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RESOLUTION NO. 3, 2008

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTION
RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMUTER TRANSIT BUS
SERVICE BETWEEN VALPARAISO AND CHICAGO**

Whereas, the City of Valparaiso and the Valparaiso Redevelopment Commission are working to finalize matters relating to the establishment of commuter bus service between Valparaiso and Chicago ("Project");

Whereas, certain actions must be taken by the City of Valparaiso, through its Board of Works to facilitate this Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Valparaiso – Board of Public Works, in Porter County, Indiana, as follows:

1. The City authorizes Mayor Jon Costas to execute a Bus Service Agreement with Free Enterprise Systems, Inc., in a form substantially similar to the one provided to the Board upon final approval by the City's attorney.

2. The initial commuter bus fare shall be \$7.50 per trip (\$15.00 roundtrip). The Transit Manager is authorized to offer free or reduced fares as part of the initial start up and marketing program.

3. The Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to execute a debit and credit card agreement with Moneris Solutions in conjunction with Harris Bank for the purpose of collecting fees.

4. Upon approval by the Redevelopment Commission, authorizes and accepts a start up loan of \$150,000 from the Redevelopment Commission to the City's Transportation Fund for start up cash flow. Such shall be repaid upon request of the Redevelopment Commission's Executive Director.


5. Adopt, as presented, General Operating Rules and Regulations for passengers on the buses. A copy of such has been attached to this Resolution and it is understood that the General Operating Rules and Regulations may need to be amended as needs arise.

6. Authorizes **Kim Ranegar** to assist in providing marketing services, as needed.

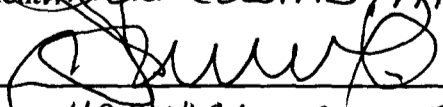
7. Name the commuter bus service as: **Chicago Dash**.

8. Until such time as a Transit Manager is named by the Board of Works, **Stu Summers**, in his capacity as Executive Director of the Valparaiso Redevelopment Commission, shall assume the role as acting Transit Manager. It is the expectation of the Board of Works that a permanent Transit Manager will be selected within the next 60-90 days.

So RESOLVED this 14th day of August, 2008 by a vote of 2-0.



President **JON COSTAS**, MEMBER



JOHN HARWICK, MEMBER

Attest:


Secretary