

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2009

Members present were Eileen Fisher, William Suffel, Jeff Hartman, Lucinda Hillmer, and Gary L. Raikes plus Town Attorney Kimberly Blanchet and Town Manager Barbara Lawrence. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Fisher at 7:00PM.

A Moment of Silence honoring Police Sgt. Alan F. Jones II preceded a record of his ranks and accomplishments offered by Police Chief Jeffrey Dine.

Mrs. Fisher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the May 11, 2009 regular Council Meeting were approved.

Mr. Scott Harris, Executive Director of the Speedway Redevelopment Commission, provided information on the process concerning the potential purchase of International Village and the need for the escrow fund.

RESOLUTION 2009-14 – A Temporary Loan from the Town’s General Fund to the Speedway Redevelopment Fund in the Amount of \$100,000.00 was presented. Councilor Hartman moved to adopt Resolution 2009-14, second by Councilor Raikes.

The following public comments were offered:

Mrs. JoEllen Dotlich spoke against the support of Resolution 2009-14.

The following spoke in favor of supporting Resolution 2009-14 and subsequent purchase of the International Village Apartment Complex.

Mr. Jeff Shelley
Mrs. Lisa Eddington
Mr. James Hornaday
Mrs. Christy Manion

After further discussion Councilor Hartman amended his motion pending approval from legal counsel, second by Councilor Raikes; adopted 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2009-15 – A Temporary Loan from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund to the Town’s General Fund in the Amount of \$100,000.00 was presented. Councilor Suffel moved to adopt the Temporary Loan in the amount of \$100,000.00, second by Councilor Hillmer. There were no comments from the public. Motion adopted 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO.1146 – Amendment No. 2 to Ordinance 1133 An Ordinance Concerning the Rates of Employees Not Covered by the Appropriation Ordinance No.1129 was presented for second reading. Councilor Raikes moved to adopt second reading, second by Councilor Hartman. There were no comments from the public. Motion adopted 5-0.

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ORDINANCE NO.1147 – Amendment No.6 to Ordinance 1132 An Ordinance Concerning the Rates of Employees Covered by the Appropriation Ordinance No.1129 was presented for first reading. Councilor Raikes moved to approve first reading, second by Councilor Suffel. There were no comments from the public. Motion approved 5-0.

Town Manager Barbara Lawrence provided an update on the Gerrard and Allison drainage project. During her update she mentioned that a 1 million dollar grant has been submitted for the project and, if successful, there will be a slight delay in the start of the project.

RESOLUTION 2009-16 – A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Speedway, Indiana Authorizing the Submittal of a Disaster Grant Application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and Related Matters (Gerrard-Allison Project) was presented. Councilor Hartman moved to adopt Resolution 2009-16, second by Councilor Raikes. There were no comments from the public. Motion adopted 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2009-18 – A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Speedway, Indiana Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds through the Open Market or the State Revolving Fund Program to Finance the Gerrard-Allison Storm Relief Project was presented. Councilor Suffel moved to adopt Resolution 2009-18, second by Councilor Hillmer. There were no comments from the public. Motion adopted 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2009-17 – A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Speedway, Indiana Authorizing the Submittal of a Second Byrne Grant Application to the US Department of Justice and Related Matters was presented. Councilor Hillmer moved to adopt Resolution 2009-17, second by Councilor Suffel. There were no comments from the public. Motion adopted 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2009-19 – A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Speedway, Indiana Authorizing the Settlement and Release Agreement with the Westmount Park Villas Co-Owners Association was presented. Councilor Suffel moved to adopt Resolution 2009-19, second by Councilor Hartman. There were no comments from the public. Motion adopted 5-0.

ORDINANCE 1148 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Creation of a Merit System for the Speedway Fire Department was presented for first reading. Council President Fisher advised that Ordinance 1148 would be continued until the June 22, 2009 Council Meeting.

Nominations were opened for one appointment to the School Board by the Town Council. Councilor Raikes nominated Mr. Terry Reed for re-appointment. Nominations will be accepted at the next meeting when the appointment will be made.

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Street Commissioner Wendell Walters presented the 25th Street Traffic Flow Improvement Plan to the Council for their review and later comment.

Mr. Scott Harris, Executive Director of the Speedway Redevelopment Commission, provided an update on the new and ongoing projects that the Redevelopment Commission is currently engaged in.

