

**CITY OF WHITING – JUNE 19, 2012**

**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, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Stahura presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman and Zubeck were present. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Adam and City Attorney Sejna.

Councilwoman Greer was unable to attend the meeting.

Mayor Stahura read aloud in its entirety Notice of this special meeting, which was faxed to The Times and the Post Tribune on June 15, 2012, by Clerk-Treasurer Adam. Agenda was listed as follows:

1. Possible approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers
2. Possible action on Ordinance No. CC-2012-1877
3. Possible action on Ordinance No. CC-2012-1878
4. Possible action on Resolution No. CC-2012-08
5. Any other matters to come before the Council with suspension of rules

Mayor Stahura presented Accounts Payable Voucher Checks #14851 - #14919 inclusive and Payrolls #30 and #31 for approval.

Councilman Zubeck moved to approve said Checks and Payroll for payment; seconded by Councilwoman Michko. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar stated that Ordinance No. CC-2012-1877 rezones parcels of land from 1637- to 1703-119<sup>th</sup> Street to Downtown Business Special Zone. The Ordinance was described in detail at the last Common Council meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer Adam presented Notice of Intent to Consider Ordinance No. CC-2012-1877, which was published in The Times and the Post Tribune on June 11, 2012.

There being no questions or comments, Councilman Spebar moved to pass Ordinance No. CC-2012-1877 to third and final reading. Councilman Jennings seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Councilmembers Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance No. CC-2012-1877 by title only for third and final reading.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. CC-2011-1851, THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE TO REFLECT CHANGES TO THE ZONING MAP AS FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED BY THE WHITING PLAN COMMISSION IN RESOLUTION NO. WPC-2012-01

Councilman Spebar stated that Ordinance No. CC-2012-1878 transfers monies in similar line items from the Community Center Department to the Parks & Recreation Department. The transfer total is \$699,211.00, and was described in detail at the last Common Council meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer Adam presented Proof of Publication of this transfer of funds within the General Fund, which was published in The Times on June 6, 2012.

Hearing no questions, Councilman Spebar moved to pass Ordinance No. CC-2012-1878 to third and final reading. Councilman Zubeck seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilmembers Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance No. CC-2012-1878 by title only for third and final reading.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTER DEPARTMENT TO THE PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA, AS REQUESTED BY THE CLERK-TREASURER AND FORWARDED TO THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THEIR ACTION AND PASSAGE

Councilman Sarvanidis stated that Resolution No. CC-2012-08 approves Intralocal agreements between the Board of Public Works and Safety and the Whiting Redevelopment Commission. One agreement allows the Board to control the bid and demolition process for properties owned by the Redevelopment Commission, and is attached to the Resolution as Exhibit A. The second agreement allows the Redevelopment Commission and Board of Public Works to work together on the proposed development of 1637-119<sup>th</sup> Street, and is attached to the Resolution as Exhibit B. The Demolition Agreement will be in effect for two years. Properties whose demolition is funded using Community Development Block Grant monies are also eligible, and include 1946 New York Avenue, 2016 Davidson Place, 1723 Center Street and 1731 Center Street. The Redevelopment Commission will be responsible for any funding needed beyond the CDBG allocation.

There being no questions, Councilman Sarvanidis read Resolution No. CC-2012-08 by title only.

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INTRALOCAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN  
VARIOUS CITY ENTITIES**

Councilman Sarvanidis moved to adopt Resolution No. CC-2012-08; seconded by Councilman Stolman. Roll Call: Councilmembers Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Jennings asked how soon the demolitions would take place. Mayor Stahura stated that demolition of 1946 New York Avenue will take place soon; bids were opened at the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting today, and the work is entirely funded by the CDBG allocation this year. The other demolitions will take place as soon as funding allows.

Councilman Sarvanidis moved for suspension of rules to consider other matters; Councilman Spebar seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilmembers Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Sarvanidis presented Resolution No. CC-2012-09, which approves a Form SB-1 to begin the residential tax abatement process for property located at 1936 and half of the lot at 1938 New York Avenue; a new single family home will be constructed at that location.

There being no questions, Councilman Sarvanidis read Resolution No. CC-2012-09 by title only.

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING FORM SB-1, STATEMENT OF BENEFITS, FOR 1936  
NEW YORK AVENUE, AND ESTABLISHING THIS AS A RESIDENTIALLY  
DISTRESSED LOT FOR WHICH TAX ABATEMENT MAY BE REQUESTED**

Councilman Sarvanidis moved to adopt Resolution No. CC-2012-09; seconded by Councilman Zubeck. Roll Call: Councilmembers Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Jennings asked about development signage for this lot; it is in place, and signs will be placed soon to advertise the additional lots nearby.

Councilman Sarvanidis stated that the next regular Common Council is scheduled for July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and there are park events that evening from 4:00 till 7:00 p.m.; in addition, there will be fireworks. After brief discussion, Councilman Sarvanidis moved to reschedule the next regular Common Council meeting from July 3, 2012 to Tuesday, July 10, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in Council chambers.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further matters to come before the Common Council, Councilman Sarvanidis moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. Councilman Stolman seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

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MARK S. ADAM, Clerk-Treasurer