

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

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MINUTES

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

January 6, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum.** Co-Chairman Beifuss called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll Call found Aldermen James Beifuss, Nanette Connelly, Sandra Dimas, Russell Radkiewicz, James Smith, and John Smith present. Alderman Nicholas Dzierzanowski was absent.

Also in attendance were Public Works Director Robert Flatter, Assistant City Engineer Doug Nooden, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Joe Munder and Administrative Secretary Michelle Baldino.

Other in attendance was Michael Pedone, Water Resources Incorporated

2. **Approval of Minutes.**

A. **Infrastructure Committee Minutes of December 2, 2010.** Alderman Nanette Connelly made a motion to approve the minutes of December 2, 2010, seconded by Alderman Sandra Dimas. Voting Yea: Aldermen Nanette Connelly, Sandra Dimas, James Beifuss, Russell Radkiewicz, James Smith, and John Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

3. **Public Participation / Presentations.** None.

4. **Items for Consent.**

A. **Contract Award – 2011 Forestry Maintenance Program – Steve Piper & Sons, Inc.** Mr. Flatter provided a quick overview of the agenda history stating that this program is for annual tree trimming and tree removals and it is the first year of the third five-year trimming cycle. Steve Piper & Sons, Inc. provided the lowest responsible bid, with positive references. Alderman Nanette Connelly and Alderman James Beifuss commented on the range in costs recorded on the bid tabulation and Alderman Beifuss questioned how the work could be performed at the low bidder's prices. Mr. Flatter stated that this year, according to the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL), a contract such as this is not considered "maintenance", therefore prevailing wages and certified payroll are required by the City. Furthermore, any questionable items on the invoicing and certified payroll will be handled IDOL. Mr. Flatter feels that the prevailing wage requirement may be a contributor to the range of pricing received.

Alderman Sandra Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nanette Connelly to recommend approval of Resolution 11-R-0002 authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract

with Steve Piper & Sons, Inc. for the FY2011 Forestry Maintenance Program. Voting Yea: Aldermen Sandra Dimas, Nanette, Connelly, James Beifuss, Russell Radkiewicz, James Smith, and John Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

B. Contract Award – Casing and Liner Rehabilitation at the City’s Well No. 3 – Layne-Western Company, Inc. Mr. Joe Munder provided a brief overview of the agenda history explaining that the steel pipe casing and it’s liner, installed approximately in 1950, is used to keep unknown sources of water from infiltrating into the well. An inspection in 2003, by Layne-Western Company, Inc. (Layne) revealed that there were several perforations, and when Layne televised the well in October 2010, it revealed that the perforations worsened, compromising the integrity of the well. Alderman Sandra Dimas asked why this wasn’t taken care of in 2003 and if there were other well casings know to have the same situation. Mr. Munder explained that at that time, it wasn’t bad enough to warrant the repair. He also stated that all of the wells are televised when they are pulled for maintenance and they are not showing any signs of infiltration points. Alderman James Beifuss asked how long a new casing and pipe will last and how long the well will be out of service. Mr. Munder stated that there is a 50-60 year life span and it will take approximately 15-20 days to start work after the Contract is executed, with approximately 4-5 weeks of service. Mr. Flatter stated that the well would be fully operational by May 2011. Alderman Russell Radkiewicz asked if reducing the diameter of the well would have any effect. Mr. Munder answered that there will be virtually no effect or loss.

Alderman Nanette Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Russell Radkiewicz to recommend approval of Resolution 11-R00003 authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Layne-Western Company, Inc. Voting Yea: Aldermen Nanette Connelly, Russell Radkiewicz, James Beifuss, Sandra Dimas, James Smith, and John Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

C. Acceptance of Public Improvements – Prairie Center Unit B, 440 and 450 E. Roosevelt Road. Mr. Doug Nooden provided a brief overview of the agenda history stating that since 2004, when the project was completed, there is no history of any issues with any of the infrastructure improvements. Mr. Flatter informed the Committee that this property is where the Pal Joey’s is located.

