

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
AND STORM WATER BOARD MEETING
HELD MARCH 26, 2007
GOSHEN, INDIANA**

The Board of Public Works and Safety and Storm Water Board of the City of Goshen met in the Council Chambers, 111 East Jefferson Street on March 26, 2007, at 4:00 P.M. for their weekly Board meeting. Mayor Kauffman was the presiding officer with members of the Board present or absent as follows:

PRESENT: Mayor Kauffman, Board Member Stegelmann, Board Member Landis

ABSENT:

OTHERS: Clerk-Treasurer, City Attorney, Assistant City Planner, Director of Public Works, Assistant Fire Chief, Police Chief, Building Department Administrative Assistant, Street Commissioner, Legal Compliance Administrator, Mayor's Administrative Assistant, Park Maintenance Director, Assistant Utilities Superintendent.

Minutes of the meeting of March 19, 2007 were presented. On motion of Mayor Kauffman and second by Board Member Stegelmann, the minutes were approved as presented.

REQUEST TO APPROVE PROMOTION OF BILL PHILLIPS

Assistant Fire Chief James Ramer requested Board approval of the promotion of Bill Phillips to Private First Class with the Goshen Fire Department. Mr. Phillips will be completing his probationary year and based on his performance and recommendations from his shift officer the promotion is requested with an effective date of March 28, 2007.

Board Member Stegelmann moved to approve the request. Second by Board Member Landis and motion passed unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Tina Bontrager swore Mr. Bill Phillips into the position of Private First Class with the Goshen Fire Department.

**ADDITIONAL INPUT AND DISCUSSION ON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATIONS OF PARKING CHANGES FOR WILLIAM DRIVE AND
COLONIAL MANOR DRIVE**

Mayor Kauffman opened the floor for additional comments from residents regarding changes on William Drive and Colonial Manor Drive as recommended by the Mayor's Traffic Commission.

William Darling 1027 Colonial Manor Drive talked with every resident but two on Colonial Manor Drive about the proposed changes. Mr. Darling stated two residents did not care if the parking was changed and the balance of the residents including him are opposed. Mr. Darling further stated he heard input of speeding on the street would increase, the parking is fine as it is and why are the meetings for input not held at night rather than during the day when people are working.

Mike Williams, 903 William Drive stated he sees no concrete reason for the proposal, he sees a bigger problem with now removal by changing the parking to one side of the street as driveways will be blocked with snow and there are elderly residents that will not be able to dig themselves out. Mr. Williams further stated there are children in the neighborhood and by changing the parking it will cause a blind spot for drivers and he is concerned with the safety of the children. Mr. Williams also stated all of the houses on the streets have a two stall garage and a driveway with enough room for at least four cars and he does not want parking in front of his house imposing on his privacy.

The Board discussed the following:

- After being questioned by the Mayor, Councilman and Traffic Commission Member Chic Lantz stated a lot of discussion was held regarding snow plowing on the streets and further he does not recall any residents attending the meeting but does believe the request came from a resident;**
- The width of the street is 24 feet;**
- Most residents have garages and driveways for parking: and**
- The only comments heard by the Board either in the form of e-mail or in person at the meetings have been in opposition of the changes.**

Board Member Stegelmann moved to deny the request and recommendation of the Traffic Commission. Second by Board Member Lantz and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Kauffman stated that if the issue is requested again the petitioner needs to present a petition to the Commission showing the popular vote of the neighborhood is to change the parking.

OPEN QUOTES FOR 2006 TREE INSTALLATION PROJECT

Mayor Kauffman opened the following quotes:

SUPPLIER	QUOTE
A. J. Tree Farm, Bristol	\$5,700 for installation
Wakarusa Tree Spade, Wakarusa	\$4,256 for installation

Mayor Kauffman moved to refer the bids to the Engineering and Park Departments for review and recommendation. Second by Board Member Landis and motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST TO REJECT THE 2007 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT BIDS – PROJECT NO. 2007-0012

Director of Public Works Robert McCoige requested the Board reject the 2007 Sidewalk Replacement Project Bids due to the bid tab being modified. The modified bid tab was calculated to remove the itemized quantities for N. 9th Street, since it was constructed in last year’s project. The original bid total was over the \$150,000 amount, which requires wage rates by law. By removing the quantities from the bid the modified bid tab was just under the \$150,000 amount and bids may be lower if the wage rates are not required. Therefore the Engineering Department is requesting the Board reject the bids received previously and further give approval for the project to be re-advertised for bids.

