

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 12/06/12

MINUTES

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

November 1, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum.** Chairman Dzierzanowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll Call found Aldermen Nanette Connelly, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, Russell Radkiewicz, James Smith and John Smith present. Alderman James Beifuss arrived at 7:12 p.m., and Alderman Alan Murphy was absent.

Also in attendance were City Administrator Michael Guttman, Public Works Director Robert Flatter, and Administrative Secretary Michelle Baldino.

Others in attendance were Greg Benske, Tom Gill, and Kevin VanDeWoestyne of Thomas Engineering Group, LLC.

2. **Approval of Minutes.**

A. **Infrastructure Committee Minutes of October 4, 2012.** Alderman John Smith made a motion to approve the Infrastructure Committee Minutes of October 4, 2012, seconded by Alderman Russell Radkiewicz. Voting Yea: Aldermen John Smith, Russell Radkiewicz, Nanette Connelly, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and James Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

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

4. **Items for Consent.**

Chairman Dzierzanowski read the items for consent. Alderman James Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nanette Connelly to recommend approval of:

- A. Resolution No. 12-R-0097 – Contract Award – Illinois Route 38 Water Main Relocation Project.
- B. Resolution No. 12-R-0098 – Utility Access Agreement – Ball Horticultural Company.
- C. Resolution No. 12-R-0099 – Acceptance of Public Improvements and Release of Development Security – Shell Gas Station – 184 W. North Avenue
- D. Resolution No. 12-R-0100 – Contract Award – Thomas Engineering Group, LLC for Professional Engineering Services.
- E. Resolution No. 12-R-0101 – Contract Award – Rotary Hydrated Lime for FY 2013.
- F. Resolution No. 12-R-0102 – Contract Award – Liquid Sodium Hypochlorite for FY 2013.
- G. Resolution No. 12-R-0103 – Contract Award – Liquid Carbon Dioxide for FY 2013.
- H. Resolution No. 12-R-0104 – Contract Award – Liquid Aluminum Sulfate for FY 2013.

- I. **Resolution No. 12-R-0105 – Illinois Commerce Commission Stipulated Agreement 1682 Defining Payment Obligations and Construction Timeline for Certain Improvements Related to the George Street Pedestrian-Rail Underpass Project.**
- J. **Purchase of one 2012 International Model 7400 4x2 Dump Truck with Monroe Radius Dump Spreader Body, Snow Plow, Underbody Scraper, Pre-Wet and Anti-Icing Dispensing Systems and Appurtenances.**
- K. **FY 2013 – 2017 Capital Improvement Program***

Voting Yea: Aldermen James Smith, Nanette Connelly, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, Russell Radkiewicz, and John Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

5. Items for Discussion. None.

6. Unfinished Business.

A. Mr. Flatter provided the Committee with a brief history of the Joliet Street/Wilson Street Culvert Replacement Project, funded 80% from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). IDOT awarded a contract to D Construction, held a preconstruction meeting in October of 2011 and work was supposed to have begun in May of 2012 to be completed before the winter season. IDOT prepared a “working day” project contract and it was supposed to have been completed within fifty-five (55) working days. The roadway was barricaded and shut down in June, 2012 while construction activities began. At that point, it was discovered that ComEd and AT&T utilities were in the way and each company was contacted to relocate their utilities. The final utility pole was moved in October 2012. The roadway was once again barricaded, and activities began again, but only for a couple of days before there was rain, causing the creek to rise. Mr. Flatter went on to say that he met with D Construction, Strand Associates, and a representative from IDOT today and due to the upcoming winter season, it was discussed delaying the project until the spring of 2013. Mr. Flatter said that if the project is not completed in the spring, IDOT will have the option of pulling the contractor’s bonds and/or imposing liquidated damages on the contractor..

The Committee unanimously agreed to delay the project to the spring of 2013. Chairman Dzierzanowski directed staff to send a letter of apology to the residents in that area. Mr. Flatter stated that he would also include the businesses along Joliet Street as well.

7. New Business. *Alderman James Beifuss arrived at 7:12 p.m. and asked the Committee to revisit Item 4.K. (FY 2013-2017 Capital Equipment Program).

A. **FY 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Program.** Alderman Beifuss asked if the million dollars budgeted each year for the Street Improvement Program will provide for reconstruction or resurfacing of the streets. Mr. Flatter stated that for the past four years and for the next five years, the City is focusing on resurfacing as opposed to reconstruction due to the significant cost savings. Core samples are taken and are proving that with most of the City’s streets, the base course of asphalt still seems to be in pretty good shape.

Mr. Flatter provided clarification for the item of Right of Way Maintenance indicating that it includes mowing of City properties and rights-of-way along with street sign maintenance and materials. He also

addressed Alderman Beifuss' question regarding the Street Division parking lot reconstruction by informing him that the City received \$150,000.00 in grant money for that project.

