

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved April 8, 2009

MINUTES

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

March 5, 2009 7:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum.** Chairman Dzierzanowski called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. Roll Call found Aldermen Beifuss, Bunch, Connelly, Dimas and Dzierzanowski present.

Also in attendance were Public Works Director Robert Flatter, and Utility Superintendent Herbert Heintz.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

A. **Infrastructure Committee of February 5, 2009.** Alderman Beifuss requested changes to the minutes to add the following to Item 9.A., page 2, after the fourth line, *"Alderman Beifuss stated that the State had demonstrated incompetence in the bid for bid for salt last year and he did not want to participate again this year or any other year because the state has not explained last year's fiasco or how it would ensure the proper results going forward."* **Alderman Bunch made a motion to approve the minutes of February 5, 2009 as amended, seconded by Alderman Dimas. Voting Yea: Aldermen Bunch, Dimas, Connelly, Beifuss, and Dzierzanowski. Voting Nay: 0.**

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

4. **Items for Consent.** Items removed from the Consent vote for discussion included 4.B., 4.C., 4.F., 4.G, and 4.H.

Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bunch to approve the following Consent Items:

A. **Approve Purchase of two 2009 Ford Crown Victoria Police Pursuit Vehicles – Illinois State Joint Purchasing Contract – Landmark Ford, Springfield, Illinois.**

D. **Contract Amendment No. 1/First Extension to the 2008 Fire Hydrant Painting Project – Alpha Paintworks, Inc.**

E. **Contract Extension – Delivery of Liquid Carbon Dioxide – Continental Carbonic Products, Inc.**

I. **Acceptance of Public Infrastructure Improvements – DuPage Technology Park**

Voting Yea: Aldermen Dimas, Bunch, Beifuss, Connelly, and Dzierzanowski. Voting Nay: 0.

Consent Items for Discussion:

B. Approve Purchase of one 2009 Ford F150 4WD Extended Cab Pickup Truck – Illinois State Joint Purchasing Contract – Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc., Greenfield, Illinois. Mr.

Flatter explained that the pickup truck in the police fleet is up for replacement and has been budgeted. Chairman Dzierzanowski asked if the price included light bars and decals. Mr. Flatter explained that it did not, and separate funds have been budgeted for this expenditure, including radio equipment.

Alderman Dimas asked if the City has a tank for E85 fuel because she has heard that all state vehicles are going to be using it. Mr. Flatter said that we do not have that fuel, and state vehicles have begun to use it which is why the State Purchasing Program no longer includes Ford Explorers or Ford Escapes. The State is only bidding E85 fuel vehicles now. The DuPage County Forest Preserve has contacted surrounding communities regarding their interest in sharing a fueling station off of Mack Road, and the City responded positively, but has not acted on this. The City does not have the capability at this time for tank installation.

Alderman Bunch asked that in the light of the current economy, does the City have to replace vehicles just because they are on a replacement cycle. Mr. Flatter said that this budget year, the squad cars have been placed on a four-year schedule instead of a three-year schedule, and the City will recycle certain vehicles back into Public Works and dispose of an older vehicle. Because the police vehicles are constantly running, it puts more wear on them. Three other vehicles in the police fleet (Taurus's) that were scheduled to be replaced next year have now been taken off of the replacement schedule and are still in use. The Public Works vehicles are on a ten-year replacement cycle.

Alderman Beifuss asked if there was a way that the City could improve on fuel economy. He asked if police pursuit vehicles have to have the larger engines since they are not involved in high-speed chases, and used mostly for patrolling. He was curious to know if the police pursuit vehicles could be purchased with a V-6, turbo engine to allow for better gas mileage. Mr. Flatter informed him that because of the equipment and computers that need to be installed, the larger size vehicle is required. The State Purchasing contract quotes only Crown Victoria's with the interceptor engines, and the City pays an excellent price for them. Mr. Flatter stated that before the order is placed for the Crown Victoria vehicles, he would confirm that this is the only engine available through the State Purchasing program.

Alderman Bunch made a motion for approval, seconded by Alderman Connelly. Voting Yea: Aldermen Bunch, Connelly, Beifuss, Dimas, and Dzierzanowski. Voting Nay: 0.

C. Purchase of Rock Salt – Submission of Joint Purchasing Requisition. Staff is seeking approval to continue to participate with the State Purchasing of Rock Salt. He stated that the State still has not given an explanation as to why the prices were so drastic last year. He reviewed the information included with the agenda package and explained that staff is recommending an 80%

commitment. He also informed the Committee that DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference and the Northwest Municipal Council have decided that they would not be bidding this separately and informed communities to stay with the State Purchasing program. The deadline for submission to the state is March 16, 2009. Therefore, direction needs to be sought from the Infrastructure Committee and a final resolution will be brought back to City Council after pricing is received. Mr. Flatter feels that the price may come in at around \$75.00/ton. The City will be committed to the purchase of 2,800 tons (the 80% that staff is recommending). The budget includes funding for the same cost as last year. If the City does not participate with the state, the City will be forced to bid. Mr. Flatter also informed Committee that he has contacted other municipalities that have gone out for bid and the bid prices came in at \$130.00/ton to \$155.00/ton. He does not feel that a separate bid will generate a lower price. Chairman Dzierzanowski suggested that the City approach the Townships in order to get them together on a bid due to the large number of cities with the two districts. Mr. Flatter stated that historically, the townships participate with the state bid, but he will approach them for the following year.

Alderman Beifuss expressed concern with the State's program, as the memorandum doesn't indicate that there will be any changes. He stated that their memo is inconsistent as it states that the methodology has not changed, when it had. In past years, vendors were not allowed to select which municipality they wanted to supply. He has asked State Representative Fortner to look into this issue because there is no resolution from the State. He stated further that by moving up the deadline for submission to participate, it doesn't allow time for the City to explore options. He then asked if the document is submitted, are we obligated to the purchase. Mr. Flatter informed him that, to his knowledge, there have always been more than one supplier through the State bid, only the pricing was so close, no one questioned it. Also, the City will be obligated to the percentage indicated, and the pricing isn't usually received until the fall. Staff indicated that they are also not comfortable with the state's bidding process, but believes that because of an individual quantity being sought, if separated from the entire bid, the pricing will most likely be higher than what the state's pricing will be. He feels that the larger companies will be more interested in supplying the entire state bid rather than supply to individuals.

Mr. Flatter suggested that the requisition be turned in for a commitment of 80% and, if directed, staff will also prepare a bid for any remaining supply needed. He informed the Committee that Bloomingdale is opening a bid on March 9th. He would like to see what pricing they received before submitting the requisition to the State. Bartlett plans on only committing to a portion of what they normally requisition, and they will bid for the remainder.

Alderman Dimas asked if our salt consumption would be reduced if beet juice were used. Mr. Flatter stated that pre-wetting and anti-icing could cut your salt consumption as much as 30%. But, the winters are not predictable. The City will be using anti-icing this coming season.

Alderman Beifuss made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas to proceed forward with the submittal of the requisition for 3,500 tons at the guaranteed 80% minimum amount, and to explore the market for the remainder of needed supply. Staff is to survey results of bids received by other municipalities; i.e. Bloomingdale.

Alderman Beifuss made a motion for approval, seconded by Alderman Dimas. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Dimas, Bunch, Connelly, and Dzierzanowski. Voting Nay: 0.

F. Contract Award – Lift Station No. 7 Generator Project – Electrical Systems, Inc.

Alderman Beifuss commented that having a backup generator at the lift station is a great idea. Mr. Heintz explained that there are three remaining lift stations for which funds have been budgeted for the installation of generators. Mr. Flatter stated that there are a number of upcoming infrastructure improvements that will be presented to the Committee; i.e. the east side interceptor and regional improvements, which could possibly eliminate the need for three of the City's current lift stations.

