

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

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MINUTES

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

March 6, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum.** Chairman Beifuss called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. Roll call found Aldermen John Banas, James Beifuss, Sandy Dimas, Don Earley, Mark Edwalds, Al Hallett, and John Smith present.

Also in attendance was Public Works Director Robert Flatter.

2. **Approval of Minutes.**

A. **Infrastructure Committee Minutes of February 6, 2014.** Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas to approve the Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2014 with no changes. Voting Yea: Aldermen Banas, Dimas, Beifuss, Earley, Edwalds, Hallett, and Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

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

4. **Items for Consent.**

A. **Resolution No. 14-R-0014 – Submission of Joint Purchasing Requisition for the Purchase of Rock Salt through the Illinois State Joint Purchasing Contract.** Mr. Flatter stated that this is for the 2014-2015 winter season and the City anticipates placing an order for salt in November. There is no pricing available yet for Thawrox. He informed Committee that this will be a purchase commitment from the City for 80% of 3,500 ton, with a guarantee of 120% if needed.

Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Edwalds to approve Resolution No. 14-R-0014 authorizing the Mayor to submit the Joint Purchasing Requisition to the State of Illinois Bureau of Strategic Sourcing Procurement for the guaranteed purchase of a minimum of 2,800 tons, and authorizing a maximum purchase of 4,200 tons of rock salt for winter season 2014-2015. Voting Yea: Aldermen Dimas, Edwalds, Banas, Beifuss, Earley, Hallett, and Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

5. **Items for Discussion.** None.

6. **Unfinished Business.**

Chairman Beifuss asked for an update on the Main Street Pedestrian Tunnel Improvement Project. Mr. Flatter stated that there is no significant progress since last month. There are at least two workers there each day, but they are very slow. Concrete walls have been poured. There are no railings installed yet,

and some of the landscape work that has already been installed will likely need to be replaced. Staff informed Committee that the first pay request from Mack Construction is now under review with the City Attorney. Liquidated damages will be withheld from any payment.

7. **New Business.** None.

8. **Reports from Staff.**

A. **Nutrient Removal Regulations at City's Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant.** Mr. Flatter explained that any municipality that operates a wastewater treatment plant has to obtain a NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Permit (renewable every five (5) years). At this time, the City is currently operating under its 2006 NPDES Permit, as the IEPA (Illinois Environmental Protection Agency) is not renewing operating permits until decisions have been made regarding nutrient limits (nitrogen and phosphate) in the discharged water. Environmental groups are constantly monitoring point source discharge into the rivers and are constantly pressuring the IEPA for stricter permit limits.

The DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup (DRSCW), of which the City pays approximately \$14,000.00 annually to be a member, monitors water pollution for the east and west branches of the DuPage River and Salt Creek. The DRSCW intends on submitting to the IEPA special permit conditions for nutrient removal in the wastewater treatment process in the hopes that the IEPA will approve these conditions which would eliminate the need for facility upgrades in order to comply with nitrogen and phosphorus limits that may be imposed. The DRSCW requests that all wastewater treatment facilities fund their projects at an annual cost of approximately \$62,000 - \$90,000 to the City of West Chicago.

Mr. Flatter stated that with the on-going planned plant improvements, and the pending nitrogen and phosphorus permit limits, it would be in the best interest of the City to hire Clark Dietz, Inc. to study the City's wastewater treatment plant operations and determine type and cost of improvements that would be necessary to comply with new permit limits likely to be imposed. In addition, CDI would be asked to also perform an energy savings study and identify grant application opportunities. This study would be necessary for the City to appropriately respond to the DRSCW request for additional project funding. Mr. Flatter stated that if the Committee was in agreement, staff would discuss with the Village of Winfield and present a Contract for approval in April.

The Infrastructure Committee unanimously agreed and directed staff to prepare a Contract Agreement with Clark Dietz, Inc. to provide the City with a nutrient removal and energy savings evaluation study at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

9. **Adjournment.** At 7:22 P.M., Alderman Dimas made a motion to adjourn seconded by Alderman Hallett. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Baldino
Administrative Secretary