

# CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 09/02/10

## MINUTES

### INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

July 1, 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, James Smith, and John Smith present. Alderman Nicholas Dzierzanowski and Russell Radkiewicz were absent.

Also in attendance were Public Works Director Robert Flatter, Assistant City Engineer Doug Nooden and Administrative Secretary Michelle Baldino.

2. **Approval of Minutes.**

A. **Infrastructure Committee Minutes of June 3, 2010.** Alderman Nanette Connelly made a motion to approve the minutes of June 3, 2010, seconded by Alderman John Smith. Action Chairman Beifuss requested that two changes be made to the minutes. On page 2, Item 6.A., Alderman John Smith is to be changed to Alderman James Smith. On page 3, Item 8.D., Alderman John Smith is to be changed to Alderman James Smith. **Alderman Nanette Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sandra Dimas to approve the minutes as amended. Voting Yea: Alderman Nanette Connelly, Sandra Dimas, James Beifuss, James Smith, and John Smith. Voting Nay: 0.**

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

4. **Items for Consent.** Acting Chairman Beifuss read the following items for Consent from the Agenda.

- A. **Franciscan Way Subdivision – Acceptance of Public Improvements**
- B. **Contract Award – 2010 Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Program – RJN Group, Inc.**
- C. **Contract Award – North Avenue Sewer and Lift Station Feasibility Study – AECOM Technical Services, Inc.**

4.C. **AECOM Technical Services, Inc. Contract Award** – Mr. Flatter explained that this study will determine feasibility of the elimination of Lift Station 9, routing the sewer flows by gravity to Lift Station 14 and installing a new lift station near Atlantic Drive, a proposed alternative received in AECOM's previous study regarding the relocation of utilities along Route 64. This alternative will be beneficial for the City in that Lift Station 9, an identified source of inflow and infiltration, can be eliminated and it will also be beneficial for future proposed development. Acting Chairman

Beifuss asked about the cost of building a new lift station. Mr. Nooden stated that this study would determine the associated cost.

**Alderman Nanette Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sandra Dimas to approve Items A., B., and C., from the items for Consent. Voting Yea: Aldermen Nanette Connelly, Sandra Dimas, James Beifuss, James Smith and John Smith. Voting Nay: 0.**

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

6. **Unfinished Business.**

A. **Hampton Course Street Light.** Alderman John Smith stated that there was a meeting held at the gazebo on Hampton Course with some of the neighbors, the City, and the Park District to determine what can be done to eliminate or reduce the nighttime activity that has been going on in the area for approximately three years. Mr. Flatter informed him that an order has already been placed for the pole and luminary to place a street light at that location, and he explained the associated costs. Meade Electric has agreed to auger with casing, and install a junction box near the gazebo so that a light can also be installed in the gazebo. **Staff was directed to bring a budget amendment in the amount of \$6,000.00 to the Finance Committee for approval of the street light installation by Meade Electric.**

7. **New Business.**

A. **Update on Emerald Ash Borer.** Mr. Flatter informed the Committee that to date, there have been eight Ash trees in the City removed due to confirmed Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). He has discussed treatment issues with Graf Tree Care, a company that has been treating Reed Keppler Park trees for three years now. Graf Tree Care has had a great success record over the years with their proactive approach in chemical treatments and research. Mr. Flatter indicated that for a cost of \$19,500.00 Graf Tree Care will perform a complete inventory of Ash trees, provide a GPS data file so that an action plan can be developed in order to save as many trees as possible. Alderman Dimas asked if this would include trees on private property. Mr. Flatter stated that staff has estimated that there are approximately 4,000 parkway ash trees, with another 2,000 estimated on private property and by treating the affected parkway trees, the EAB will eventually die off. Acting Chairman Beifuss stated that he's read that chemical treatments used in other towns have been successful and feels that this approach will be beneficial. **The Committee unanimously agreed and directed staff to invite Graf Tree Care to a Committee meeting for a formal presentation and to bring a budget amendment in the amount of \$19,500.00 to the Finance Committee for approval of a contract with Graf Tree Care.**

8. **Reports from Staff.** None.

9. **Adjournment.** At 7:37 P.M., Alderman Nanette Connelly made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Sandra Dimas. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Baldino  
Administrative Secretary