Alderman Beifuss indicated that the Washington Street project is complete and asked why funds were budgeted in that account. Mr. Flatter stated that IDOT has not yet billed the City for its share of the construction cost; similar to the Hawthorne Lane project that was completed years ago for which the City was just recently invoiced from IDOT.

Alderman Beifuss questioned the A. Eugene Rennels Bridge (a.k.a. Wilson Avenue Bridge) expenditure line item. Mr. Flatter informed him that this structure is evaluated yearly. This budget includes funding for some required routine maintenance on the seals between the bridge and asphalt approaches, concrete work, and possibly the elimination and replacement of the chain link fencing (dependent upon cost estimates). He further informed Committee that Strand Associates, Inc. is researching the possibility of application for grant money.

B. Alderman Beifuss asked if there is a program in place for the City to clear and/or trim bushes and trees in the City's alleys. He received a complaint that a resident's shrubs were cut down to the ground and would like to have a policy in place that addresses these types of issues. He also stated that this type of work should be done in the spring, not the fall. Mr. Flatter stated that the City alleys are 12' to 14' wide with 10' asphalt or concrete pavement, leaving 1' to 2' on either side of the paved area. The alleys are used by residents to access their garages and are also used by garbage trucks and City snow plow vehicles. In the fall, City personnel cut back and trim the overgrowth which also helps to eliminate complaints regarding scratched vehicles, broken mirrors, etc., and to aid with snow plowing operations. Mr. Flatter went on to say that this particular incident to which Alderman Beifuss is referring was mistakenly performed on private property and the City will work with this resident to replant bushes of her choosing.

C. Alderman Radkiewicz asked staff about the City's plans for the area of Town Road and Forest Avenue. Mr. Flatter replied that the house there will be demolished in the spring and that area will be excavated for stormwater management purposes when Town Road is reconstructed (within the next five years). Mr. Flatter said that the focus in 2013 and 2014 will be resurfacing of Alta Vista streets, then resurfacing and stormwater improvements on Forest Avenue, followed with Town Road improvements in future years.

D. Alderman Beifuss asked about the plans for building a new salt dome. Mr. Flatter informed Committee that it is not in the next five year plan to build a new salt dome as the City is currently using the property at 119 W. Washington. This will be addressed once the City makes a decision with the new City Hall Campus project. Alderman Beifuss asked if there was ever a cost estimate done, and will that cost be expected to change in five years. He also asked if it is still planned to build a public works facility on Hawthorne Lane and if the salt dome would be built at that location. Mr. Flatter stated that it is intended to build a salt dome similar to the one built by Winfield Township, at a cost of approximately \$300,000.00. He indicated that it is hard to predict what the cost estimate would be in five years or more, and it is the City's desire to build the new dome at the Hawthorne Lane location. There will be planning and design stages before staff can know for certain. Due to the wetland areas at the Hawthorne Lane location, the City may also need to look into purchasing additional land.

E. Industrial Pretreatment Program. Mr. Flatter explained that the industrial pretreatment program, now managed by CH2M Hill/OMI, monitors waste from industries before it gets to the City's wastewater treatment plant. Over the past several months, it has been reported that Jel Sert should be placed on the Industrial Pretreatment Program due to the amount of colors and plastics that have been predominant in their waste stream. Mr. Flatter stated that Jel Sert has the option/ability to make improvements, at their cost, or if they choose to do nothing, the City will have the ability to impose additional treatment charges. The Industrial Pretreatment Program permit will stipulate their requirements for compliance. The Committee unanimously agreed that Jel Sert Company should be brought into compliance with the pretreatment program. Mr. Flatter stated that he would work with OMI and Jel Sert to come up with a plan and report back to Committee.

8. Reports from Staff.

A. **Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey Report for Lift Stations 5, 7, 9 & 12.** Mr. Flatter informed Committee that the report included with the agenda will be discussed at the December Infrastructure Committee meeting. This report includes results of the study performed by RJN Group, Inc., and will necessitate a contract for engineering design in order to improve deficiencies that were found.

B. Mr. Flatter stated that the Illinois Rt. 64 Water Main Relocation project has been completed and it is staff's intention to bring a change order to Committee in December. He stated that the change order should not be as high as originally anticipated.

C. Alderman Radkiewicz asked about the Illinois Route 38 Water Main Relocation Project. Mr. Flatter informed him that staff will bring an Agreement to City Council regarding cost shares with IDOT. Offsite earthwork will be beginning soon and both West Chicago and Geneva to move utilities that are in the way.

D. Mr. Flatter stated that an Amendment to the Stipulated Agreement with the Grand Trunk Corporation (CN Railroad) will be presented to City Council which will be modified to include that the South Aurora Street railroad crossing will remain closed forever, thereby allowing the City to move forward with filing a Notice of Establishment (NOE) for the Quiet Zone project.

9. Adjournment. At 7:55 P.M., Alderman James Beifuss made a motion to adjourn seconded by Alderman John Smith. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Baldino
Administrative Secretary