

# CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved as corrected 07/01/10

## MINUTES

### INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

**June 3, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.**

**1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum.** Acting Chairman Beifuss 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 7:02 P.M.

Also in attendance were Public Works Director Robert Flatter and Administrative Secretary Michelle Baldino.

**2. Approval of Minutes.**

**A. Infrastructure Committee Minutes of May 6, 2010.** Alderman Nanette Connelly made a motion to approve the minutes of May 6, 2010 with no changes, seconded by Alderman James Smith. Voting Yea: Aldermen Nanette Connelly, James Smith, James Beifuss, Sandra Dimas, Russell Radkiewicz and John Smith. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Nicholas Dzierzanowski was absent.

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

**4. Items for Consent.** Acting Chairman Beifuss read the following items for Consent from the Agenda. There was no discussion on the items.

- A. Contract Award – 2010 Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester Cleaning Project – Synagro Central, LLC.**
- B. Contract Award – 2010 Wastewater Treatment Plant Roof Replacement Project – National Roofing Corp.**
- C. Tower Station Subdivision – Acceptance of Public Improvements**
- D. Adopt-A-Highway – First United Methodist Church of West Chicago**
- E. CDBG Grant Award Agreement with DuPage County for the Galena Street Area Improvement Project**

Alderman Russell Radkiewicz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sandra Dimas to approve Items A., B., C., D., and E. from the items for Consent. Voting Yea: Aldermen Russell Radkiewicz, Sandra Dimas, James Beifuss, Nanette Connelly, James Smith and John Smith. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Nicholas Dzierzanowski was absent.

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

## **6. Unfinished Business.**

A. Alderman ~~John~~ James Smith stated that he noticed today that some of the graffiti under the Route 59 overpass for the train tracks has been painted over, but it has not been satisfactorily removed. Mr. Flatter stated that he contacted the SWAP program, and they are willing to do the work, but permission is needed from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). The City will need to provide equipment and supplies in order to get the work done. The Union Pacific will also need to supply flagmen for safety. Alderman Smith stated that he also spoke with the representative from the SWAP program and verified what Mr. Flatter stated. Staff is looking into the cost for the materials necessary to perform the work correctly, and will also follow up with IDOT.

B. Mr. Flatter handed out pictures of the process of the installation of the stamped asphalt crosswalk at the intersection of National Street and Fremont Street, on National (Exhibit A). He explained the process that was used for this application (acrylic), and provided the Committee with an overview of the StreetPrint XD (Exhibit B) application that will be placed at the intersection of Main Street and Wilson Street. He further explained that a third product (epoxy) will be used at the intersection of Fremont Street and National Street on Fremont. A website opinion poll has been developed in order for citizens to provide comments on this pilot program. It is anticipated that all work will be completed within the next two weeks.

C. Mr. Flatter handed out an example of the proposed Sprinkling/Parking restriction sign that has been modified since the previous meeting (Exhibit C). The Committee agreed and approved the sign, directing staff to replace existing signs throughout the City. Mr. Flatter pointed out that the Odd/Even sprinkling date will be changed to reflect May 15, not May 5.

D. Mr. Flatter stated that staff is still working on a policy for the Emerald Ash Borer and previously directed by Committee.

**7. Other Business.** The Committee unanimously agreed that "Other Business" should be removed from the Agenda.

## **8. New Business.**

A. Alderman John Smith stated that there is a problem with vandalism and reckless behavior at the gazebo located in the park off of Hampton Course in the Hampton Hills Subdivision and he would like to know if it is possible for the City to install a streetlight in that location to deter this activity. He has also spoken with the Police Chief regarding area patrol and has urged the neighbors in the area to call 911 when they witness problems. Mr. Flatter stated that it is possible to install a street light at the discussed location and he would contact Meade Electric to obtain costs. Also, once a streetlight is installed, it may be possible to work with the Park District regarding the installation of a light inside the gazebo.

