

REGULAR MEETING – July 21, 2008

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in REGULAR SESSION on Monday morning, July 21, 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.

Also noted in attendance:

John Espar, Corporate Council
Sgt. Jeff Loniewski, Traffic Division, M.C.P.D.
John Pugh, Director, Planning & Inspection
Jim Elwell, Superintendent, Central Services
Bill Phelps, City Engineer
Dave Lamb, Fire Chief, M.C.F.D.
Russ Hatfield, Code Inspector
Al Walus, General Manager, Sanitary District
Joe Siegel, Zoning Administrator
Charlie Cate, Superintendant, Central Maintenance

Rick Richards, The News Dispatch

Thomas Fedder, City Clerk
Gale Neulieb, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schaefer moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 7, 2008 be approved as printed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Metzcus and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

DEMOLITION STATUS – 717 E. Michigan Blvd., Mark Pastoret – owner

Russ Hatfield, Code Enforcement Officer, informed the Board of the status of 717 E. Michigan Blvd., stating that the structure has been demolished and back filled in by Piper Excavating. **Note:** This is for informational purposes.

DEMOLITION STATUS – 1212 W. 9th Street, Michael Crane – owner

Russ Hatfield, Code Enforcement Officer, informed the Board of the status of 1212 W. 9th Street, stating that the structure has been demolished and back filled in.

Note: This is for informational purposes.

DEMOLITION STATUS – 721 E. Michigan Blvd., Mark Pastoret – owner

Russ Hatfield, Code Enforcement Officer, informed the Board of the status of 721 E. Michigan Blvd., stating that the demolition will start on July 21, 2008, by C & G Excavating. Mr. Hatfield stated that these parcels should be back filled and seeded by the end of the week. **Note:** This is for informational purposes.

STATUS REPORT – 1202 Washington Street (alley), Alexandra Jackson – owner

Joe Siegel, Zoning Administor, reported on the status of 1202 Washington Street, stating that this property has been on the Boards Agenda many times before, with the Board waiting for some foundation work to be taken care of so the alley can be re-opened. Mr. Siegel has been corresponding with Mr. McDonnell and the masonry contractor, Deutscher Construction, who filed for a building permit on July 18, 2008.

Note: This is for informational purposes.

OPENING OF BIDS – Sale of City Vehicles, Central Maintenance

Mayor Oberlie informed the Board there were five (5) bids packets for the Sale of City Vehicles from Central Maintenance. The Mayor opened the following bids:

Piper Excavating, 8611 W. 375 N., Michigan City, IN

1983 Chevy ¾ Ton TK (green) 8 cyl Diesel 96,309 miles	\$499.90
1983 Mack Single Axle Dump (yellow) w/front plow 71,694 miles	\$2319.00
1999 BOVC-Ford Bus 16 passenger Ford E450 8 cyl Diesel	
Chassis Bus w/Wheel Chair Lift	\$1297.87
1999 BOVC-Ford Bus 16 passenger Ford E450 8 cyl Diesel	
Chassis Bus w/Wheel Chair Lift	\$777.77
2001 LTV-BlueBird Commercial Bus 24 passenger w/Wheel	
Chair Lift-Cummins ISB L6 5.9L Diesel w/Air Brakes	\$1111.11

Hunts Maintenance, 107 Greenway Avenue, Westville, IN

1983 Mack Single Axle Dump (yellow) w/front plow 71,694 miles	\$851.00
1999 BOVC-Ford Bus 16 passenger Ford E450 8 cyl Diesel	
Chassis Bus w/Wheel Chair Lift	\$751.00
1999 BOVC-Ford Bus 16 passenger Ford E450 8 cyl Diesel	
Chassis Bus w/Wheel Chair Lift	\$851.00
2001 LTV-BlueBird Commercial Bus 24 passenger w/Wheel	
Chair Lift-Cummins ISB L6 5.9L Diesel w/Air Brakes	\$2195.00

Mayor Oberlie moved that the bids be referred to Central Maintenance for tabulation; and reporting back at next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schaefer and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

OPENING OF BIDS – Purchase of one (1) Dump Truck, Central Maintenance

Mayor Oberlie informed the Board there were three (3) bids packets for the purchase of one (1) Single Axle Dump Truck for Central Maintenance. The Mayor opened the following bids:

Hill Truck Sales, Inc., South Bend, IN	Base bid \$74,378.00
	With extra equipment. \$127,228.00
	Second bid \$130,698.00
Great Lakes International Trucks, LLC, South Bend, IN	Base bid \$71,930.07
	Lindco Equipment \$128,623.07
	Northern Equipment . . . \$127,443.07
	W.A. Jones Equipment . \$123,973.07
Truck City of Gary, Inc., Gary, IN	Base bid \$74,372.00
	With extra equipment \$131,872.00

Mayor Oberlie made the motion to refer to Central Maintenance for tabulation; and reporting back at next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schaefer and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

CORRESPONDENCE – Handicapped Parking Requests

The following correspondence was received in the Clerks Office on July 10, 2008, from John McCluskey, 515 Birch Tree Lane, M.C.:

This is a request for a disability sign to be installed on Clemens Street at the service sidewalk to 515 Birch Tree Lane, Michigan City, Indiana. This is my residence. I have a disability tag. My upstairs neighbor also has one. I can be reached via phone at 219/878-9079. I would appreciate any help.

John Pugh, Director, Planning and Inspection, presented the following to the Board Members:

Handicapped Parking Request
 John McCluskey
 515 Clemens Dr. M. C.

Visited 07-17-08@9:30 am no answer at door.

- Apartment/Condo complex off of Moore Rd.
- Request is for himself and his upstairs neighbor.
- It was made understood that if signage approved, anyone with handicap windshield placard/license plate would be allowed to park in designated area.
- Claims vehicle plated with handicap license plate.
- Note: one vehicle illegally parked and ticketed by MCPD, (no handicap placard or plates).
- Appears with the existing number of handicap signage, no additional signs needed along the City's Right-Of-Way. Perhaps complex could install signs within their off-street parking areas.



Discussion followed between Mr. Pugh and Mr. Metzcus in regards to how many signs are currently in the private parking lot (none), and how many handicapped residents live there.

Mayor Oberlie made the motion to TABLE this for two (2) weeks to allow the Planning Department to meet with management to determine why there isn't any reserved spots provided; to obtain a census number of the occupants to determine whether or not it is necessary to provide them on the street, or if those units should be utilizing the parking lot. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schaefer and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

CORRESPONDENCE – Handicapped Parking Requests

The following correspondence was received in the Clerks Office on July 10, 2008, from Rose Lockridge, 205 Helen Street, M.C.:

Ms. Rose Lockridge, of 205 Helen Street, is requesting to have a Handicapped Sign placed in front of her home for parking reasons. Ms. Lockridge is handicapped, and other people are constantly parking in front of her home. It is very difficult for her to walk as the arthritis in her legs is very bad. Ms. Lockridge can be reached at (219) 874-6468.

John Pugh, Director, Planning and Inspection, presented the following to the Board Members:

Handicapped Parking Requests

Rose Lockridge, 205 Helen St. M. C.

- Visited 07-17-08 @ 10:30 am
- Home has multiple steps to entry level/door.
 - Request is for herself as she has arthritis.
 - Has spoken with representative of the Michigan City Police Department.
 - It was made understood that if signage approved, anyone with handicap windshield placard/license plate would be allowed to park in designated area.
 - Vehicle handicap license plated (HC 122526).
 - NOTE: Private tree has dead tree limbs overhanging Right-Of-Way.
 - Dead tree to the South near intersection Helen and Monroe.
 - Fire Hydrant obstruction in the Southwest segment of intersection, violation FEDERAL three (3) foot rule.
 - MCPD ticketed expired license plated vehicle in Northwest segment of intersection.



Mr. Pugh informed the Board that the Planning Department is recommending installation be approved.

Mayor Oberlie asked if the report had been forwarded to the Arborist with regards to the trees. Mr. Pugh will see that the Arborist gets a copy of the report. Mayor Oberlie made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Department for the installation of a Handicapped Parking Sign at 205 Helen Street. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schaefer and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

CORRESPONDENCE – Street Light Request

The following correspondence was received in the Clerks Office on July 15, 2008, from Robert O'Connor, 115 N. Porter Street, M.C.:

In the interest of Public Safety I request that this Board and the Police Department review the location of North Porter for a Dawn to Dusk Light on poles number 240/292 or 240/293. Pole 293 is next to the alley and pole 292 is between 114 & 118 N. Porter.

The alley pole would light up the walk way for the 25 to 35 people or more who use this alley to get to the gas station to buy ice cream, chips, pop, candy, news papers, cigarettes, etc. They may stop arguing & fighting late at night on their way back.

The other pole is between 114 & 118 N. Porter across from the apartment that has Been vacant for more than a year, in fact, the house behind the building is vacant.

