

**Passed 6-26-06 by a vote of 7-0
RESOLUTION NO 12-2006**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION SERVICE FOR VALPARAISO**

Whereas, at a City Council Meeting in January 2006, the Council was introduced to a feasibility study for a public transportation service for the City of Valparaiso, hereafter referred to as the “Transit Service Design Plan”;

Whereas, the funding and implementation of Option 2 of the Transit Service Design Plan, will offer important access to jobs, shopping, entertainment, and important medical and other services to citizens of Valparaiso and assist in the maintenance of both our environment and economy; and

Whereas, the service is proposed to be operated employing a historic trolley theme, using equipment that recalls an earlier era of transportation, and is thus hereafter referred to as “Trolley Service”;

Whereas, the proposed service as designed will include capital improvements to certain infrastructure in the city, specifically, sidewalks at proposed bus stops which may be supported by significant non local funds available for such projects;

*Now **Therefore be it Resolved**; The City Council expresses its support for the proposed Trolley Service by allowing staff to continue the process of filing for state and federal operating and capital funding through the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission, and;*

The Valparaiso City Council supports proceeding with a proper solicitation of cost and service proposals from prospective contract operators for the trolley service in order to properly plan for the service, such contract to be subject to Council approval, and;

The Valparaiso City Council authorizes, subject to its normal annual budget ordinance process, and conditional upon the successful results of solicitation of various other funds, the commitment of up to \$183,000 in local funds for the startup and first year operating and capital costs for the trolley service as outlined in Option 2 of the Transit Service Design Plan.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2006 by a ____ vote in favor and ____ vote opposed of all members present and voting.

Joey Larr

Al Eisenmenger

Ed Howe

Robert McCasland

John Bowker

Jan Dick

Chuck Williams

Jon Costas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharon Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer