

# CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved May 5, 2011

## MINUTES

### INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

April 7, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum.** Chairman Dzierzanowski called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. Roll Call found Aldermen James Beifuss, Nanette Connelly, Sandra Dimas, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, Russell Radkiewicz, James Smith, and John Smith present.

Also in attendance were Public Works Director Robert Flatter, Street Superintendent Tim Wilcox, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Joe Munder, and Administrative Secretary Michelle Baldino.

Others in attendance were Phil Graf, Graf Tree Care, Mike Pedone of Water Resources, and Don Feld.

2. **Approval of Minutes.**

A. **Infrastructure Committee Minutes of March 3, 2011.** Alderman James Beifuss made a motion to approve the minutes of March 3, 2011, seconded by Alderman Nanette Connelly. Alderman Beifuss requested several changes to the minutes as reflected in the approved minutes. Alderman James Beifuss made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Alderman Sandra Dimas. Voting Yea: Aldermen James Beifuss, Sandra Dimas, Nanette Connelly, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, Russell Radkiewicz, James Smith and John Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

3. **Public Participation / Presentations.**

A. **City of West Chicago Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan Report – Graf Tree Care.** Mr. Flatter introduced Phil Graf, owner and arborist with Graf Tree Care. Mr. Graf presented the Committee with an overview of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) report that was distributed to the Committee members at the March 3, 2011 meeting. Mr. Graf explained the history of the EAB, how it kills trees, how it is spread, research regarding treatment options as developed by Michigan State University, and where it was first discovered. Mr. Graf then shared his own experience and expertise with the EAB, provided an overview of the City's Ash tree population on City owned properties, explained how inventory data was obtained, how the trees were classified, condition and ranked/rated, and finally discussed treatment methods best suited for the City, all as outlined in the report.

During discussion, the Committee unanimously agreed that trying to save the City's canopy with treating of as many of the infected ash trees as possible would be the reasonable and responsible

thing to do; therefore, Committee unanimously chose Treatment Option 2A, a seven year annual treatment program of 1,992 Ash Trees and the immediate removal of 454 severe EAB damaged and/or hazardous trees. Option 2A would cost the City approximately \$200,000 each year for the first two years and approximately \$270,000 for each remaining year of the seven year program.

Committee discussed funding this program. Mr. Flatter explained that for FY2011, funds are available within the Capital Projects Fund, from the Wilson-Joliet Culvert Replacement Project, where more than adequate funds have been budgeted. For future years, the only available funds would also be from Capital Projects Fund, taking away from money for the street improvement program. Chairman Dzierzanowski asked staff if it would be possible for the City to secure bonds for street improvement projects. Mr. Flatter stated that he would discuss that with the City Administrator. Committee approved staff to utilize future street improvement funds to pay for the EAB Treatment Program.

Alderman James Beifuss made a motion; seconded by Alderman John Smith to direct staff to prepare the necessary documents required to move forward with Option 2A of the EAB report for the next Infrastructure Committee Meeting. Mr. Flatter stated that timing would be an issue, as this project will have to be advertised for bidding, and may be ready for the June Infrastructure Committee. Mr. Graf stated that it would be best to begin treatments in the spring, mid-May to mid-June in order to maximize benefits of the chemical injections.

Alderman James Beifuss excused himself from the meeting at 8:17 P.M.

**4. Items for Consent.** Chairman Dzierzanowski read the following items for consent.

- A. Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan – Graf Tree Care**
- B. Contract Award – Galena Street Reconstruction Project – Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc.**
- C. Change Order No. 1 and Final – 2011 Forestry Maintenance Program**
- D. Contract Award – Demolition of Commercial Building Structure and Water Storage Tank located at 128 McConnell Avenue – Albrecht Enterprises, Inc.**
- E. Contract Award – Repairs of Well Assembly at Well Station No. 10 – Layne Christensen Company**
- F. Contract Award – Engineering Design Services Associated with Raking Bar Screen Improvement Project at the City’s Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Village of Winfield’s Lift Station No. 10 – Clark Dietz, Inc.**
- G. IDOT Construction Engineering Services Agreement for the Wilson & Joliet Culvert Replacement Project – Strand Associates, Inc.**
- H. IDOT Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for Construction Costs for the Wilson & Joliet Culvert Replacement Project**
- I. First Amendment to Professional Custodial Services Agreement – Buck Services, Inc.**
- J. City of West Chicago FY2011 Street Improvement Project.**

Chairman Dzierzanowski asked that the following items be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Items 4.A., E., F., and H.

**Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas to approve Consent Items 4. B., C., D., G., I., and J. Voting Yea: Aldermen Nanette Connelly, Sandra Dimas, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, Russell Radkiewicz, James Smith and John Smith. Voting Nay: 0.**

**A. Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan.** Chairman Dzierzanowski requested a motion to amend the motion for approval for consent of the EAB Management Plan (as voted upon before the Consent Items were read) to recommend that the City pursue Treatment Option 2A of the plan, directing staff to proceed with recommended removals, replacements and chemical treatments, and to provide source(s) of funding for this project from the street improvement program. **Alderman Russell Radkiewicz made a motion, as recommended, seconded by Alderman Sandra Dimas. Voting Yea: Aldermen Russell Radkiewicz, Sandra Dimas, Nanette Connelly, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, James Smith, and John Smith. Voting Nay: 0.**

**E. Contract Award – Repairs of Well Assembly at Well Station No. 10 – Layne Christensen Company (Layne).** Chairman Dzierzanowski asked how these repairs are warranted due to the fact that the well was serviced only four years ago. Mr. Flatter explained that the well assembly has experienced an electrical problem and has stopped working. Initial test have confirmed that the problem is located in either the pump or motor, which are approximately eight hundred (800) feet below ground. The well assembly will have to be pulled again in order to find out the real problem. Chairman Dzierzanowski then asked why staff was proposing a contract for repairs without knowing the exact cause or problem; he asked if the problem could be determined prior to issuing a contract for repair. Mr. Flatter stated that getting the well back on line is critical to meeting summer demand. To expedite repairs and avoid delays with having to bring multiple contracts back to Committee, Staff typically requests approval of contracts for this type of inspection/repair with cost estimates based on worst case scenarios and experience. He further stated that the City has approved these types of contracts for the past seven or eight years for well assembly repairs due to the “unknown”. Layne has never over billed the City in the past and the City has developed a good working relationship with the company. Mr. Flatter assured the Committee that staff always closely monitors Laynes’s construction activities and Layne does not proceed with work or repairs without authorization from City staff first. **Alderman John Smith made a motion to approve the Contract Award with Layne Christensen Company, seconded by Alderman Nanette Connelly. Voting Yea: Aldermen John Smith, Nanette Connelly, Sandra Dimas, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, Russell Radkiewicz, and James Smith. Voting Nay: 0.**

**F. Contract Award – Engineering Design Services Associated with Raking Bar Screen Improvement Project at the City’s Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Village of Winfield’s Lift Station No. 10 – Clark Dietz, Inc.** Chairman Dzierzanowski asked staff what Winfield’s contribution would be. Mr. Flatter informed him that funds are allocated in the Sewer Plant Equipment Replacement program, which both agencies contribute to. Winfield’s contribution for treatment operations are typically about 30%, but cost is based on actual monthly flows. **Alderman Nanette Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Russell Radkiewicz for approval of Contract Award to Clark Dietz, Inc. for Engineering Design Services Associated with the Raking Bar Screen Improvement Project. Voting Yea: Aldermen Nanette Connelly, Russell Radkiewicz, Sandra Dimas, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, James Smith, and John Smith. Voting Nay: 0.**

**H. IDOT Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for Construction Costs for the Wilson & Joliet Culvert Replacement Project.** Chairman Dzierzanowski did not have any comments for this consent item. **Alderman Nanette Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicholas Dzierzanowski for approval. Voting Yea: Aldermen Nanette Connelly, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, Sandra Dimas, Russell Radkiewicz, James Smith, and John Smith. Voting Nay: 0.**

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

**6. Unfinished Business.** None

**7. New Business.**

**A. Galena Street Reconstruction.** Mr. Flatter discussed with Committee the option of burying overhead utilities as part of the Galena Street Reconstruction Project. He informed Committee that the primary ComEd lines that cross over Galena Street could not be buried underground, but that the lower secondary lines that include ComEd, AT&T, and Comcast could be buried underground at a cost of \$60,000 to the City. Alderman Radkiewicz asked if there were problems with overhead wires with truck traffic and if they can be buried in the future. Mr. Flatter responded that all wires were high enough for truck traffic and that this would be the only cost effective time to bury the secondary lines. Mr. Flatter explained that because the primary lines span over a 24 block segment, they would not be able to be buried. The Committee unanimously decided that money should not be spent on the under grounding of these secondary utilities during the Galena Street Reconstruction Project.

**B. Washington Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project.** Alderman Sandra Dimas stated that because of the lane closure on Washington Street, traffic is moving through on Oak Avenue and Pine Street, but there is no signage for cross traffic at that intersection. She asked staff if a stop sign, or yield sign could be temporarily placed during the construction. Mr. Flatter said that signage is controlled by the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices and City Ordinance. Placement of temporary stop control or yield signs is discouraged for safety reasons and would not be enforceable without changes to the City Code, but he will look into what can be done regarding provisions for construction zones. It may be possible, as a temporary measure, to install a caution sign, warning motorists that cross traffic does not stop.

Alderman Radkiewicz commented that he has not seen a lot of traffic at that intersection of Town Road and Route 38 as a result of the Washington Street lane closure. He then asked about the study to install traffic signals at the intersection. Mr. Flatter stated that Ball Seed would be surveyed in order to investigate whether or not employees are would use the intersection if a traffic signal were installed. He then indicated that traffic is most likely avoiding the area and using the Route 59 cloverleaf as a result of the detours from Washington Street.

Chairman Dzierzanowski asked about the parade route for Railroad Days. Mr. Flatter told him that a possible option being considered is to use Chicago Street instead of Washington Street. The parade route would be to go from Ingaltan Avenue to Oakwood Avenue, cross Washington Street to

Chicago Street, proceed west to Main Street and then north on Fremont Street to Reed Keppler Park.

**8. Reports from Staff.**

**9. Adjournment.** At 8:40 P.M., Alderman Sandra Dimas made a motion to adjourn seconded by Alderman Nanette Connelly. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Baldino  
Administrative Secretary