

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

**Approved 06/22/11** 

## **MINUTES**

## INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

May 5, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum. Alderman Dzierzanowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll Call found Alderman James Beifuss, Nanette Connelly, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, Alan Murphy, Russell Radkiewicz, James Smith, and John Smith present.

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

Others in attendance were Mike Pedone of Water Resources, Denise Kennedy, and Jan Kramer

- A. Selection of Committee Chairman. Alderman James Beifuss made a motion to nominate Alderman Nicholas Dzierzanowski as Committee Chairman, seconded by Alderman John Smith. Voting Yea: Aldermen James Beifuss, John Smith, Nanette Connelly, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, Alan Murphy, Russell Radkiewicz, and James Smith. Voting Nay: 0.
- 2. Approval of Minutes.
- A. Infrastructure Committee Minutes of April 7, 2011. Alderman Russell Radkiewicz made a motion to approve the minutes of April 7, 2011, seconded by Alderman Nanette Connelly. Voting Yea: Aldermen Russell Radkiewicz, Nanette Connelly, James Beifuss, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, Alan Murphy, James Smith and John Smith. Voting Nay: 0.
- 3. Public Participation / Presentations.

Chairman Dzierzanowski recognized Denise Kennedy, 0N721 Prince Crossing Road. Ms. Kennedy was in attendance to object to the construction of a water tower on the vacant lot located at the northwest corner of Prince Crossing and Geneva Roads. She asked Committee to reconsider this location as she feels that a water tower will jeopardize the value of her home and the other homes in the area. She stated that it would be an ugly eyesore, putting her neighborhood in decline. She urged the Committee to explore other areas, such as North Avenue near the outdoor theater. Ms. Kennedy stated that the Mayor told her that the new water tower would look nice, but then went on to state that the water tower by the Tastee Freeze is disgraceful, and the City should be ashamed; the tower on Hawthorne Lane is surrounded by dumpsters, is ugly, the homes in that area are in decline, and it looks like a prison compound.

Ms. Kennedy said that she has spoken with a lot of people from the water department and the things she was told were not true. For example, "this tower would serve the most people". She stated that most of the homes in that area are on well and septic. She said she was told "that it had to be placed there due to the airport restrictions". She said that wasn't true either, as she has also spoken with airport personnel. She was told that this area was the most cost effective. She asked, "cost effective for whom"?

Chairman Dzierzanowski explained to her that the City recently had an engineering study performed that indicated that there are deficiencies in the City's system that need to be corrected for water pressure and water storage. Several factors were taken into consideration during the study including land availability, results of the hydraulic model, and the cost involved in order to provide infrastructure to the tower. Another area included in the study is where the second water tower is proposed, in the Manville Oaks Park off of Joliet Street. Mr. Flatter indicated that the location of Prince Crossing Road is the most preferable place for the tower in order to boost the pressure for that zone. And, Alderman Beifuss informed her that from a pressure standpoint in conjunction with where the City's infrastructure is and taking elevations into account, according to the expert's study, this is the location for the best placement. He reiterated that public safety for the City's population, including fire-fighting abilities, is the Committee's primary concern.

Mr. Flatter stated that the DuPage Airport's height restrictions also play a large part in the chosen location. Land availability in the industrial area also played a factor in the decision. As to Ms. Kennedy's request to consider the area near the outdoor theater on North Avenue, Mr. Flatter responded that it is another area that is lacking adequate infrastructure to serve a water tower and the cost to bring all utilities there are far beyond the cost to build the tower in any other location. He also explained the need additional elevated water storage.

Chairman Dzierzanowski informed Ms. Kennedy that it is not the City's intention to adversely impact anyone's property values. It is the intent to provide the best services for the citizens of the community.

Ms. Jan Kramer, with Kramer Tree Specialists located at 300 Charles Court, West Chicago asked if the study that is being referred to looked at the entire town for alternatives, and asked about airport height restrictions. Chairman Dzierzanowski stated that the study did include the entire town. Mr. Flatter stated that a hydraulic model of the City's water distribution system was prepared to identify different areas and detect ideal locations for additional infrastructure. Height restrictions decrease further away from the airport. He also explained that land elevations are also a determining factor, as the top height of each tower need to be equal.

Ms. Kennedy was informed that the style of water tower is currently under design, and the City has chosen a single pedestal sphere type tower. Although not satisfied with the outcome of her objections, Ms. Kennedy thanked the Committee for its time.

- 4. Items for Consent. Chairman Dzierzanowski read the following items for consent.
- A. Contract Award Effluent Launder Replacement Project at the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Maxim Construction Corporation, Inc.

- B. Contract Award 2011 Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Program RJN Group, Inc.
- C. Contract Award Design Services for Lift Station SCADA Improvement Project Clark Dietz, Inc.
- D. 2011 Procurement of Asphalt Materials Allied Asphalt Paving Company, West Chicago, Illinois

The following items were discussed briefly.

- A. Contract Award Effluent Launder Replacement Project. The Committee was provided with revised bid tabulation for the Effluent Launder Replacement Project, which reflects a Project Title, and an approved Engineer's Estimate (Attachment A). Alderman Beifuss commented on the wide range of pricing received.
- **D.** 2011 Procurement of Asphalt Materials. Chairman Dzierzanowski stated that this item is a request for purchase, without bid, so he feels a discussion is warranted. He asked if a delivery cost was used to determine if it would be better to buy locally, if there would be less waste, and if temperature of material was a factor. Mr. Flatter explained that a better quality of finished product is recognized when there is a continuous operation of paving while the materials are hot. Long travel times could delay delivery of materials and delay the operations. Staff reviewed pricing, taking into account downtime and travel time for employees, and feels that purchasing from the local vendor remains competitive.

Alderman Alan Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman James Beifuss to approve Consent Items A., B., C., and D. Voting Yea: Aldermen Alan Murphy, James Beifuss, Nanette Connelly, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, Russell Radkiewicz, James Smith and John Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

- 5. Items for Discussion.
- 6. Unfinished Business.
- A. Water Meter Replacement Program Update. Mr. Flatter informed Committee that the City received three proposals for the Water Meter Replacement Program and evaluated each based on qualifications and content, keeping cost out of the equation. Two of the three companies, Badger Meter and Water Resources, will be called back in to meet with key City personnel for a question and answer session before a final recommendation is brought back to Infrastructure Committee in June. Alderman Murphy asked if there were adequate funds budgeted. Mr. Flatter stated that the proposals exceed the amount of money budgeted. There is \$2 million dollars currently budgeted for this program.
- B. Chairman Dzierzanowski informed Committee that there was a complaint against the City through the DuPage County Stormwater Division from Ron Schmidt of 29W304 Pine Avenue, and he read an excerpt from a memo to Stormwater Committee Members from Clayton Heffter, DuPage County Stormwater Permitting Manager. The excerpt read that County staff from the Public Works Drainage Division, and Economic Development and Planning Stormwater Management and Stormwater Permitting Divisions met with Mr. Schmidt March 2, 2011 to discuss his concerns, which are primarily related to drainage and flooding from the Reserves of Prince Crossing Farm

Subdivision located north of his property, and Illinois Route 59, located northwest of his property. DuPage County utilized the services of an outside independent consultant to complete the review of the permitting files from the City of West Chicago and DuPage County, and engineering plans from the Illinois Department of Transportation. The review concluded that the Reserves of Prince Crossing Farm meets the requirements of the DuPage County Countywide Stormwater and Flood Plain Ordinance. Chairman Dzierzanowski stated that this complaint has now been taken care of, but there is still another one pending with the County against the City (George Kitching – Atlantic Drive), and he will also share that outcome with the Committee at a future meeting.

C. Alderman Beifuss asked for an update regarding the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). Mr. Flatter informed him that staff is still working on bid documents, but City crew are in the process of removing approximately 200 of the infected smaller trees. There are a few larger trees that will need to be contracted out. He said that staff is looking into purchasing a used stump grinder, currently being used by the City as a demo. The removed trees are chipped, the stumps are ground, and they need to be disposed of at an EAB approved disposal site. Alderman Murphy commented that he feels the City has taken a good proactive role with the EAB. Alderman Beifuss asked if some of the trees that were last rated as a 3 may have worsened to a rating of 4 or 5. Mr. Flatter stated that it would have to be determined at the time of evaluation, but the removal numbers will probably increase. Chairman Dzierzanowski commented that he observed City crew in his neighborhood removing trees and was impressed with their safety consciousness.

## 7. New Business.

- A. Alderman Radkiewicz suggested that the Committee nominate a Vice Chairman. Alderman James Smith made a motion to nominate Alderman James Beifuss as Vice Chairman of the Infrastructure Committee, seconded by Alderman Nicholas Dzierzanowski. Voting Yea: Aldermen James Smith, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, Nanette Connelly, Alan Murphy, Russell Radkiewicz, and John Smith. Voting Nay: 0.
- B. Alderman Beifuss requested that staff inspect the brick pavers for cracked bricks or trip hazards again, as it hasn't been done for a couple of years. He also stated that when work was previously performed, a contractor was used. He asked if City staff could be trained to do this type of work. Mr. Flatter said that staff is able to make minor repairs and will look into replacing any hazards. The previous contract was for work that involved more than just replacement bricks due to the amount of deterioration underneath.
- C. Alderman Beifuss stated that there were problems in the past with the Park District taking care of the City's downtown plantings and he would like an update on what will be done this year. Mr. Flatter stated that Classic Landscape, the City's current contractor for the city-owned properties, is now responsible for the downtown area. In addition, the City has contracted with Upland Design to design an architect plan for both of the Main Street/Turner Court stairwells. The area in front of the Community Center has shrubs and perennials there and will be mulched. Mr. Flatter stated that he would check with Staff to see what is planned in that area for Bloomingfest.
- D. Alderman Radkiewicz asked about the status of the stamped asphalt crosswalks. Mr. Flatter told him that he will bring a formal agenda item updating the Committee and asking for Committee

direction at a future meeting. Direction sought will be to use the product that was applied on Main Street at the Wilson Street bridge. The product that was used on Fremont Street at National Street held up, but not as well, and the product that was applied on National Street at Fremont Street did not hold up at all.

- 8. Reports from Staff.
- 9. Adjournment. At 7:56 P.M., Alderman Alan Murphy made a motion to adjourn seconded by Alderman Nanette Connelly. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Baldino Administrative Secretary

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REVISED  City of West Chicago  Tabulation of Bids  Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent Launder		Name and Address of Bidder	Gaskill & Walton Const. Co. P.O. Box 367 S. Chicago Heights, IL 60412	Marc Kresmery Const. LLC 1725 Weld Road Elgin, IL 60123	Maxim Construction Corp, Inc. 31632 N. Ellis Drive, Unit 111 Volo, IL 60073	Manusos General Contracting 91 Christopher Way Fox Lake, IL 60020	Kovilic Construction Co., Inc. 3721 N. Carnation St. Franklin Park, IL 60131
Replacement Project Date: April 25, 2011 10:00 A.M. Opened by: Terry Boyer, Clark Dietz, Inc. Recorded by: Robert E. Flatter		Approved Engineer's Estimate	5% Bid Bond	5% Bid Bod	5% Bid Bond	5% Bid Bond	5% Bid Bond
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ITEMS Units	Quantity		Bid	Bid	Bid	Diu	Diu
1 Base Bid - Stainless Steel Job	1	\$185,000.00	\$308,800.00	\$237,850.00	\$124,900.00	\$148,000.00	\$269,000.00
2 Alternate Bid - Painted Carbon Ste Job	1	\$149,000.00	\$228,300.00		\$114,000.00	\$123,000.00	\$259,000.00