

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Special Meeting
Held May 24, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President of Council Oberdorf and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Staczek, Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Scott, and Duricek all present. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Ruse. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for special council meeting of May 24, 2012 was presented to council. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chief Goss said he has been meeting with the casino security staff and Toledo police concerning traffic and parking. The thought was the facility parking would be overwhelmed during the opening and for several weeks after and Toledo police agreed it would be best to keep traffic moving on SR65. To accommodate this and to keep parking off streets and private lots Chief Goss thought it would be best to provide some overflow parking. In speaking with Mr. Hermes at Pilkington he had agreed to allow use of their parking lot but they do want to be released from liability.

ORDINANCES

#2012-32 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ROSSFORD TO ENTER INTO AN ACCESS AGREEMENT WITH PILKINGTON NORTH AMERICA, INC. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel said it seems like we are benefiting the casino but we are also benefiting our residents and being a good neighbor. Mr. Marquette questioned what kind of liability we are taking on. Chief Goss said it will be incorporated into our current insurance and Mr. Heban said our insurance company said we would be covered. Mr. Duricek said we are assuming the responsibility for two private companies and he does not know why we are involved and that Penn National should be approaching Pilkington about assuming liability, not us, and he is not in favor of this. Mr. Heban said Penn National was approached about this agreement and they felt it should be with the city of Rossford and Mr. Ciecka said Penn National could not get it done with their corporate legal in time but he does agree with Mr. Duricek it probably should have been done with Penn National. Mr. Duricek also did not like that traffic would be routed through residential area if not parked in the overflow lot. Chief Goss understands his concerns and would prefer no traffic through residential areas. Mr. Scott agrees with Mr. Duricek and said it really should not be our agreement but we are in a somewhat untenable position. He also felt Penn National should have come to us rather than us going to them and that we need to keep a running total of our costs because we could run through the money they gave us fairly quickly. He said the City of Toledo has not really stepped up to handle this problem. Mr. Oberdorf agrees with Mr. Duricek and Mr. Scott and said in the future this should be Penn's responsibility but in this situation due to time constraints we need to be involved and he would be in favor of the agreement. Mr. Staczek sees all the points but said Penn National has come forward previously with money to the city and for our canine unit and said for this grand opening we should do this but in the future we will need better communication with them. Mrs. Eckel said maybe the city needs to come up with an agreement with Pilkington on using the lot in the future. Mr. Heban said there has been some communication with Pilkington regarding donating that parking lot to the city. Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes except for Mr. Duricek who voted no. Motion carried 5-1.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

Larry Oberdorf
President of Council

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council