barker Rd to Franklin St
Franklin St to St. Johns Rd
St. Johns Rd to Marquette Mall

ADD - Woodland Ave to Medical Group
Medical Group to Coolspring Ave
Coolspring Ave to Woodland Ave
Woodland Ave to Normandy Village
Normandy Village to Pahs Rd
Pahs Rd to Cleveland Ave
Cleveland Ave to Barker Rd
Barker Rd to Franklin St
Franklin St to St. Johns Rd
St. Johns Rd to Marquette Mall

DELETE - Franklin St to Aldi
Aldi to Meijer Dr
Meijer Dr to Cleveland Dr
Cleveland Av to Pahs Rd
Pahs Rd to Normandy Village
Normandy Village to Woodland Av
Woodland Ave to Pahs Rd
Pahs Rd to Cleveland Ave
Cleveland Ave to US Highway 20
US Highway 20 to Marquette Mall

ADD - Franklin St to 400 N
400 N to Wal-Mart

Wal-Mart to Access Rd
Access Rd to Franklin St
Franklin St to Town Centre Ct
Town Centre Ct to Town Centre Dr
Town Centre Dr to Meijers
Meijers to Meijers Dr
Meijers Dr to Cleveland Ave
Cleveland Ave to Pahs Rd
Pahs Rd to Woodland Ave
Woodland Ave to Coolspring Ave
Coolspring Ave to Carroll Ave
Carroll Ave to Barker Ave
Barker Ave to Lafayette St
Lafayette St to Detroit St
Detroit St to Pine St
Pine St to 4th St
4th St to Library

ROUTE #3

DELETE - Michigan Blvd to 7th St
7th St to Wabash St
Wabash St to Barker Ave
Barker Ave to Ohio St
Ohio St to St. Johns Rd
St. Johns Rd to Marquette Mall

ADD - Michigan Blvd to 5th St
5th St to Washington St
Washington St to 9th St
9th St to Franklin St
Franklin St to St. Johns Rd
St. Johns Rd to Marquette Mall

DELETE - Franklin St to Wal-Mart Plaza
Wal-Mart Plaza to Franklin St
Franklin St to Lake Spur
Lake Spur to Town Centre Dr
Town Center Dr to Aldi
Aldi to Franklin St

ADD - Franklin St to 400 N
400 N to Wal-Mart
Wal-Mart to Access Rd
Access Rd to Franklin St
Franklin St to Town Centre Ct
Town Centre Ct to Town Centre Dr
Town Centre Dr to Meijers
Meijers to Aldi
Aldi to Franklin St
Franklin St to US Highway 20
US Highway 20 to Mall

DELETE - Marquette Mall to St. Johns Rd
St. Johns Rd to Ohio St

Ohio St to Barker Ave
Barker Ave to Wabash St
Wabash St to 6th St
6th St to Pine St
Pine St to 4th St
4th St to Library

ADD - Marquette Mall to Franklin St
Franklin St to 10th St
10th St to Pine St
Pine St to 4th St
4th St to Library

ROUTE #4

ADD - 8th St to Wabash St
Wabash St to Barker Ave
Barker Ave to Ohio St
Ohio St to St. Johns Rd
St. Johns Rd to Marquette Mall

DELETE - Washington to 9th St
9th St to Franklin St
Franklin St to St. Johns Rd
St. Johns Road to Marquette Mall

ADD - Marquette Mall to US Highway 20
US Highway 20 to Dunes Plaza
Dunes Plaza to US Highway 421

DELETE - Marquette Mall to St. Johns Rd
St. Johns Rd to Franklin St
Franklin St to Wal-Mart Plaza

ADD - US Highway 421 to Westwind Dr
Westwind Dr to Southwind Drive
Southwind Dr to Kieffer Rd
Kieffer Rd to Wal-Mart (Last Entrance)

DELETE - Through Wal-Mart Plaza to Franklin St
Franklin St to Westwind Dr

DELETE - Westwind Dr to Southwind Dr
Southwind Dr to Kieffer Rd
Kieffer Road to Franklin St

ADD - Wal-Mart Plaza to Access Rd
Access Rd to US Highway 421
US Highway 421 to Town Centre Ct (GFS)
Town Centre Ct to Town Center Dr
Town Centre Dr to Meijers
Meijers to Meijer Drive
Meijer Drive to Cleveland Ave

Cleveland Ave to US Highway 20
US Highway 20 to Marquette Mall

ROUTE #4 - Continued

DELETE - Marquette Mall to St. Johns Rd
St. Johns Rd to Franklin St
Franklin St to 9th St
9th St to Pine St
Pine St to 4th St
4th St to Library

ADD - Marquette Mall to St. Johns Rd
St. Johns Rd to Ohio St
Ohio St to Barker Ave
Barker Ave to Wabash St
Wabash St to 6th St
6th St to Pine St
Pine St. to 4th St
4th St to Library

Cranston Harris, Asst. Director, M.C. Transit, also addressed the Board with regards to the minor route changes for Route #4.

Mayor Oberlie asked regarding the route change that takes the old WalMart off the route, should a new large tenant take over that building will the routes be able to be adjusted back?

Mr. Gipson replied adjustments can be made should/when that happens. Route 4 is the longest, but the deletions should make this route run more on schedule.

Mayor Oberlie asked what the future plans are for the opening of Kieffer Road, as traffic will get backed up; he requested that Mr. Pugh, City Planner, keep the M.C. Transit Department informed of future plans regarding Kieffer Road and the construction.

Mr. Gipson explained that the media campaigning will start after approval of the bus route changes. Mr. Gipson also informed the Board that fixed bus stops will be implemented and bus graphic design will continue; bus shelters will be developed and will include map documentation posted at each bus shelter.

Mr. Metzcus made the suggestion that the M.C. Transit Department work with the Traffic Department as road construction changes take place along Kieffer Road.

Mayor Oberlie and the Board congratulated the M.C. Transit Department for all the hard work on developing this new phase. The Motion being made and carried as follows:
AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie, and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.

CLAIMS AND PAYROLL

John Schaefer, moved that the claims set forth in the Register of Claims (in possession of the City Controller) and appearing in the Register be severally allowed and ordered paid and proper warrants for payment thereof hereby ordered issued in the stated amounts to person(s) and/or firm(s) as set forth, and payrolls approved. The Motion was seconded by Tony Metzcus and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie, and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

The Board signed: Payroll Items in Register of Claims for informational purposes (which Register is in the possession of the City Controller) as follows:

Page	Date	Amount
1 of 8	03/12/2008	\$417,746.72

Allowance of claims as set forth in the Register of Claims as follows:

Page	Date	Amount
1 of 8	03/14/2008	\$4,425,195.09

FIRE WORKS PERMIT

For record keeping purposes only, Mayor Oberlie reported to the Board that the 2008 Fire Works Permit information has been received by his office; at this time he conveys this documentation over to the Clerks Office to pass on to the Fire Department for the proper signatures and filing. Tony Metzcus, Board President made the motion; the Motion was seconded by John Schaefer and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie, and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

ADJOURNMENT

The presiding officer inquired whether there was anything else to be considered by the Board at this time and, there being none, declared the meeting ADJOURNED (approximately 9:32 a.m.).

Thomas F. Fedder, City Clerk