

Meeting Minutes

SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, May 19, 2003, 6:45 P.M.

Council Chambers - County-City Building

PRESENT: Chairman Barr, Alderpersons Walther, Rackow, Molski, Phillips

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Wescott, C/T Schlice, Clerk Zdroik, Alderpersons Sevenich, Markham, Seiser, Sowieja, Stroik, Moore; Kate Garsombke (Journal), Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette)

1. Funding for the opening of the east end of Main Street.

C/T Schlice said the opening of the east end of Main Street was approved by the Board of Public Works at its meeting last Monday, May 12, 2003. He recommended adding the cost of the project to the 2003 borrowing. Approval by the Finance Committee and the Common Council tonight will start the borrowing process tomorrow. The project will start late summer or early fall this year. If the request is turned down by the Council, the City will not borrow the money.

Ald. Phillips moved, Ald. Rackow seconded, to approve the funding for the opening of the east end of Main Street, to a maximum of \$45,000, with funding from the 2003 borrowing.

Ald. Seiser asked if we can do signage first before spending \$45,000.

Ald. Sevenich said she received a telephone call asking that the Association of Downtown Businesses be assessed for the cost of opening the east end of Main Street. The caller does not feel that all City residents should be charged for the cost.

Ald. Molski said that many of the merchants who were downtown and requested that the street be closed are not there now.

C/T Schlice said business owners were not assessed when the east end of Main Street was closed.

Ald. Phillips said opening the east end of Main Street will make it easier going downtown for everyone in the community.

Ald. Rackow said the mall was not there when the east end of Main Street was closed.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

2. Adjournment - 6:51 P.M.

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