

REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 2, 2007

The Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday Evening, January 2, 2006, at the hour of 7:30 p.m., local time, in the Common Council Chambers, located in the lower level of the City Hall Building, 100 East Michigan Boulevard, Michigan City, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council President Ron Meer, who presided.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a short period of silent prayer were observed for President Ford.

Roll call was authorized and the following were noted present and/or absent:

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS Evelyn D. Baker; Patricia Boy; Joseph Doyle; Phillip Jankowski; Charles Lungren; Virginia Martin; Ronald Meer, Willie Millsap, Paul Przybylinski; (9)

ABSENT: None (0).

A QUORUM WAS NOTED PRESENT.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The floor was opened for nomination for President of the Council for the 2007. Councilman Lungren nominated Willie Milsap for President. There being no further nominations, **Councilman Milsap** was elected as follows: **FOR MR. MILSAP: COUNCIL MEMBERS Boy, Doyle, Jankowski, Lungren, Martin, Meer, Milsap, Przybylinski, Baker (9).**

Nominations were opened for Vice President. Councilman Przybylinski nominated Ron Meer. There being no further nominations, **Councilman Meer** was elected by the following vote: **FOR MR. MEER: COUNCIL MEMBERS Doyle, Jankowski, Lungren, Martin, Meer, Milsap, Przybylinski, Baker and Boy (9).**

PLANNING COMMISSION – Council Appointment

The floor was opened for nominations for the Council's appointment to the Planning Commission. Councilman Lungren moved to retain Councilwoman Pat Boy as the Council's appointment to the Planning Commission. There being no further nominations, Councilwoman Boy was elected by the following vote: **FOR MRS. BOY: COUNCIL MEMBERS Jankowski, Lungren, Martin, Meer, Milsap, Przybylinski, Baker, Boy, Doyle (9).**

Council President Milsap informed the Council that he would have Committee Assignments for the calendar year 2007 at the next scheduled Council meeting, January 16th.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

President Milsap inquired whether there were any corrections, deletions, or additions to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 19, 2006, and, hearing none, the minutes were approved as printed.

REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Doyle reported Thursday, January 4, 2007 will be a public meeting for the Park's Master Plan, a finalized copy will be given to each Council Member. Mr. Doyle stated the Park Board's final vote for the Master Plan is January 11, 2007.

Councilwoman Martin advised the Board that there would be a executive session January 13, 2007, starting at 10:30 a.m. interviewing attorneys for the Common Council Attorney's position. Mrs. Martin stated the committee would be asking the same (5) five questions to each applicant and that there are (8) eight applicants.

There was a discussion among Council Members Martin, Lungren, Przybylinski, Meer, Boy and Jankowski regarding the hiring of the Common Council Attorney. Councilman Meer commented that the interviews are the first step to narrow the field down, that the committee can only narrow the applicants down to (3) three or (4) four. He stated this procedure was a recommendation of the past Council.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL OR SELECT COMMITTEES

Councilman Doyle reported that the Summer Festival Committee will have a preliminary list of all the events for 2007 by the next scheduled Council meeting.

REPORTS of OTHERS and DEPARTMENTS

There were no Reports

PETITIONS

There were no Petitions

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no Communications

RESOLUTION

There were no Resolution

ORDINANCES

The Clerk read on second reading by title only, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA, REGULATING ILLICIT DISCHARGES AND CONNECTIONS TO STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEMS**, as Sponsored by Evelyn Baker and Co-sponsored by Charles Lungren.

Councilwoman Baker advised the Council that Al Walus, Sanitary District, General Manager, Mike Hoffman, Collection System Superintendent and the MS4 Coordinator were there to answer any questions they have.

There was a discussion among Sanitary District, General Manger, Al Walus, Collection System Superintendent, Mike Hoffman, Council Members Przybylinski, Lungren and Baker regarding educational programs, questions and information regarding regulating illicit discharges and connections to storm drainage systems.

Council President Milsap opened the formal public hearing, repeating three times “Any questions or comments by the general public at this time?” there was no response and the public hearing was closed.

The Ordinance was then laid over for third reading.

The Clerk read on second reading by title only, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA, REGULATING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY EROSIONS AND SEDIMENT CONTROL**, as sponsored by Evelyn Baker and Co-sponsored b Charles Lungren.

Councilwoman Baker stated that Mr. Walus and Mr. Hoffman are here to answer questions regarding this Ordinance also.

Councilman Przybylinski and Sanitary District Al Walus discussed fees and penalty procedures regulating construction activity erosions and sediment control regarding the Ordinance.

Council President Milsap opened the formal public hearing, repeating three times “Any questions or comments by the general public at this time?” there was no response and the public hearing was closed.

Council President Milsap asked if there were any comments or questions by the Council or general public and hearing none, the Ordinance was then laid over for third reading.

The Clerk read on second reading by title only, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA, REGULATING POST-CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**, as Sponsored by Evelyn Baker and Co-Sponsored by Charles Lungren.

Council Members Baker, Lungren, Przybylinski, Boy and Mr. Walus discussed this Ordinance regarding regulating post-construction activity and stormwater management

Mr. Walus responded to Councilwoman Boy’s questions regarding the maintenance covenants, necessary replacement of landscape vegetation and if they would be using native species.

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The Ordinance was then laid over for third reading.

The Clerk read on second reading by title only, **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2560 AND ALL SUBSEQUENTLY ENACTED AMENDING ORDINANCES THERETO, ALL COLLECTIVELY KNOWN AS THE FIRE MERIT ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA, ALSO KNOWN AS THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 54-173 (1) ET.SEQ.**, as Sponsored by Patricia Boy.

Councilwoman Boy explained the changes concerning the rating standards for “Non Supervisory Rating Scale” and “Supervisory Rating Scale”.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Councilwoman Martin addressed Councilman Doyle regarding the Park and Recreation minutes from December 14, 2006 concerning the Michigan City Soccer Club donating \$60,000 to the Park Board to continue the path to finish what has already been started at Patriot Park. Mrs. Martin read the list of priorities the Park Department and Soccer Club hoped to have completed by the end of August 2007. Mr. Doyle commented that there wasn't any final plans or estimates made with the donation. Mr. Doyle responded to Mrs. Martin, that the Soccer Team Club will not have to pay to use Patriot Park.

Councilman Lungren extended his condolences to the Al Pontias family. Mr. Lungren congratulated President Milsap and Vice-President Meer.

Vice-President Meer commented on the 2007 annual city spending on inter-structure improvements and the hiring of City Residences.

Councilman Przybylinski reminded everyone next Monday January 8, 2007 will be the first Public Hearing on the rate increase for the Solid Waste District at 1:30 p.m. at the County Complex.

Councilman Przybylinski agreed on the comments made by Mr. Meer regarding the hiring of City Residence for projects being done in our community.

Councilman Przbylinski extended his condolences to the Pontias family.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ted Sing, President of the Northwest Indiana Landlords Association thanked the Council for giving the Landlord Association the opportunity to continue to work with the City Council, regulating residential rental properties and establishing an inspection authority ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilman Milsap, supported by the majority of the Council, and there being no further business to transact, President Meer declared the meeting **ADJOURNED** (approximately 8:50 p.m.)

Thomas F. Fedder, City Clerk