This area is very dark, there are 4 light poles on a street that is over 600 feet long. One at each end & two in the middle. I have had to call 911 many times because of gun shots being fired, & I don't mean on the 4th of July.

Thank you for all your consideration.

John Pugh, Director, Planning and Inspection, presented the following to the Board Members:

Street light request

Robert O'Connor
115N. Porter St.
M.C.

Requesting an additional street light in the 100 block of N. Porter St. Claiming the area is "very dark!"

- Visited 07-17-08 @ 10:00 90° clear and sunny.
- Planning Department and Michigan City Police Department feel area already covered by NIPSCO provided overhead lighting, however, Police Department night patrol will verify if all lighting in area functions.
- If so desired, there is a NIPSCO pole available at the intersection of Porter St. and the alley; however, said pole has a multitude of existing equipment already installed.



Discussion followed between Mayor Oberlie and Mr. Pugh with regards to how far apart the poles are.

Mr. Robert O'Connor addressed the Board with photos of the area at night. Discussion followed between Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Metzcus with regards to how far apart the poles are. Mr. O'Connor expressed his concerns about his neighborhood/street.

Mayor Oberlie made the motion to TABLE until the next meeting, to allow the Police to provide the Board with some nuisance reports for the area; and secondly to know what the spacing of the poles/lights are. The motion was seconded by Mr. Metzcus and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

Handicapped Parking Requests

John Pugh, Director, Planning and Inspection, presented the following to the Board Members:

Jerry Meece
1914 Elston St. M. C.

Visited 07-17-08@11:30 am no answer at door.

Older home located on re-constructed/remodeled Elston St.

Home has two (2) steps to entry level/door.

Request is for himself as he uses a walker and is asthmatic.

Has already spoken with representative of the Michigan City Police Department.

It was made understood that if signage approved, anyone with handicap windshield placard/license plate would be allowed to park in designated area.

Vehicle plated with handicap license plate.

Mr. Pugh informed the Board that the Planning and Inspection Department along with M.C. Police Traffic Division recommend approval of this request.

Mr. Schaefer made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Department for the installation of a Handicapped Parking Sign at 1914 Elston Street. The motion was seconded by Mr. Metzcus and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

REQUEST FOR 4TH ANNUAL UNITY IN CHRIST PRAYER MARCH

The following correspondence was received in the Clerks Office on July 08, 2008, from Pastor Rick S. Jones, of the Pines Bible Church:

The Michigan City Ministerial Alliance requests permission to hold the fourth annual Unity in Christ Prayer March, to take place on Saturday, September 13, 2008. The event would begin at 11:00 AM at the parking lot of the courthouse on the corner of Washington Street and Michigan Blvd. We would walk south on Washington Street, turn east on 9th Street, then south on Pine Street, with the route ending at the parking lot of Elston Middle School on the corner of Spring and Detroit Streets. We expect the walkers to complete the route around noon.

I plan to attend the Board of Works meeting on July 21 in order to answer any questions you may have.

Pastor Jones advised the Board of the route of the Annual Unity Christ Prayer March. Sgt. Loniewski, M.C.P.D. Traffic Division recommended to support the event.

Mr. Schaefer made the motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Metzcus and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

ADVANCED IMAGING SOLUTIONS

Julie Vigue, Managed Print Services, Advanced Imaging Solutions, addressed the Board with her final assessment report, explaining the report to them.

Mr. Schaefer addressed the Board with regards to the total savings as explained by Ms. Vigue, and asked the Board to give him the authority to enter into a contract with Advanced Imaging Solutions, after he finalizes the details of this report and speaks to a couple of department heads.

Mayor Oberlie made the motion to approve Mr. Schaefer's request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Metzcus and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

2008 PAVING SCHEDULE

Bill Phelps, City Engineer, reported to the Board the next series of paving to be done in the City. Mr. Phelps stated that the schedule will be dependant on the weather.

Note: This is for informational purposes.

C.S.X.

Mayor Oberlie reported that the railroad crossing at Hitchcock was still closed. Mr. Phelps stated that according to the letter he has on file, all the railroad crossings are slated for repair within the city. **Note:** This is for informational purposes.

CLAIMS AND PAYROLL

Mayor Oberlie, 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 Mr. 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 10	07/18/2008	\$460,468.57

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

Page	Date	Amount
1 of 4	07/21/2008	\$830,756.17

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 9:44 a.m.).

Thomas F. Fedder, City Clerk