

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 08/20/09

MINUTES

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

May 7, 2009 7:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum.** Alderman Dimas 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 arrived at 7:26 P.M.

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

Others in attendance included Candace Billek, Strand Associates, Inc.

2. **Selection of a Committee Chairman.** The Committee was made aware that Alderman Dzierzanowski would be arriving late, so they voted unanimously to move this agenda item to the end of the meeting.

3. **Approval of Minutes.**

A. **Infrastructure Committee of April 8, 2009.** Alderman Connelly made a motion to approve the minutes of April 8, 2009 with no changes, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz. Voting Yea: Aldermen Nanette Connelly, Russell Radkiewicz, James Beifuss, Sandra Dimas, Jim Smith, and John Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

4. **Public Participation / Presentations.** None.

5. **Items for Consent.** Alderman Connelly requested that Item 5.C. be removed for discussion. Alderman Beifuss requested that Item 5.H. be removed for discussion.

Alderman James Beifuss made a motion, seconded by Alderman John Smith to approve Consent Items A, B, D, E, F, and G. Voting Yea: Aldermen James Beifuss, John Smith, Nanette Connelly, Sandra Dimas, Russell Radkiewicz, and Jim Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

5.C. **Change Order No. 1 and Final – Phase III Engineering Services for Hawthorne Lane Reconstruction Project – ESI Consultants, Ltd.** Alderman Connelly asked for explanation regarding the delay in the contract completion. Mr. Flatter explained that this project, funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), required a very detailed process for

documentation, and additional time was required from the field staff with ESI Consultants to finalize these documents. The ESI Consultant field engineer remained on staff during the Engineering Division's transition to employ Thomas Engineering Group. He further explained that Engineering Services Contracts are written with a "best guess" for billable hours, and it is complicated to determine exact hours.

Alderman Russell Radkiewicz made a motion, seconded by Alderman James Beifuss to approve Change Order No. 1 and Final for Phase III Engineering Services for the Hawthorne Lane Reconstruction Project with ESI Consultants, Ltd. Voting Yea: Aldermen Russell Radkiewicz, James Beifuss, Nanette Connelly, Sandra Dimas, James Smith, and John Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

5.H. Professional Services Agreement – Well and Well House #12 – Strand Associates, Inc. Mr. Flatter introduced Candace Billek of Strand Associates, Inc. Ms. Billek made a presentation to the Committee in accordance with the attached handout entitled City of West Chicago, IL Phase I – Well Siting Report. Her presentation explained the capacity of the City's existing wells and the need for additional wells. Ms. Billek also reviewed the study's cost opinions for potential deep well sites. She reviewed the study in regards to the placement of the proposed deep well, indicating that it was most logical and cost effective to build it at the City-owned site of the existing shallow Well No. 7 on Hawthorne Lane.

Mr. Flatter summarized that staff was seeking approval to accept the recommendations provided for in the Well Siting Study Report. The recommendations include abandoning the existing Well No. 4, proceed with a new deep Well No. 12 at the site of current Well No. 7, investigation of a site for future deep Well No. 13 and a future shallow well, and to proceed with evaluation of improvements to the City's existing Well No. 8 in order to increase capacity. The City is currently in the process of the Well No. 4 abandonment project.

Alderman Nanette Connelly made a motion seconded by Alderman Nick Dzierzanowski to accept the recommendations as outlined in Strand Associates, Inc.'s Well Siting Study Report and to authorize a Professional Services Agreement for Well Design, Bid Assistance, and Construction Oversight for Well and Well House #12. Voting Yea: Aldermen Nanette Connelly, Nick Dzierzanowski, James Beifuss, Sandra Dimas, Russell Radkiewicz, James Smith, and John Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

Since Alderman Dzierzanowski arrived at 7:26 p.m., Agenda Item 2 was discussed after the Consent Items.

2. Selection of a Committee Chairman. Alderman Connelly made a motion to appoint Alderman Dzierzanowski as Chairman of Infrastructure Committee. Alderman Dimas made a motion to appoint Alderman Beifuss as Chairman of Infrastructure Committee. After a brief discussion and an unofficial vote by show of hands, the Committee members agreed to appoint Alderman Dzierzanowski as chair. Chairman Dzierzanowski then asked for a motion to appoint a Vice Chairman. Alderman Radkiewicz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas to appoint Alderman Beifuss as Vice Chairman. Motion was approved by voice vote.

6. **Items for Discussion.** None.

7. **Unfinished Business.**

A. **Street Print – Main Street Paver Walkways.** Mr. Flatter reviewed previous discussion regarding the installation of Paver Walkways with the new Infrastructure Committee members. After a brief discussion, the Committee unanimously recommended that the paver crosswalks be tested in the areas of Main Street and Wilson Street Bridge, and Fremont Street and National Street, and not be placed with the current resurfacing program. Staff was directed to stripe the crosswalks in the downtown area as part of the resurfacing project.

Also discussed was the possibility of placing signs in the areas to inform members of the community about the “test pilot” of the pavers with a phone number to call so that the community may express any comments or concerns. The test period, as discussed, should take place for two years, and will allow staff to evaluate the durability of the product and any maintenance issues and costs.

8. **Other Business.** None.

9. **New Business.** None.

10. **Reports from Staff.** None.

11. **Adjournment.** At 8:20 P.M., Alderman Sandra Dimas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman John Smith. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Baldino
Administrative Secretary