

CITY OF WHITING – DECEMBER 26, 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 Wednesday, December 26, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Stahura presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Stahura read aloud in its entirety Notice of this Special Meeting, which was faxed to the Post Tribune, The Times and WJOB Radio on December 19, 2007, by Clerk-Treasurer Drewniak. Agenda was listed as follows:

1. Allowance of Accounts Payable Vouchers.
2. Possible action on: Ordinance No. CC-2007-1782
Ordinance No. CC-2007-1785
Resolution No. CC-2007-29
Resolution No. CC-2007-30
Resolution No. CC-2007-31
3. Any other matters to come before the Council with suspension of rules.

Mayor Stahura presented Civil City Accounts Payable Vouchers #2662 - #2713 inclusive and Purchase Orders #2388, 2461, 2486, 2488, 2490, 2518, 2519, 2563, 2565, 2568, 2576, 2588, 2592, 2611, 2620, 2622, 2625, 2628, 2632, 2633, 2634, and 2637 for approval.

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

Councilman Sarvanidis stated that no action will be taken on Ordinance No. CC-2007-1782 at this meeting.

Councilman Spebar stated that Ordinance No. CC-2007-1785 amends the Salary Ordinance; it was described in detail at the last Council meeting.

Hearing no questions or comments, Councilman Spebar moved to pass Ordinance No. CC-2007-1785 to third and final reading. Councilman Jennings seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilmembers Greer, Jennings, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman, Unate and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 7 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance No. CC-2007-1785 by title only for third and final reading.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. CC-2007-1775, THE 2008 SALARY ORDINANCE, FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA TO CORRECT ERRORS, TO PROVIDE STIPENDS FOR CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS, TO ADD ANOTHER LEVEL TO PENSION SECRETARY POSITIONS AND TO ADJUST TEAMSTER SALARIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

Councilman Spebar stated that earlier this year there was a \$100,000.00 loan from the Park Nonreverting Capital Fund and an additional \$100,000.00 loan from the Street Light Fund to the Park and Recreation Fund, for a total loan of \$200,000.00. During the term of this loan there have been partial repayments of \$25,000.00 from the Park and Recreation Fund to each of those funds, leaving an outstanding balance of \$150,000.00 at this time, which was to be repaid by December 31, 2007. Resolution No. CC-2007-29 extends the time of the loan repayment to December 31, 2008.

There being no questions, Councilman Spebar read Resolution No. CC-2007-29 by title only.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE REPAYMENT OF THE BALANCE DUE ON THE TEMPORARY LOAN IN RESOLUTION NO. CC-2007-09 FROM THE PARK NONREVERTING CAPITAL FUND AND THE STREET LIGHT FUND TO THE PARK AND RECREATION FUND AND DECLARING AN EXTRAORDINARY EMERGENCY

Councilman Spebar moved to adopt Resolution No. CC-2007-29; seconded by Councilman Stolman. Roll Call: Councilmembers Greer, Jennings, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman, Unate and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 7 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar stated that earlier this year there was a loan of \$75,000.00 from the Police Pension Fund to the Fire Pension Fund. Because of the delay in the tax draws, repayment is not possible at this time. Resolution No. CC-2007-30 extends the loan repayment from December 31, 2007 until December 31, 2008.

There being no questions, Councilman Spebar read Resolution No. CC-2007-30 by title only.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE REPAYMENT OF THE TEMPORARY LOAN IN RESOLUTION NO. CC-2007-10 FROM THE POLICE PENSION FUND TO THE FIRE PENSION FUND AND DECLARING AN EXTRAORDINARY EMERGENCY

Councilman Spebar moved to adopt Resolution No. CC-2007-30; seconded by Councilman Sarvanidis. Roll Call: Councilmembers Greer, Jennings, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman, Unate and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 7 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar stated that Resolution No. CC-2007-31 authorizes a temporary loan from the BP Settlement Fund to the Whiting Bond Fund (Debt Service) in the amount of \$46,500.00. The loan is to be repaid by December 31, 2008.

Hearing no questions, Councilman Spebar read Resolution No. CC-2007-31 by title only.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY LOAN IN 2008 OF FORTY SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$46,500.00) FROM THE BP SETTLEMENT FUND (CIVIL CITY) TO THE WHITING BOND FUND (DEBT SERVICE) OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA

Councilman Spebar moved to adopt Resolution No. CC-2007-31; seconded by Councilwoman Unate. Roll Call: Councilmembers Greer, Jennings, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman, Unate and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 7 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Sarvanidis moved to reschedule the first Common Council meeting of 2008 from Tuesday, January 1st, which is a holiday, to Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at 6:30 p.m.

Councilwoman Greer seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Sarvanidis requested that the Clerk-Treasurer's office notify the News Media of this change in schedule.

Councilman Spebar moved for suspension of rules to consider possible action on Resolutions No. CC-2007-32 and 33; seconded by Councilman Jennings. Roll Call: Councilmembers Greer, Jennings, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman, Unate and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 7 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar explained that Resolution No. CC-2007-32 provides for a transfer of \$5,000.00 from Operating Supplies to Operating Services Contractual within the Park Nonreverting Operating Fund.

Hearing no questions or comments, Councilman Spebar read Resolution No. CC-2007-32 by title only.

A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS WITHIN THE PARK NONREVERTING
OPERATING FUND OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA

Councilman Spebar moved to adopt Resolution No. CC-2007-32; seconded by Councilman Stolman. Roll Call: Councilmembers Greer, Jennings, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman, Unate and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 7 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar stated that Resolution No. CC-2007-33 transfers \$15,000.00 within the Street Light Fund by decreasing Improvements Other Than Buildings and increasing Charges Utilities by that amount.

There being no questions, Councilman Spebar read Resolution No. CC-2007-33 by title only.

A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS WITHIN THE STREET LIGHT FUND
OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA

Councilman Spebar moved to adopt Resolution No. CC-2007-33; seconded by Councilman Zubeck. Roll Call: Councilmembers Greer, Jennings, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman, Unate and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 7 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Sarvanidis moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Stolman. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

MARGARET DREWNIAK, Clerk-Treasurer