B. Alderman Dzierzanowski stated that there is vandalism at the park at Cornerstone Lakes also and would like to know if a spotlight could be installed to shine into the park area because it would be too expensive to put a streetlight there. He said that the patrolling in the area has increased, but

there are still problems almost every weekend. Mr. Flatter stated that he would provide options and prices to the Committee.

C. Acting Chairman Beifuss stated that the landscaping on Main Street in the downtown area is in desperate need of weeding (stairways, fountain area and parking area by the Community Center). Alderman Dimas concurred that the downtown area is not inviting due to the weeds and dirt. Mr. Flatter stated that he had already spoken with the Park District, as they had taken over this area for maintenance, and they were to begin the work immediately. The Committee agreed that if the Park District was unable to do the work, City staff should be used. Acting Chairman Beifuss also suggested that perennials, not annuals, are planted near the Fox Community Center. Mr. Flatter stated that this area is also part of the current Tunnel Restoration study and options will be brought back to the Committee at a future meeting.

D. Mr. Flatter stated that the irrigation system has been installed as part of the Metra Landscaping Project, and planting should occur next week bringing completion to the project. During discussion on the pedestrian tunnel at Metra, Alderman ~~John~~ James Smith stated there is an obvious urine odor in the tunnel, and he actually witnessed a cab driver enter the tunnel to urinate. Mr. Flatter stated that the tunnel is the maintenance responsibility of the Union Pacific. Alderman Radkiewicz asked if the cameras located at the station could be directed at the tunnel. Mr. Flatter informed Committee that the cameras are controlled by the Police Department.

## **9. Reports from Staff.**

A. Mr. Flatter informed staff that the 2010 Street Resurfacing Project is scheduled to begin the week of June 7<sup>th</sup> beginning with Oakwood, then Main Street, Hawthorne Lane, and the Willow Creek Subdivision. A preconstruction meeting has been scheduled for resurfacing Joliet Street and Powis Road, and construction is anticipated to begin around the first of July. The bids for resurfacing on Arbor Avenue will open on June 11, 2010, anticipating a construction start date around August 1<sup>st</sup>.

B. Mr. Flatter stated that North Oak Street was also scheduled for resurfacing this year, but recent pavement cores taken on North Oak Street near Pine Street are crumbled, meaning the street needs to be reconstructed. Mr. Flatter provided samples of the pavement cores. The City budgeted \$450,000 for the North Oak Street resurfacing project, but estimates that it will cost approximately \$750,000. It is the intent to borrow funding currently budgeted for Galena Street. It is anticipated that Galena Street will not be bid until January 2011 due to grant funding requirements. Mr. Flatter explained the policy of reconstruction of streets, which provide for a 15-20 year life expectancy of the pavement.