Board Member Landis moved to approve the request to reject the previous bids received for the 2007 Sidewalk Replacement Project and further to approve the re-advertising of the bids. Second by Board Member Stegelmann and motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST TO TEMPORARILY BLOCK STREETS FOR A FAMILY FUN RUN

Tia Baker, Program Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Goshen –West Goshen Extension, requested Board approval to close the following streets on March 31 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.:

- School Street – from Crescent Street to the Club’s main parking lot;
- 7th Street – from Crescent Street to the Club’s main parking lot;
- The public alleyway entering the parking lot from the north: and

- The public alleyway entering the parking lot from 7th Street.

Ms. Baker stated the Boys & Girls Club of Goshen is holding a Family Fun run on Saturday, March 31 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. during which members and their families will be running around the main club building, located at 306 Crescent Street. The request to close the streets and alleyways is for the safety of the runners for this short period of time.

The Board instructed Ms. Baker to schedule the use of barricades with the Street Department.

Board Member Stegelmann moved to approve the request. Second by Board Member Landis and motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM THE CITY NOISE ORDINANCE

Patricia Garcia Stiles from Mega Plaza, U.S. 33 requested Board approval for a temporary exemption from the City Noise Ordinance on May 5, 2007 from noon to 9:00 p.m. Mega Plaza is planning a community festival with music, food and games to be held in the parking lot as the building is closed at this time.

Mayor Kauffman stated the City has previously received complaints from residents of the nearby mobile home park of the bass noise that comes from the music played at the plaza. Mayor Kauffman further stated the City has turned down requests in the past for noise ordinance exemptions for such events as a graduation party with a band.

Ms. Stiles stated the Mega Plaza is currently under new management and the festival will end at 9:00 p.m. as it is a family event.

Police Chief Penland stated an exemption to the Ordinance places the Police Department in a bad spot when they have to inform complainants that the noise is temporarily not in violation.

Mayor Kauffman suggested Mega Plaza take measures to avoid complaints such as pointing the sound of the music away from the mobile home park, distributing flyers in the mobile home park to inform the residents and to end the event at 9:00 p.m. as scheduled. Mayor Kauffman informed Ms. Stiles to have the event workers be reasonable with the Police and the Police will be reasonable with Mega Plaza regarding the noise and if the sound level needs to be lowered then it should be lowered and not later increased.

Ms. Stiles stated the event planners are going to distribute flyers to the nearby mobile home park.

Board Member Landis stated he is not in favor of giving an exemption to the Noise Ordinance.

Board Member Stegelmann re-emphasized to Ms. Stiles for Mega Plaza to work with the neighborhood before and during the event.

Request for an exemption to the Noise Ordinance for Mega Plaza was not granted.

REQUEST TO ISSUE ELECTRICAL LICENSE TO C. SOSA

Building Department Administrative Assistant Jean Kincaid requested Board approval to issue an Electrical License for the City of Goshen to Cesar W. Sosa, representing High Tech Electric. Mr. Sosa passed with a score of 77%.

Board Member Stegelmann moved to approve the request. Second by Board Member Landis and motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF WESTORIA SUBDIVISION LIGHTING PLAN

Director of Public Works Robert McCoige requested Board approval of the lighting plan submitted to the Engineering Department by Schrock Homes, Inc. The developer has requested the following:

- **Utilize decorative light posts for the various street signs;**
- **Utilize ornamental street signs within the subdivision: and**
- **Utilize a different luminary globe FP40 Style.**

Mr. McCoige stated the Engineering Department is advising the Board of the differences as the City will have to maintain the lighting when the subdivision is annexed. The bulb and posts will be interchangeable with parts the City stocks as they match the City's ornamental lighting but the different style of light is not a part the City would normally have in inventory to replace.

The Board discussed the fact that each subdivision may want unique lighting but this could cause problems as more subdivisions are developed and many styles of lighting could be necessary to be stocked to replace when needed.

The Board further discussed that the lighting requested is 150 watts with an aluminum shield in the globe directed toward the homes to direct the light to the streets. The Board stated if the 150 watt is approved and a resident claims the light is too bright then the developer should change the bulbs to 100 watts at their expense.

Board Member Landis moved to approve the request of the posts and signage style only as presented not to include the FP40 Style lights. Second by Board Member Stegelmann and motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST REGARDING HIGH WATER & SEWER BILLS DUE TO BROKEN LINES AT BROOKSIDE MANOR MOBILE HOME COMMUNITY

Kent B. Davis, Community Manager at Brookside Manor Mobile Home Community, stated there are home sites that experienced broken lines which have caused extremely high water and sewer bills. Mr. Davis also stated he gave a copy of his supporting documentation to Utilities Office Manager Tana Brooks and since he did not bring a copy with him this date nor did the Board have a copy as it was not a scheduled item on the agenda, Mr. Davis is going to return with the request at a later date.

There being no further business Mayor Kauffman moved to process claims and then to adjourn. Second by Board Member Stegelmann and motion passed unanimously.