During his presentation Mr. Harris advised that the next meeting of the Redevelopment Commission will be Monday, June 15, 2009 at the Speedway Public Library.

Police Chief Jeffrey Dine thanked all his department staff for their performance during the month of May. He also advised that the public is invited to the Community meeting tomorrow June 9, 2009 at 1:30pm in the Brickyard Inn as the various committees and subcommittees will be there seeking input on observations and/or concerns that will be brought back to the committee for further review and implementation if necessary.

Chief Dine concluded by introducing the new code enforcement officer Derek Bland who spoke of his immediate goals and thank the citizens for their warm welcome.

Fire Chief Curtis Dean advised that we recently had a firefighter resign to return to his home town in California. Fortunately we have a qualified individual already to replace him. He also read a thank you letter that was received from an individual about the professionalism of our Fire Department.

Waste Water Superintendent Norman Berry advised that the EPA has made changes to the Pretreatment Streamlining Rule which the Indiana Department of Environmental Management "IDEM" has adopted. This means we must incorporate these new changes into our Sewer Use Ordinance "SUO" and submit the revised SUO to IDEM within 6 months from the May 3, 2009 notification date or by November 3, 2009.

He also advised that the Merrill Brothers disposal facility is complete and will begin full operation in July.

Water Superintendent Steve Hurst advised that during the race weekend that the Water department pumped 3.6 million gallons per day.

He also advised that the Consumer Confidence report will be mailed to our water customers this week and be published in the Press in this weeks' issue.

In closing he introduced the recently hired Water Assistant Superintendent Mary Armacost and congratulated Tom Brandenburg, who has successfully passed the WT3 exam. This will permit him to operate the ground water plant which consists of wells, chemical treatment and pressure filters.

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Street Commissioner Wendell Walters updated the Council on the status of projects the street department is currently engaged in.

Councilor Hartman asked Commissioner Walters to explain how and why the Dry Run Ditch area must be kept clear of debris.

Mr. John Duncan, HNTB, presented the May 2009 Engineers Status Report. During his report he stated that he should have further information related to the 29th Place and Shambaugh Park drainage problems to report back within the next few weeks.

Councilor Suffel reported that he is working on updating some parking ordinances and that he will be bring them before the whole Council in the near future.

Councilor Hartman offered the floor to Mr. John Euliss who thanked their family, friends, neighbors, and businesses for their assistance after the loss of their son on May 20, 2009.

Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Zishka presented the following claim vouchers for Council Approval:

General Fund Vouchers 1861 through 1863, 1865 through 1899, 1987 through 2017, 2069 through 2108, and 2182 through 2200

Parks and Recreation Fund Vouchers 1900 through 1903, 2018 through 2021, 2109, 2110, and 2201 through 2204

Motor Vehicle Highway and Local Road and Street Funds Vouchers 1904 through 1910, 2022 through 2028, 2111 through 2123, and 2205 through 2217

Cumulative Capital Development Fund Vouchers 2068 and 2124 through 2127

Water Works Fund Vouchers 1864, 1911 through 1927, 2029 through 2044, 2067, 2128 through 2145, and 2218 through 2233

Waste Water/Storm Water Fund Vouchers 1928 through 1953, 2045 through 2050, 2146 through 2171, and 2234

Councilor Raikes moved to approve the claims signed as of June 8, 2009, second by Councilor Suffel; approved 5-0.

Town Manager Barbara Lawrence asked for and received concurrence from the Council to approve the closing of Maplewood from Moller to Meadowwood on July 10th from 4:00pm until 8:00pm.

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Mrs. Lawrence received concurrence for the closing of West 15th Street from Biltmore Avenue to the west entrance of the town hall parking lot from July 16th until July 18th for the Saint Christopher Community Festival.

Mrs. Lawrence also presented the council with a request to pay the local match for MPO services in the amount of \$5,142.00. Councilor Raikes moved to approve the payment in the amount of \$5,142.00, second by Councilor Hartman; approved 5-0.

Council President Eileen Fisher advised that those who are placing temporary signs where they should not be placed, such as on traffic or street signs, may be cited by code enforcement

The meeting adjourned at 8:42PM.

Eileen Fisher, Council President

Sharon L. Zishka, Clerk-Treasurer