Alderman Dimas made a motion for approval, seconded by Alderman Bunch. Voting Yea: Aldermen Dimas, Bunch, Beifuss, Connelly, and Dzierzanowski. Voting Nay: 0.

G. Contract Award – Maintenance and Repairs of Well Assembly at Well Station No. 11 – Layne-Western Company, Inc. Mr. Flatter clarified for Chairman Dzierzanowski that past repairs he questioned were performed on Well 10, not Well 11. Both wells are located on the same site. Well 11 is the shallow well.

Alderman Bunch made a motion for approval, seconded by Alderman Beifuss. Voting Yea: Aldermen Bunch, Beifuss, Connelly, Dimas, and Dzierzanowski. Voting Nay: 0.

H. Professional Services Agreement – Design Engineering for the Illinois Route 64 Utility Relocation Project – AECOM. Chairman Dzierzanowski asked how the proposed development on Atlantic Drive, north of Route 64 going to receive watermain and sewer, and if they were aware of this project. Mr. Flatter stated that he believes that they are aware, but they have not yet submitted plans for the City's review. The City will ensure that the utilities are properly installed.

Chairman Dzierzanowski made a motion for approval, seconded by Alderman Bunch. Voting Yea: Aldermen Dzierzanowski, Bunch, Beifuss, Connelly, and Dimas. Voting Nay: 0.

5. Items for Discussion.

A. Street Print – Main Street Paver Walkways. Mr. Flatter reviewed his memo with the Committee and how street print is installed. He explained that Bloomingdale first installed street print about four years ago, and continues to use it. Staff went and looked at the Bloomingdale site and reports that it looks just as good now as it did when it was first installed. During discussion regarding the cost, Mr. Flatter indicated that there are twelve (12) crossings proposed. The only true maintenance for the street print would be to re-paint approximately every three to four years, which would be done in-house.

Staff is seeking direction to proceed with the installation as described in his memo. If approved by Committee, staff will prepare bid specifications and work with the contractor for the upcoming street program to coordinate installation in a timely manner. The bid opening for the Street Resurfacing Project is March 27, 2009 for Council approval on April 20th for construction to begin early May. A contract for street print will need in place by September. Alderman Beifuss had

concerns with the appearance, and indicated that he would like to see it before staff is directed to move ahead. Staff indicated that they were impressed with the appearance, and will provide the Committee with the Bloomingdale locations for their evaluation of the product. Chairman Dzierzanowski stated that he has seen the street print, and he was also impressed with it and believes it is a good alternative to the brick pavers.

6. Unfinished Business.

A. Elgin Street Sweeper – Warranty Information. Mr. Flatter reviewed his agenda summary with the Committee indicating that he does not support the purchase of an extended warranty. The Committee agreed.

Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas to Waive competitive bidding process and authorize the purchase of one (1) 2009 Elgin Whirlwind MV pure vacuum street sweeper from Standard Equipment Company of Chicago, Illinois. Voting Yea: Aldermen Connelly, Dimas, Beifuss, Bunch, and Dzierzanowski. Voting Nay: 0.

7. Other Business. Alderman Dimas inquired about the recent watermain break on Arbor Avenue. Alderman Dimas wanted to know if it had anything to do with standing water on the roadway. Mr. Heintz stated that staff doesn't know what actually caused the break, but explained the repair to the twelve inch main.

8. New Business.

A. Alderman Connelly reported a street light outage and missing pole at Gates and Augusta. Chairman Dzierzanowski will provide the information to ComEd.

B. Chairman Dzierzanowski informed staff about pavement buckling on Kautz Road, near the railroad spur, due to a storm sewer. Mr. Flatter indicated that staff would take look at it.

C. Due to vacation schedules, Mr. Flatter asked the Committee of the possibility of rescheduling the April Infrastructure Committee meeting. The Committee agreed that the meeting would be rescheduled to Wednesday April 8, 2009.

9. Reports from Staff. None.

10. Adjournment. At 8:45 P.M., Alderman Connelly made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Dimas. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Baldino
Administrative Secretary