

MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COUNCIL
December 15, 2009

The special meeting of the St. Joseph County Council was called to order at 5:37 p.m., on December 15, 2009, by the President, Rafael Morton, in the Council Chambers, fourth floor, County-City Building, South Bend, Indiana.

Members in attendance:

Mr. Mark A. Catanzarite	Mr. Corey D. Noland
Mr. Dale R. DeVon	Mr. Mark Root
Mr. Michael J. Hamann	Mr. Dennis R. Schafer
Mr. Michael J. Kruk	Mr. Heath O. Weaver
Mr. Rafael Morton	

Present from the Auditor's office was Mr. Peter H. Mullen, Auditor and Ms. Cynthia Bodle, Chief Deputy Auditor.

Council staff present were Mr. Michael A. Trippel, Attorney and Ms. Joan M. Pawlowski, Executive Secretary.

Old Business: A Public Hearing was heard on 12/1/09 for Bill No. 97-09. There will now be a Council Discussion and vote.

BILL NO. 97-09: AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AND APPROPRIATE THE 2010 ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY BOARD OF MANAGERS FOR HOTEL-MOTEL TAX, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,264,317.00 OUT OF THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION FUND. (Hotel-Motel Tax Board) - *As Amended*

Motion to pass was made by Mr. Hamann and seconded by Mr. Kruk. Bill No. 97-09 passed as amended, 8-1 (Root).

Privilege of the Floor:

Mr. Schafer stated that he wanted to thank everyone for their support and help during the last twenty-two (22) years. He has decided to step down and retire as of December 31, 2009. His wife is now retired and they would like to be doing some traveling and there might be too many times that he might not be able to attend meetings. He wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Dobson, Chamber of Commerce, thanked the Council for their deliberations and the vote this evening on Bill No. 97-09.

Mr. Root reminded Mr. Morton that this was out of order since Privilege of the Floor is reserved for items not on the agenda. Mr. Morton stood corrected.

Warm wishes and thanks for his dedication were expressed to Mr. Schafer. He served his constituents well, was a good listener and a very good guy. They thanked him for everything he has done for this community. He was thanked for his faith in God and his compassion for serving the people and mentoring other Councilmen.

Dave Thomas, Commissioner
Rafael Morton
Michael J. Hamann
Mark A. Catanzarite
Cindy Bodle
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Motion to adjourn was heard at 5:47 p.m.

Auditor, St. Joseph County

President, St. Joseph County Council