Alderman Sandra Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman John Smith to recommend approval of Resolution 11-R-0001 authorizing the acceptance of the public improvements for Prairie Center Unit B, and reduction/release of development securities. Voting Yea: Aldermen Sandra Dimas, John Smith, James Beifuss, Nanette Connelly, Russell Radkiewicz, and James Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

D. Acceptance of Public Improvements – North Industrial Park. Mr. Nooden stated that this development is substantially complete since 2008, and the developer is required to post a maintenance security, which will remain in effect for a period of thirty-six (36) months from acceptance. There are currently three buildings within the development; Kramer Tree Specialists, Triad Development and Triumph. Alderman Russell Radkiewicz stated that he thought there were issues with drainage within the development. Mr. Flatter stated that there were, but they have been taken care of.

Alderman Nanette Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman John Smith to recommend approval of Resolution 11-R-0004 authorizing the acceptance of public improvements for the North Industrial Park Subdivision development, pending the receipt of the required maintenance security. Voting Yea: Alderman Nanette Connelly, John Smith, James Beifuss, Sandra Dimas, Russell Radkiewicz, and James Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

5. Items for Discussion.

A. Committee requested an update of the Galena Street Reconstruction Project. Mr. Flatter informed them that design is underway. Thomas Engineering Group (TEG) held a utility coordination meeting, stating that AT&T, Comcast and ComEd are willing to bury the overhead, but the City will have to pay. TEG is underway with obtaining pricing from those utilities, which will be brought to a future meeting. NICOR underground is in the way and will need to be relocated. They will be providing TEG with pre-final plans by next week. Alderman James Beifuss asked if trenching for NICOR would be beneficial for the other utilities to which Mr. Flatter responded that it would not.

Mr. Flatter stated that construction should be underway before June. Plans are to bid the project in March or April, with construction to last approximately three to four months. TEG is coordinating with business owners, and has already met with the City's scavenger service.

6. Unfinished Business.

A. Mr. Flatter stated that he has contacted Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) regarding the graffiti under the Route 59 overpass and they indicated they would take care of it this week pending snow conditions.

B. Alderman Sandra Dimas thanked staff for taking care of the stop sign on Sassafrass.

C. Alderman James Beifuss asked if staff has a solution for the ice buildup on the steps at the Metra Station. Mr. Flatter stated that this is the responsibility of Metra, but they are not doing anything to repair the problem. He stated that staff is working to manage the problem and feels that it is possibly groundwater seeping through. Staff plans on addressing the issue in the spring or summer.

D. Alderman James Beifuss stated that trash is still an issue at the Metra Station over the weekend and on Monday mornings. He asked what staff is doing to resolve this. Mr. Flatter stated that personnel begin their work at 7:00 a.m. and have been directed to empty trash at Metra first thing Monday morning. Mr. Flatter agrees that there is an issue, but the City would have to agree to commit to pay a minimum of two (2) hours overtime for two employees totaling approximately and extra \$300.00 to bring personnel in to clean the Metra Station earlier on Monday. Alderman Nanette Connelly stated that signs should be placed advising people to use the trashcans. Mr. Flatter also advised that the Police Department has been contacted for extra patrol in order to control the issue of the urine odor in the tunnel.

7. **New Business.** None.

8. **Reports from Staff.**

A. **North Avenue Regional Sanitary Lift Station Feasibility Study.** Mr. Nooden provided an overview of the Staff Update provided with the agenda. He stated that the City could not justify an expenditure of an additional \$3,037,000.00 to install a regional sanitary lift station near Atlantic Drive at this time. Alderman James Beifuss asked because Route 64 is a State Route, could the City recapture the cost. Mr. Flatter stated no. The utilities are in the state right-of-way, under permit, and the City will have to relocate.

Alderman James Beifuss asked if the median landscaping would be brought back to Committee. Mr. Flatter stated that it will, but there is no rush on the City's part. The City will plan to use the same approach as what was landscaped at the area east of Route 59.

Alderman Russell Radkiewicz asked when the construction is supposed to begin on Roosevelt and Kautz Roads. Mr. Flatter stated that this project will be bid in March and the raised overpass will be the first phase of the project. He further stated that this summer, construction will also be taking place on Washington Street, and DuPage County is considering construction on Fabyan Parkway. Included with the Fabyan Parkway construction, the County has approached the City stating that they would like to build a bike path and have the City maintain it. Mr. Flatter said that he had a meeting scheduled with the County regarding this.

9. **Adjournment.** At 7:45 P.M., Alderman Sandra Dimas made a motion to adjourn seconded by Alderman Russell Radkiewicz. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Baldino
Administrative Secretary