

**CITY OF WHITING –NOVEMBER 4, 2015**

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

The Common Council of the City of Whiting met in regular session on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Stahura presiding.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Mayor Stahura, Councilmembers Jennings, Michko, Murzyn, Sarvanidis, and Stolman were present, constituting a quorum. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Haynes, City Attorney Sejna and interested citizens.

Absent were Councilmembers Spebar due to recuperating from surgery and Councilman Zubeck who is absent due to a business obligation.

Mayor Stahura read into the minutes the change of meeting date. The Common Council of the City of Whiting rescheduled their regular meeting of Tuesday, November 3, 2015 to Wednesday November 4, 2015.

**II. MINUTES**

Mayor Stahura asked for consideration of minutes for October 20, 2015 regular Common Council Meeting.

Councilman Jennings made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 20, 2015 meeting. Councilman Murzyn seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Councilmembers Jennings, Michko, Murzyn, Sarvanidis, and Stolman voted aye. Vote: 5 ayes, no nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Stahura asked for consideration of minutes for October 27, 2015 special Common Council Meeting.

Councilwoman Michko made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 27, 2015 meeting. Councilman Stolman seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Councilmembers Jennings, Michko, Murzyn, Sarvanidis, and Stolman voted aye. Councilman Sarvanidis abstained due to being absent. Vote: 4 ayes, no nays. Motion carried unanimously.

**III. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS OR REMONSTRANCES**

None.

#### **IV. REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Stahura reported Election Day had a very good turnout.

#### **V. STANDING COMMITTEES**

Councilman Sarvanidis reported the following Ordinance for possible third reading.

- CC-2015-1949 setting the 2016 Establishing Whiting Redevelopment Authority

Councilman Sarvanidis introduced the following Ordinance for possible all readings.

- CC-2015-1950 setting the 2016 Workforce Reduction Program

#### **VI. REPORT OF THE CLERK-TREASURER**

Clerk-Treasurer Haynes presented Civil City Accounts Payable Voucher Check #s 3366-3419, 96-98E and Payroll #s 169-1710 total amount of \$496,966.09 for approval.

Councilwoman Michko moved to approve said Accounts Payable Voucher Checks for payment. Councilman Stolman seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **VII. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Sejna indicated that BP was able to sell their bonds and they closed on Friday.

#### **VIII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

None.

#### **IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

#### **X. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Councilman Sarvanidis presented Ordinance No. CC-2015-1949 for third reading establishing the Whiting Redevelopment Authority.

Councilman Sarvanidis made a motion to take Ordinance No. CC-2015-1949 to third and final reading. Seconded by Councilman Stolman. Roll Call: (All) Council members Jennings, Michko, Murzyn, Sarvanidis, and Stolman voted aye. Vote: 5 ayes, no nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Sarvanidis read Ordinance No. CC-2015-1949 by title only.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND AUTHORIZING THE WHITING REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

Councilman Sarvanidis introduced Ordinance No. CC-2015-1950 for first reading.

Councilman Sarvanidis explained the ordinance is a voluntary workforce reduction program that offers severance packages to all full time employees with at least one year of service. The Program was already approved and adopted by the Board of Public Works. Under the program the Mayor does have the ability to limit or cancel the program. Employees electing to enroll must submit a completed enrolment form no later than December 18, 2015.

Councilman Sarvanidis read Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1950 by title only.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VOLUNTARY WORKFORCE REDUCTION PROGRAM WHICH OFFERS A SEVERANCE PACKAGE TO QUALIFIED CITY EMPLOYEES AND DECLARING AN EXTRAORDINARY EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sarvanidis motioned to take Ordinance No. CC-2015-1950 to a second reading. Seconded by Councilman Jennings. Roll Call: (All) Council members Jennings, Michko, Murzyn, Sarvanidis, and Stolman voted aye. Vote: 5 ayes, no nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Sarvanidis read Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1950 by title only.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VOLUNTARY WORKFORCE REDUCTION PROGRAM WHICH OFFERS A SEVERANCE PACKAGE TO QUALIFIED CITY EMPLOYEES AND DECLARING AN EXTRAORDINARY EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sarvanidis made a motion to suspend rules to consider Ordinance No. CC-2015-1950 for third and final reading. Seconded by Councilman Stolman. Roll Call: (All) Council members Jennings, Michko, Murzyn, Sarvanidis, and Stolman voted aye. Vote: 5 ayes, no nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Sarvanidis made a motion to take Ordinance No. CC-2015-1950 to third and final reading. Seconded by Councilman Michko. Roll Call: (All) Council members Jennings, Michko, Murzyn, Sarvanidis, and Stolman voted aye. Vote: 5 ayes, no nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Sarvanidis read Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1950 by title only.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VOLUNTARY WORKFORCE REDUCTION PROGRAM WHICH OFFERS A SEVERANCE PACKAGE TO

QUALIFIED CITY EMPLOYEES AND DECLARING AN EXTRAORDINARY EMERGENCY.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**XII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

None.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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John T. Haynes, Clerk-Treasurer