

CITY OF WHITING – JUNE 19, 2007

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA**

The Common Council of the City of Whiting met in special session on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. with Councilman Sarvanidis presiding as President Pro Tem. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Greer, Jennings, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman, Unate and Zubeck were present. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Drewniak and City Attorney Sejna.

Mayor Stahura was not present at the meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer Drewniak read aloud in its entirety a letter dated June 14, 2007, which was faxed to the Post Tribune, The Times and WJOB Radio regarding this Special Meeting. Agenda was listed as follows:

1. Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers.
2. Possible action on Ordinance No. CC-2007-1772.
3. Possible action on Ordinance No. CC-2007-1773.
4. Possible action on Resolution No. CC-2007-11.
5. Possible action on Resolution No. CC-2007-12.
6. Possible action on Resolution No. CC-2007-13.
7. Any other matters to come before the Common Council with suspension of rules.

President Pro Tem Sarvanidis presented Civil City Accounts Payable Vouchers #1513 - #1606 inclusive for approval.

Councilwoman Greer moved to approve said Vouchers for payment; seconded by Councilman Stolman. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar informed President Pro Tem Sarvanidis that the Councilmembers have decided to table Ordinance No. CC-2007-1772 to consider possible amendments.

Councilman Spebar stated that Ordinance No. CC-2007-1773 prohibits the use of groundwater as potable water, to protect the health and welfare of citizens of Whiting and to facilitate the productive redevelopment of certain properties.

There being no questions, Councilman Spebar moved to pass Ordinance No. CC-2007-1773 to third and final reading. Roll Call: Councilmembers Greer, Jennings, Spebar, Stolman, Unate and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance No. CC-2007-1773 by title only for third and final reading.

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF GROUNDWATER AS A POTABLE WATER SUPPLY BY THE INSTALLATIONS OR USE OF POTABLE WATER SUPPLY WELLS OR BY ANY OTHER METHOD

Councilman Jennings stated that Resolution No. CC-2007-11 approves the Statement of Benefits, Form SB-1, for a new home at 1544 Center Street. This is the first step in applying for residential tax abatement for this property.

Councilman Jennings read Resolution No. CC-2007-11 by title only.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING FORM SB-1, STATEMENT OF BENEFITS FOR UNIT 2, BLOCK 2, LOT 17, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1544 CENTER STREET AS DESCRIBED IN THE DRAWING OF LAKEFRONT COMMONS, UNIT 2, A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT TO THE CITY OF WHITING, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA BY TORRENGA ENGINEERING, DATED JUNE 17, 2003 AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE LAKE COUNTY RECORDER

Councilman Jennings moved to adopt Resolution No. CC-2007-11; seconded by Councilwoman Greer. Roll Call: Councilmembers Greer, Jennings, Spebar, Stolman, Unate and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar explained that Resolution No. CC-2007-12 provides for a temporary loan of \$435.00 from the City's General Fund to the Civil City Bond Fund. The loan will be repaid by the end of this calendar year.

There being no questions, Councilman Spebar read Resolution No. CC-2007-12 by title only.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY LOAN OF FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$435.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE CIVIL CITY BOND FUND (DEBT SERVICE) OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA

Councilman Spebar moved to adopt Resolution No. CC-2007-12; seconded by Councilman Stolman. Roll Call: Councilmembers Greer, Jennings, Spebar, Stolman, Unate and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar stated that Resolution No. CC-2007-13 adjusts certain positions previously not covered by the Public Employees' Retirement Fund (PERF) to be included in PERF coverage in the future.

There being no questions, Councilman Spebar read Resolution No. CC-2007-13 by title only.

RESOLUTION ELECTING TO ENLARGE PARTICIPATION IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND

Councilman Spebar moved to adopt Resolution No. CC-2007-13; seconded by Councilman Zubeck. Roll Call: Councilmembers Greer, Jennings, Spebar, Stolman, Unate and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar moved for suspension of rules for possible action on Resolution No. CC-2007-14. Councilman Jennings seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilmembers Greer, Jennings, Spebar, Stolman, Unate and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar stated that Resolution No. CC-2007-14 approves the use of Keystone Consulting Services financial software by the Whiting Water Department, and requests that the State Board of Accounts recognize the Council's approval.

There being no questions, Councilman Spebar read Resolution No. CC-2007-14 by title only.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING KEYSTONE CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. FINANCIAL SOFTWARE SYSTEMS FOR THE WHITING MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT AND REQUESTING THAT THE INDIANA STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS APPROVE ALL FORMS

Councilman Spebar moved to adopt Resolution No. CC-2007-14; seconded by Councilwoman Unate. Roll Call: Councilmembers Greer, Jennings, Spebar, Stolman, Unate and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Stolman moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Jennings. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

MARGARET DREWNIAK, Clerk-Treasurer