

Special City Commission Meeting
March 15, 2016

Mayor Mark J. Warba called the special meeting of the City Commission to order 12:30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Lynn Anderson, Tom Hogenson, Lorraine James and Dan Rothstein; Mayor Mark J. Warba; City Attorney Eric Williams; City Manager Steve Sobers and City Treasurer Aaron Kuhn.

Absent: None

There were 4 people in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

GENERAL BUSINESS

The City needs to move a couple of power line poles on Catherine Street as part of the Baldwin Street Bridge project. Wolverine World Wide is interested in expanding and would like to work with the City in regards to the repositioning of the power lines. The power lines must stay 50 foot away from any other facilities. One of the poles will be placed in the back of the Wolverine building.

The City owns Parcel No. 54-17-11-126-003 which is a small lot. If a tree were to be planted on this small of a lot it would be closer than the 50 feet rule. Consumers Power would like an easement off the corner of this lot assuring them that the City would not plant any trees and if the City did plant a tree of any height, Consumers could cut it.

Consumers Energy will not proceed with the reconstructing of the power poles until the City Commission provides them with an easement and assures them that no trees will be planted on that corner parcel.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-26

Commissioner Rothstein moved, seconded by Commissioner James, the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EASEMENT TO CONSUMERS ENERGY

WHEREAS, Consumers Energy requested an easement over a City owned parcel of land on the Northeast corner of the intersection of Catherine Street and Speer Avenue, parcel #54-17-11-126-003, to accommodate the relocation of electric utility poles and lines around and on property owned by Wolverine World Wide, and the relocation of

electric utility poles and lines associated with the construction of the new Baldwin Street Bridge, and

WHEREAS, the proposed easement would be located within and across Lot Seven (7) of Block One (1), Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad Company and Continental Improvement Company's Second Addition, providing for the control and removal of brush and trees within the lot,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed easement from the City of Big Rapids to Consumers Energy Company, a copy of which is attached, is approved and the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to sign it, which easement will extend over and through the described portion of Lot 7, Block 1, Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad Company and Continental Improvement Company's Second Addition to the City of Big Rapids, parcel #54-17-11-126-003.

Yeas: Anderson, Hogenson, James, Rothstein, Warba

Nays: None

The Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

Dated: March 15, 2016

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and complete copy of a resolution of the City of Big Rapids duly adopted at a special meeting of the City Commission of said City held on March 15, 2016.

I further certify that said resolution has been recorded in the Minute Book of the City of Big Rapids and that such recording has been authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and City Clerk.

Tamyra K. Gillis, City Clerk

Dated: March 15, 2016

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jim Sandy, MCDC, thanked the City and staff for their efforts in working with Wolverine World Wide to move forward and help create new jobs.

Mayor Warba suggested referring Parcel No. 54-17-11-126-003 to the Planning Commission for determination for surplus property.

There being no further comments to come before the City Commission, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

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Mayor Mark J. Warba

Tamyra K. Gillis, City Clerk