**10. Adjournment.** At 7:50 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

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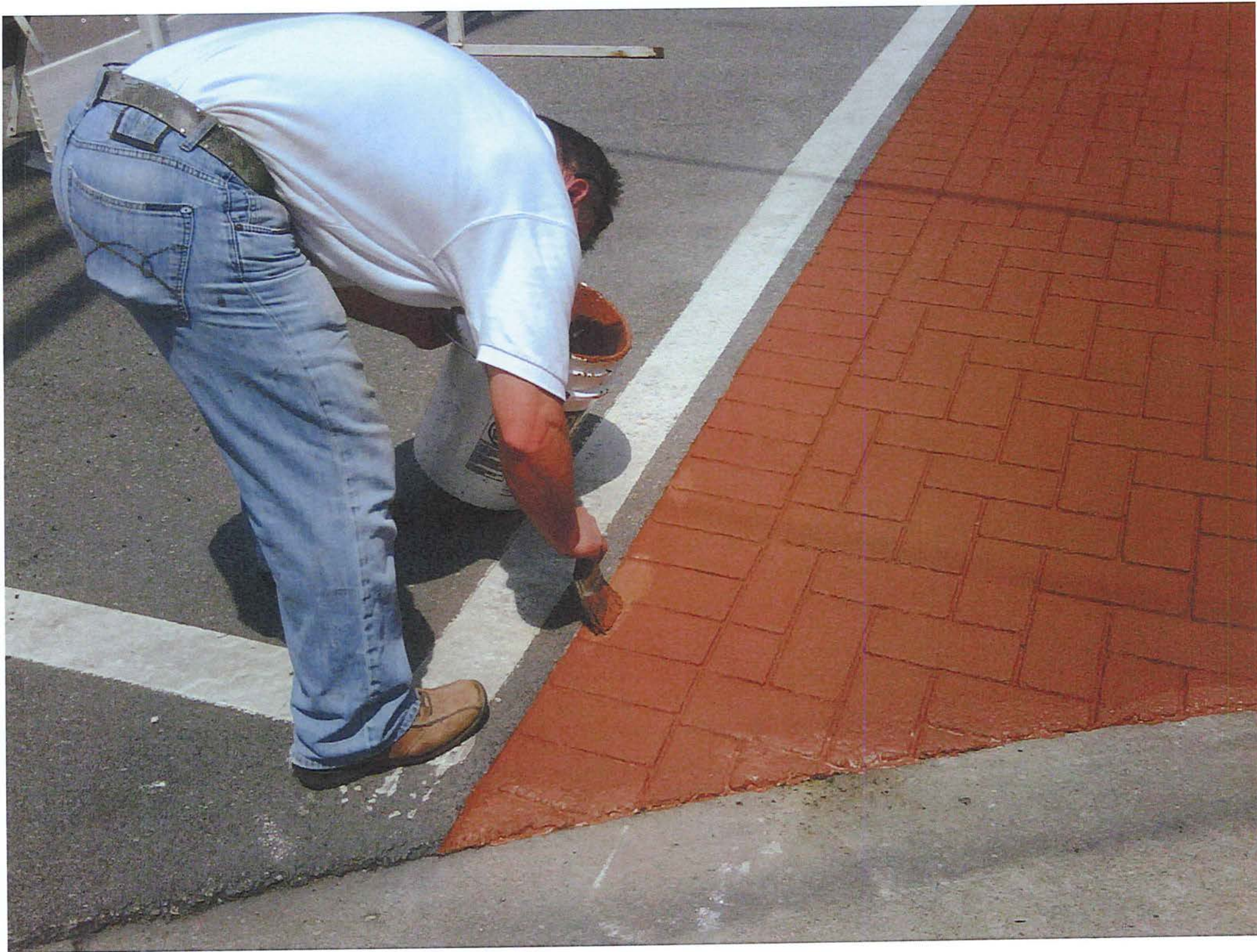
























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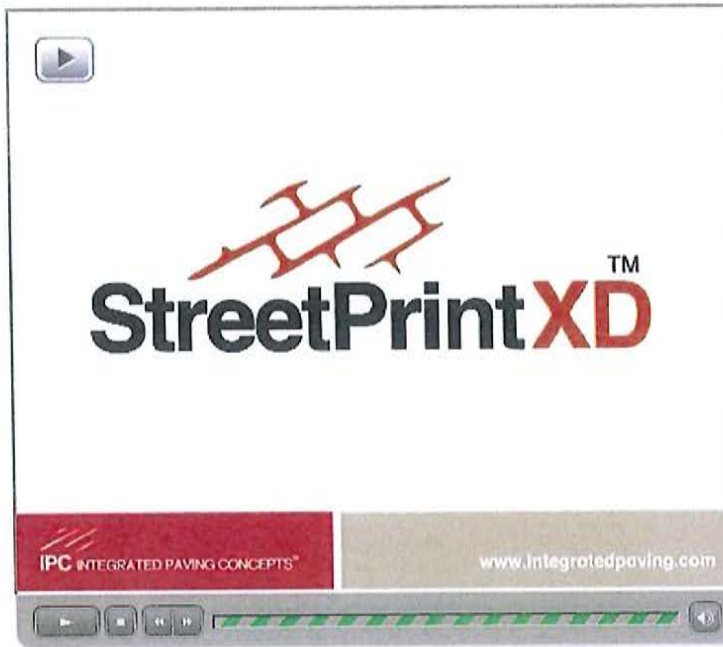
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