

Meeting Minutes :

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING WITH THE ST. JOSEPH CITY COMMISSION HELD IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN ON MAY 29, 2013.

PRESENT: MAYOR JUDD

COMMISSIONERS CHICKERING, GAREY, GOFF AND RICHARDS

INTERIM CITY MANAGER HODGSON

CITY CLERK DEB KOROCH

CITY ENGINEER TIM ZEBELL

ABSENT: NONE

Mayor Judd called the special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Goff; seconded by Commissioner Richards, moved approval of the May 29, 2013 Agenda, as presented. Roll call resulted as follows: Yeas: Commissioners Chickering, Garey, Goff, Mayor Judd and Commissioner Richards. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Judd called for public comment; there was no public comment.

Commissioner Garey; seconded by Commissioner Goff, moved to amend the May 29th Agenda to include an update on the city manager search. Roll call resulted as follows: Yeas: Commissioners Chickering, Garey, Goff, Mayor Judd and Commissioner Richards. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The Interim City Manager introduced the Berrien County Community Development Director

Dan Fette who presented a plan to relocate commercial docks from their current location east of the Bicentennial Bridge to the property located west of the Bicentennial Bridge commonly referred to as Parcel 2 within the Harbor Shores Development; as part of this plan, Berrien County would seek federal grant funding for the project. He asked the City Commission to consider signing a letter of support for the grant application. Discussion ensued.

The Interim City Manager opened discussion regarding improvements to Second Street west of Lions Park Drive. He reminded the City Commission that on October 15, 2012 the Commission had approved (4-1 vote) a plan developed by city staff for improvements to the street and then on December 3, 2012 the City Commission had rejected (5-0 vote) accepting a \$200,000 gift for improvements to Second Street and to reject any conditional gift for those improvements in the future. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Goff; seconded by Commissioner Richards, moved to withdraw approval of the Second Street plan previously approved on October 15, 2012 (Exhibit A attached) and agreed that any future plan for improvements to Second Street would be indicative of a typical city dead-end street with some parallel parking available. Roll call resulted as follows: Yeas: Commissioners Chickering, Garey, Goff, Mayor Judd and Commissioner Richards. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The City Engineer presented information regarding the City's Combined Sewer Overflow Separation Projects. He stated that he was currently working with the DEQ to implement a plan to complete the final phase of the project which requires the City to provide two CSO storage facilities at an estimated cost of \$10 million. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Goff; seconded by Commissioner Richards, moved approval of submitting a plan to the DEQ which included a five-year timeframe to provide CSO storage facilities, as presented. Roll call resulted as follows: Yeas: Commissioners Chickering, Garey, Goff, Mayor Judd and Commissioner Richards. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The City Engineer discussed MDOT plans to replace traffic signals at five (5) major intersections within the City; he advised the City Commission of the new state standard and of costs to upgrade the standard signals to a preferred style. Discussion ensued. There was consensus that all five (5) signals should be upgraded to the mast type pole, as presented.

The Interim City Manager opened discussion regarding the Recreational Harbor Authority. He stated that members of the Recreational Harbor Authority were in the process of reviewing their authority under the Chapter 15, Article 2 of the St. Joseph Code of Ordinances and upon completion of that review, would be requesting that the City Commission consider revisions to the Ordinance. Discussion ensued.

There being no further business, Mayor Judd moved to adjourn at 7:40 a.m.

Mayor

City Clerk