

Special

June 19

2007

Ontario City Council met in special session on June 19, 2007 in the City Offices, with Council President Dave Metzger presiding. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following persons were in attendance when roll was called: Council members Bobby Shook, Charlotte Hellinger, Paul Williams, Mark Weidemyre, Debbie Konczak, Dan Zeiter and Carol Shrader; Mr. Metzger; Mayor Kenneth Bender; Law Director Rebecca Thomas; Service/Safety Director Chuck Au; and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker. A number of interested citizens were present in the audience.

ORDINANCE NO. 07-24

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE DIRECTLY BENEFITING THOSE PARCELS, AND REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THOSE PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF A PORTION OF THOSE SERVICE PAYMENTS TO THE ONTARIO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENTS, A COMPENSATION AGREEMENT, AND AN INFRASTRUCTURE AGREEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Weidemyre read Ordinance No. 07-24 for the third time, by title only.

Mr. Williams made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 07-24 and Mr. Shook seconded the motion. When Mr. Metzger called for discussion regarding Ordinance No. 07-24, Mr. Weidemyre asked if the excess funding could be used for the widening of Walker Lake Road to three lanes since that is not included in this agreement. Mrs. Thomas replied that it was a possibility because the money has to be used for infrastructure improvements. The first payment is due approximately in 2009 and there should be a cash balance of over \$62,000. She would have to check if bonds could be issued for that project.

Mr. Williams stated he felt the TIF is a win-win situation for the City of Ontario and the school district.

Mrs. Hellinger commented this is setting a new precedent and she doesn't feel anyone will want to come here unless they get a TIF. She referenced letters initially stating Menards would do the improvements and doesn't want to give a TIF to everyone.

Mr. Zeiter said he feels everyone will be surprised in the end how little money will be left after the school is paid back.

Four members cast their votes Aye, three Nays by Mrs. Hellinger, Mrs. Konczak and Mr. Zeiter and the motion passed.

At 7:07 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Williams, and a second by Mr. Shook. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to adjourn passed.

 President of Council

 Clerk of Council