

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
April 13, 2020**

The Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, met on Monday April 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. by teleconference. Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present were Councilmembers Reed, Cotton, Schmidt, Pupillo, Anderson, Costas and Douglas.

MINUTES

Councilmember Reed moved to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2020 meeting. Councilmember Douglas seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion to approve passed with a 7-0 vote.

Councilmember Reed moved to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2020 meeting. Councilmember Douglas seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion to approve passed with a 7-0 vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 4, 2020

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO,
INDIANA, RECOMMENDING ISSUANCE OF A DOWNTOWN ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGE PERMIT PURSUANT TO I.C. 7.1-3-20-16(g)
Peddlers Pizza Pub LLC**

Councilmember Douglas moved that Resolution No. 4, 2020 be read a first time and considered for passage. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Taylor read Resolution No. 4, 2020. Councilmember Douglas moved to adopt Resolution No. 4, 2020. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion. Councilmember Douglas stated he will abstain from voting for Resolution No. 4, 2020. He has an interest in the project.

Patrick Lyp addressed the Council. He introduced the applicant, Mark Miller. The Downtown Liquor License Board was thanked for interviewing the applicants. There had been two applications available. They requested applicants and received three. Peddler's Pizza is a craft pizza and salads. Their menu will be conducive for a lunch crowd in addition to dinner. They are undergoing renovations now and expect to be open in July or August.

Mayor Murphy thanked Peddlers for their commitment to the downtown.

Councilmember Reed stated she is happy to see the renovations.

Councilmember Cotton asked if the façade is in good condition. He also asked about the "amendment" listed in the application. Patrick Lyp explained the State Legislature made changes and the amendment makes the City compliant with those changes. He added that in the future the City Council may want to look at the definition of "fine dining" in the application. The City offers 10 licenses. Patrick Lyp stated this appears to be the correct number.

Councilmember Schmidt stated he is glad to see the business is local owners.

Councilmember Pupillo thanked the Petitioner for opening a business in downtown.

Councilmember Anderson stated he knows this project is well financed and the people involved are experienced.

Councilmember Costas stated he is glad to see the work being done. This will add value to the downtown. He encouraged owner participation in the day-to-day jobs of the restaurant.

Upon roll call vote the motion to adopt Resolution No. 4, 2020 passed with a 6-0 vote. Councilmember Douglas abstained from voting.

RESOLUTION NO. 5, 2020

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO,
INDIANA, RECOMMENDING ISSUANCE OF A DOWNTOWN ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGE PERMIT PURSUANT TO I.C. 7.1-3-20-16(g)
Blockhead Brewing**

Councilmember Douglas moved that Resolution No. 5, 2020 be read a first time and considered for passage. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Taylor read Resolution No. 5, 2020. Councilmember Douglas moved to adopt Resolution No. 5, 2020. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion.

Patrick Lyp addressed the Council. He introduced Corey Monroe. This restaurant is unique. Corey also owned Valley Restaurant, and currently owns Tomato Bar and the Market. The cuisine is Americanized Asian.

Mayor Murphy stated this is a great use of the building

Councilmember Reed stated she is glad to see this business will be open soon.

Councilmember Cotton asked if the façade is sufficient. Corey Monroe stated they will upgrade the current façade. The cuisine is Asian American. His goal is to bring the flavors of his background to Valparaiso. He feels the time is right for this type of cuisine.

Councilmember Schmidt thanked Corey Monroe and wished him luck.

Councilmember Pupillo thanked Corey Monroe for his investment in Valparaiso.

Councilmember Anderson stated he has confidence in this project. Corey has shown he has mastered the business.

Councilmember Costas stated he is happy to see this project. Corey has a proven track record.

Councilmember Douglas thanked Corey for his investment in Valparaiso. He also thanked him for his support of the not-for-profits in Valparaiso.

Upon roll call vote the motion to adopt Resolution No. 5, 2020 passed with a 7-0 vote.

Other Business

Councilmember Reed reported school board appointments are now being accepted. They will interview applicants in early May. Applications and deadlines are on the City's web page.

Councilmember Cotton asked how many applications have been received to date. Councilmember Reed replied she had trouble getting access to the program. She is working on this.

Public Comment

No One.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

/s/ Holly Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer