

CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL WORKSESSION

June 6, 2005

CALL TO ORDER A Council worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor David Meier on Monday, June 6, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 808 South Michael Street. Notice of this meeting was sent to Council on June 2, 2005 and posted at City Hall. Notice of this meeting was also published in the Daily Press.

ROLL CALL Present: Mayor David Meier, Robert Roberts, Dennis Nero, Mark Kopp, Thomas Farley, Gelindo Bonfardine, Steven Skok, and David Greene, City Manager

VISITORS Visitors included: JoAnn Struble, Andy Swasta, and Richard Sadley

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
May 16 and 25, 2005** Mark Kopp made a motion to approve the minutes of May 16 and 25, 2005, seconded by Steven Skok and all were in favor.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
AGENDA ITEMS** JoAnn Struble strongly opposed assessing property owners for road paving.

**ITEMS THAT NEED ACTION
Mary Dornish Subdivision** Mayor Meier stated that the Mary Dornish Subdivision which was approved by Council on November 15, 2004, must be reapproved. The attorney for Mary Dornish failed to record the subdivision within the required 90 days. The County Planning Office needs a letter from City Council with proper signatures stating the subdivision meets current City standards, and dated so that a new 90 day time limit can begin.

Mark Kopp made a motion to reapprove the Mary Dornish Subdivision, seconded by Gelindo Bonfardine, and all were in favor.

Ordinance No. 199 re:
Outdoor Furnaces Ordinance No. 199 was presented amending Ordinance No. 115 and the St. Marys City Code to further regulate the use of outdoor furnaces.

1st Motion Dennis Nero made a motion to publish Ordinance No. 199 and seconded by Steven Skok.

It was decided that Solicitor French should revise the ordinance changing the word "dwelling" to "building" throughout the ordinance.

Amended Motion Dennis Nero amended his motion to publish Ordinance No. 199 Outdoor Furnaces to change the word dwelling to building with the Solicitor's legal opinion. The amended motion was seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor, except Gelindo Bonfardine and Mayor David Meier who opposed. The motion passed by majority vote.

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Ordinance No. 201
Re: Special Improvement
District Benzinger Rd.

Ordinance No. 201 was presented establishing a Special Improvement District, consisting of all lands abutting Benzinger Road between Theresia Road and Bavarian Hills Road.

Thomas Farley made a motion to publish Ordinance No. 201, seconded by Mark Kopp, and all were in favor, except Dennis Nero and Mayor David Meier who opposed. Motion passed by majority vote.

Ordinance No. 202
Re: Special Improvement
District West Theresia
Road

Ordinance No. 202 was presented establishing a Special Improvement District, consisting of all lands abutting West Theresia Road between Townview Road and the Fox Township line.

Thomas Farley made a motion to publish Ordinance No. 202, seconded by Gelindo Bonfardine, and all were in favor, except Dennis Nero and Mayor David Meier who opposed. Motion passed by majority vote.

Ordinance No. 203
Re: Special Improvement
District West Eschbach
Road

Ordinance No. 203 was presented establishing a Special Improvement District, consisting of all lands abutting West Eschbach Road between South Michael Street to terminus of West Eschbach Road.

Mark Kopp made a motion to publish Ordinance No. 203, seconded by Robert Roberts, and all were in favor, except Dennis Nero and Mayor David Meier who opposed. Motion passed by majority vote.

Ordinance No. 204
Re: Special Improvement
District S. Michael Road

Ordinance No. 204 was presented establishing a Special Improvement District, consisting of all lands abutting South Michael Street from a point at the end of existing pavement of SR 2008 to Lecker Road.

Gelindo Bonfardine made a motion to publish Ordinance No. 204, seconded by Mark Kopp, and all were in favor, except Dennis Nero and Mayor David Meier who opposed. Motion passed by majority vote.

Ordinance No. 205
Re: \$1,000,000. Loan

Ordinance No. 205 was presented to amend Ordinance No. 198 increasing the indebtedness of the City of St. Marys, by the issue of a General Obligation Note in the amount of \$1,000,000. for sundry purposes; fixing the form, number, date, interest, and maturity thereof; making a covenant for the payment of the debt service on the note; providing for the filing of the required document; providing for the appointment of a sinking fund depository for the note; and authorizing execution, sale and delivery thereof. Since Ordinance No. 198 did not meet LGUDA approval it was necessary to amend the ordinance.

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Robert Roberts made a motion to publish Ordinance No. 205, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

Thomas Farley made a motion to have all property owners with front footage in excess of 500 feet who subdivide their property be assessed \$10. per foot for the subdivision if it is sold. The motion was seconded by Mark Kopp.

After a discussion, the motion was defeated with Thomas Farley being the only vote in favor. Dennis Nero, Steven Skok, Robert Roberts, Gelindo Bonfardine, Mark Kopp, and Mayor David Meier voted against the motion.

Ordinance No. 206
Police Pension
Amendment

Ordinance No. 206 was presented amending the City of St. Marys Police Pension Plan to provide for an enhanced service increment for certain Police Officers retiring on or after September 1, 2002, and having more than thirty-one (31) years of completed service with the City of St. Marys Police Department.

Thomas Farley made a motion to publish Ordinance No. 206 with the stipulation that all solicitors involved review the ordinance with a written opinion coming back to Council, seconded by Mark Kopp, and all were in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee reports.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Parking Permits

An additional 21 parking permit spaces are needed in the Depot Street Parking Lot to accommodate the City employees and the Dickinson Mental Health Center. City staff will look into this issue and come back to Council with a recommendation.

Robert Roberts made a motion that all parking permits can be sold on an annual basis at a reduced cost, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.

Saint Marys Vision 2005

Manager Greene briefly narrated on the following topics for the City's Vision 2005: Community Development; Economic Development; Financial Planning; Human Resources; Infrastructure; Public Safety; Signage; Street Landscaping; and Technology. A plan should be implemented with Councils' and the Manager's input.

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COUNCIL COMMENTS

Gelindo Bonfardine inquired about the status of the Youth Center project. Four committees are working on the issue.

Thomas Farley questioned the status of the Solicitor's opinion regarding Chris Woodward's question as stated in the May 16th Council minutes. She asked if the property owners behind her house, whose driveways exit onto West Eschbach Road, would be assessed? Manager Greene will once again contact the Solicitor for his opinion.

Mayor Meier was concerned about high grass throughout the community, detention ponds not draining properly making them a breeding ground for the West Nile disease, and junk cars.

Robert Roberts asked if the new City Hall located at 11 LaFayette Street will have an open house. Mr. Roberts also stated that there is still some grit on sidewalks which need to be cleaned per the City's Ordinance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Meier made the following announcements:

- Next Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 20, 2005 at City Hall's new location, 11 LaFayette Street.
- Congratulations to area students who graduated this year.
- Thank You to the Memorial Day Parade Committee.
- Community Meeting - Downtown Blueprint on Thursday, July 7, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. on the Diamond weather permitting.
- Airport Drag Races to be held June 27, July 30, and August 27 with rain dates held on the following Saturdays.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Thomas Farley, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

Stanley Dicklas
Recording Secretary

David P. Meier 6/21/05
Mayor