

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved

MINUTES

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

September 3, 2009 7:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum.** Vice-chairman Beifuss called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll Call found Aldermen James Beifuss, Nanette Connelly, Sandra Dimas, Russell Radkiewicz, and John Smith present. Alderman Nicholas Dzierzanowski and Alderman James Smith were absent.

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

Others in attendance included Alderman Alan Murphy and several residents of the Prairie Meadows Subdivision.

2. **Approval of Minutes.**

A. **Special Infrastructure Committee of August 20, 2009.** Alderman Nanette Connelly made a motion to approve the minutes of August 20, 2009 with no changes, seconded by Alderman Russell Radkiewicz. Voting Yea: Aldermen Nanette Connelly, Russell Radkiewicz, James Beifuss, Sandra Dimas, and John Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

3. **Public Participation / Presentations.** The following persons spoke during public participation:

Alderman Alan Murphy approached the Committee regarding a problem with what is believed to be a wetland area that has dried up. The area of concern is at the northeast corridor of Prince Crossing Road where it intersects with the Prairie Path. He stated that several years ago, DuPage County replaced a box culvert under the Prairie Path and now the area is an eyesore with dead fish and a place for mosquitoes to thrive. Alderman Murphy also showed the Committee aerial views of the area from 1939, 1954, 1974 and 1998 where in some instances, the area was holding water. He asked for cooperation from the Committee for an evaluation of the situation.

Ms. Lisa O'Brien, 1434 Marshview Court, asked if this situation may have arisen due to the construction work that was currently being done at the area south of there (the new Forest Preserve Parking Lot Project).

Mr. Kurt Meissner, 625 Fieldcrest, said that he understood that this area was to be designated as a critical wetland and there is supposed to be a pond there. He stated that he would like to understand why it isn't so.

Mr. Flatter stated that he would contact DuPage County and the Forest Preserve in order to gain their cooperation with bringing a resolution to the inquiry, as this property is located within their jurisdictions. Vice-chairman Beifuss directed staff to investigate further and bring back to a future meeting for discussion.

4. Items for Consent.

Item 4.A. was pulled from the Consent vote for discussion.

Alderman Sandra Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nanette Connelly to approve Consent Items B, C, and D with no discussion. Voting Yea: Aldermen Sandra Dimas, Nanette Connelly, James Beifuss, Russell Radkiewicz and John Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

5. Items for Discussion.

Consent Item 4.A. Contract Award – Well 12 Drilling – Layne Western Company. Mr. Flatter explained that the base bid price came in at \$649,840.00 and the last page of the bid tabulation included additional pricing for the explosive materials, setting off the explosives, and clearing the hole after explosion. The total contract award amount is \$681,760.00. The well house and well assembly will be bid separately. This contract will complete Phase I. Phase II is currently under design. Mr. Flatter further explained that out of the \$1.5 million that was budgeted, both phases of the project should only cost approximately \$1 million.

Vice-chairman Beifuss asked if staff knew why only one bid was received. Mr. Flatter stated that only two of the plan-holders attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting. Municipal Well & Pump did not give a reason as to why they declined to bid, but Mr. Flatter speculated that because they have to travel a long distance with heavy equipment, permits might become extremely expensive. Meadow Equipment has sold about half of their business to Layne-Western Company.

Alderman Russell Radkiewicz made a motion, seconded by Alderman John Smith to approve Resolution No. 09-R-0075 authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Layne-Western Company for the Well 12 Drilling Project. Voting Yea: Aldermen Russell Radkiewicz, John Smith, Sandra Dimas, James Beifuss, and Nanette Connelly. Voting Nay: 0.

6. Unfinished Business.

A. Alderman Radkiewicz asked about the progress with testing the stamped asphalt at certain crosswalks. Mr. Flatter informed him that pricing has been solicited, which should come in under the City Administrator's spending authority. The areas that will be tested will be at the Wilson Street Bridge and both crosswalks at the intersection of National Street and Fremont Street. Mr. Flatter stated, as directed at a previous Infrastructure Committee meeting, signs will be posted in the areas to inform the community that this product is being tested, and a survey will be available on the City's web page.

B. Vice-Chairman Beifuss asked if the Public Works staff would be placing an overlay on Galena Street. Mr. Flatter stated that the budget for asphalt has already been exhausted. He further explained that there are additional areas of City streets, including Forest Avenue by Lyman, the 200 block of Oak Street, and potholes on Oakwood, that also need attention and he would look into additional funding for more asphalt.

C. Alderman Radkiewicz asked if there would be any temporary work done on Joliet Street. Mr. Flatter stated that the City plans to go out for bid in January of 2010 for the repair work to be done in the spring.

7. **Other Business.** None.

8. **New Business.** None

9. **Reports from Staff.**

A. **Willow Creek Town Home Drainage.** Mr. Nooden reviewed his report with the Committee including the findings of the engineering observations and staff recommendations. The City's survey results will be shared with the Willow Creek Homeowner's Association.

10. **Adjournment.** At 7:41 P.M., Alderman Russell Radkiewicz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman John Smith. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Baldino
Administrative Secretary