

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
February 10, 2020**

The Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, met on Monday February 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall. Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order.

Clerk-Treasurer Taylor called roll. Present were Councilmembers Cotton, Schmidt, Pupillo, Anderson, Douglas and Costas. Councilmember Reed was absent.

MINUTES

Councilmember Cotton moved to approve minutes of the January 27, 2020 meeting. Councilmember Douglas seconded the motion.

Upon voice vote the motion to approve passed with a 6-0 vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 2, 2020

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE FORFEITURE AND SEIZED ASSETS FUND AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE

Councilmember Douglas moved that Ordinance No. 2, 2020 be read a second time by title and a third time in full and be considered for adoption and the opportunity be given for the offering of amendments. Councilmember Cotton seconded the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Taylor read the Ordinance. Councilmember Douglas moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2, 2020. Councilmember Cotton seconded the motion.

Jeff Balon addressed the Council and gave a brief summary of this presentation from the last meeting regarding this appropriation. The current balance of this fund is \$17,000. He is requesting approval of appropriating \$15,000.

Councilmember Douglas asked for clarification on what will be purchased. Chief Balon replied he will purchase two electric assist bikes and lease a motorcycle.

Upon roll call vote the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2, 2020 passed with a 6-0 vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Murphy discussed the situation with continuation of foreign language programs in the Valparaiso School Corporation. He has met with School Board members and the Administration. The foreign language programs will be continuing.

Councilmember Cotton discussed reaffirmation of Resolution 8, 2015. He feels this should be done since the current Council is not the one that passed it originally. Councilmember Cotton stated Resolution 8, 2015 should be reaffirmed as a courtesy to the public so they know the current Council agrees with its content.

Councilmember Anderson stated he has worked with parents and has met with the School Board. He feels he is showing support for Resolution 8, 2015.

Councilmember Douglas stated he supports Resolution 8, 2015. It is his understanding that the Resolution is in full force and effect. When the School Board is not living up to those requirements, then it is an issue that should be addressed. That has happened regarding the foreign language programs.

Patrick Lyp stated this Resolution could be reaffirmed. However, each Councilmember should see a copy of the Resolution before a vote is taken. The correct procedure is to place the request to Reaffirm on the Agenda. Then all that is needed is a motion and a vote.

Councilmember Douglas announced the RDC meets Wednesday at 4:00 pm at City Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Meredith Mulkey- 106 Appletree Lane. She thanked the Council and Mayor for listening to the parents and for their work on keeping the foreign language programs in the Valparaiso Schools. They will be watching to see what happens with this issue and hopes they will not have to come back in spring.

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Mayor Murphy announced Ordinance No. 2, 2020 requires a Public Hearing and presented Proof of Publication that at tonight's meeting the Council will hear comments on the appropriation of \$15,000.00 in the Forfeiture and Seized Assets Fund. Seeing no one wishing to address the meeting, he declared the Public Hearing closed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

/s/ Holly Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer