

**MINUTES
CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 4, 2007**

A duly convened meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Scott Huebner in the Council Chambers. Council members present: Aldermen Al Haacke, Paul Neumyer, Jim Vollmar, Burt Babcock, Tom Hudson, Pete Jushka and Chris Ross. Also present: City Administrator Mark Grams, City Attorney Eric Eberhardt, City Planner Randy Tetzlaff and City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting – August 21, 2007
- B. Consider Original Operator's License Application – Marie C. Arthur
- C. Consider Temporary Operator's License Application – Gerald T. Lee

MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN VOLLMAR TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

- A. Appointment Of City Attorney-MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN JUSHKA, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ERIC EBERHARDT AS CITY ATTORNEY. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- B. Appointment Of City Treasurer-MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN VOLLMAR TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MARY BLEY AS CITY TREASURER. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- C. Sara Grover: Overview Of "Sail Great Lakes 2008"-Sara Grover, BID Director, gave a power-point presentation on the tour of Tall Ships to 13 ports in the Great Lakes in 2008. Ports are invited to host the ships and create their own maritime festival to promote their waterfronts. If Port Washington decides to participate in the three-day weekend festival, the proposed dates would be August 15-17, 2008. It is anticipated that an event like this should draw between 20,000 to 30,000 people of all different groups and cultures to our area creating a strong economic impact. Patricia Lock, President of the Great Lakes Marketing Group, is a consultant who works closely with cities to set forth programs with the businesses on promotional items and materials, which would have a long-term potential for the City of Port Washington and its businesses. Sara Grover said what she was requesting from the City for this event would be an in-kind sponsorship by providing police security and a fire and EMS presence. The program cost for the event would be \$55,000 to come from corporate sponsorships and grants. MOTION BY ALDERMAN VOLLMAR, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HUDSON TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO BRING "SAIL THE GREAT LAKES 2008" TO PORT WASHINGTON. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- D. Mayor Huebner read a proclamation honoring National Senior Center Month and presented the proclamation to Vice President of the Senior Center who thanked the Council for their kind recognition.
- E. Appointment Of Student Representative To Park & Recreation Board-MOTION BY ALDERMAN JUSHKA, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MARK BURMESCH AS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PARK & RECREATION BOARD. **Motion carried unanimously.**

OFFICERS'/STAFF REPORTS

- A. Update on Projects – City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven reported that Pierre Lane has been graded and is scheduled to be paved Thursday. On the Norport and Holden intersection, some of the curbing has been removed so the mail truck can get through to deliver mail.
- B. City Administrator Grams reported that the September 18th Council Meeting would start at 6:30 p.m. to allow time for a guest speaker from the Main Street Program to give a presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES-Lloyd Smith, 1312 W. Grand Avenue- Commented on the deteriorating and hazardous condition of the Highway LL ramps to Highway 33 and why the County can't resurface or repair them before the intersection is rebuilt in 2010 especially since they recently surfaced miles on Highway LL and W and other areas with black top. He said he has no way of understanding this logic. He is requesting that the City pass a resolution demanding that these ramps are resurfaced ASAP. Alderman Haacke also has concerns with the serious condition of these ramps with loose and crumbling concrete since there is a significant amount of time before the reconstruction is done in this area.

COMMITTEES

A. Finance & License Committee

1. Consider Easement Agreement With Port Washington Hotel, LLC (Holiday Inn Express)-MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON AND SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JUSHKA TO APPROVE THE EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH PORT WASHINGTON HOTEL, LLC SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE CITY ATTORNEY. **Motion carried unanimously.**
2. Approve Bid For Harborwalk Project-MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON AND SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JUSHKA TO APPROVE THE REVISED BID OF \$366,975 FROM T.P. CONCRETE, INC. FOR THE HARBORWALK PROJECT. **Motion carried unanimously.**
3. Sale Of City Property (Incinerator Property)-MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN NEUMYER TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF THE SALE OF SURPLUS CITY LAND SETTING A MINIMUM BID OF \$45,000 FOR EACH LOT OR \$80,000 FOR BOTH LOTS WITH A BID DEADLINE OF OCTOBER 1ST.

B. Personnel Committee

1. Hiring Of Assistant Senior Center Director-MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HAACKE TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF LAURIE SUCHARDA AS ASSISTANT SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR AT A STARTING PAY OF \$11.00 PER HOUR. **Motion carried unanimously.**

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

A. Plan Commission

1. Ordinance 2007-18 (Annexation Of A Portion Of The Freier Farm Property On Sunset Road) 2nd Reading-MOTION BY ALDERMAN JUSHKA, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2007-18. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2. Approve CSM For Freier Family Property Along Sunset Road-MOTION BY ALDERMAN HAACKE, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN VOLLMAR TO APPROVE THE CSM FOR THE FREIER FAMILY PROPERTY ALONG SUNSET ROAD. **Motion carried unanimously.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 2007-17 (City Insurance In The Local Government Property Insurance Fund)-MOTION BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN NEUMYER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2007-17. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- B. Approve Street Closing For Block Party-MOTION BY ALDERMAN HUDSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JUSHKA TO APPROVE A BLOCK PARTY FOR SEPTEMBER 8TH, IN THE 600 BLOCK OF N. MILWAUKEE STREET BETWEEN DODGE AND PIERRE LAND FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 10:30 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCE-None

ADJOURNMENT-MOTION BY ALDERMAN BABCOCK, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN VOLLMAR TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AT 8:31 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.