

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved with changes 02-06-14

MINUTES

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE December 5, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum. Chairman Beifuss called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll call found Aldermen John Banas, James Beifuss, Sandy Dimas, Don Earley, Al Hallett, and John Smith present. Alderman Mark Edwalds was absent.

Also in attendance were Public Works Director Robert Flatter and Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Joe Munder.

Others in attendance included City resident Marilyn Kroll.

2. Approval of Minutes.

A. Infrastructure Committee Minutes of November 7, 2013. Chairman Beifuss requested that on Page 2, in Section 6B, first sentence of the minutes be amend to read “Chairman Beifuss *asked for and an update...*” Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve the Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2013 with change requested by Chairman Beifuss. Voting Yea: Aldermen Banas, Smith, Beifuss, Dimas, Earley, and Hallett. Voting Nay: 0.

3. Public Participation / Presentations. Marilyn Kroll asked if the City had ever considered replacing the street lights on Main Street as they look old. Mr. Flatter informed the Committee that money has been reserved in the 2014 TIF Fund to replace the lamp heads on Main Street in 2014.

4. Items for Consent.

Chairman Beifuss asked Committee members if anyone wanted discussion on any of the Items for Consent. Alderman Banas asked for discussion on Item (E) and Chairman Beifuss asked for discussion on Item (B). Chairman Beifuss indicated that Committee would discuss the items and then vote on all consent items together.

4B. Chairman Beifuss asked for staff’s opinion for the 7.43% increase in lime delivery costs for 2014. Mr. Munder explained that the City only received two bids in November 2013. Mississippi Lime, which has been the City’s lime provider since the plant opened in 2005, provided the lowest bid of \$144.50 per ton delivered, which represents an approximate \$10.00 per ton delivered increase over 2013. In 2012 Mississippi Lime increased their lime delivery charge by approximately \$10.00 per ton, and last year, for 2013, Mississippi Lime increased their lime delivery charge by approximately \$6.00 per ton. Mr. Munder explained that Mississippi

Lime increased their costs to cover anticipated increases in diesel fuel costs. Mississippi Lime is trucking deliveries to West Chicago from Saint Genevieve, Missouri, which is about a six hour drive. Mr. Munder also explained that the only other bid received was over \$200.00 per ton delivered from Carmeuse Lime, but their lime does not meet City specifications.

4E. Alderman Banas asked for clarification on the relationship between Strand Associates and Mack Construction, he is concerned that Strand may be partially responsible for the tunnel project delays. Mr. Flatter explained that Strand Associates has no relationship with Mack Construction that Strand was hired by the City to first, provide engineering design services for the tunnel project and then, to provide construction oversight services on behalf of the City. Strand was hired by the City, works for the City, and is on-site to inspect the work of Mack Construction for compliance with project specifications and to protect the interest of the City. Mr. Flatter explained that the additional \$20,000.00 compensation requested by Strand is strictly due to project delays caused by Mack Construction. Although Mack is making some progress on the project, they are extremely slow and seldom are ready for inspection. Mr. Flatter later explained that in addition to tracking liquidated damages of \$500.00 per day as of August 12, 2013 regardless of working conditions and including holidays and weekends, he plans on accessing the additional compensation requested by Strand against Mack Construction. City staff will consult with the City Attorney on all final actions to be taken against Mack Construction.

Alderman John Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sandy Dimas to recommend approval of:

- A. Resolution No. 13-R-0088 – Contract Award – Liquid Carbon Dioxide for FY2014.**
- B. Resolution No. 13-R-0089 – Contract Award – Rotary Hydrated Lime for FY2014.**
- C. Resolution No. 13-R-0090 – Contract Award – Liquid Aluminum Sulfate for FY2014.**
- D. Resolution No. 13-R-0091 – Contract Award – Liquid Sodium Hypochlorite for FY2014.**
- E. Resolution No. 13-R-0092 – Contract Amendment No. 1 – Professional Engineering Construction Oversight Services related to the 2013 Main Street Tunnel and Stairway Improvement Project.**

Voting Yea: Aldermen Banas, Dimas, Beifuss, Earley, Hallett, and Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

- 5. Items for Discussion. None.**
- 6. Unfinished Business. None.**
- 7. New Business.**

A. Alderman Earley raised concern about lack of water bills being sent, progress of the Water Meter Replacement Project, and whether the new meters are working properly. Chairman Beifuss advised that water billing is an IT and Administrative Services Department issue and Mr. Earley's concerns should be raised with the Finance Committee. In response to Mr. Earley's claim that the water meters are not working properly, Mr. Flatter responded that those meters installed to date are ~~collection~~ *collecting* consumption data and are reading/working properly. Meters are being scheduled and installed in the final Utility Billing District, UBD #2. With the exception of a few vacant properties and coordination issues with a few property owners, most meters have been installed in all other Utility Billing Districts.

B. Chairman Beifuss asked for an update on improvements planned by METRA and the Union Pacific Railroad for the METRA Station, stating that some of the yellow protective strips on the platforms are not secure and are a concern. Mr. Flatter indicated that he has not received any updates from METRA or the UP on their station improvement project(s). Mr. Flatter will inquire about the projects and update Committee at its next meeting. In addition, Mr. Flatter will report the issues associated with the platforms to the UP.

C. Due to lack of agenda items, Committee agreed to cancel the January 2, 2014 Infrastructure Committee meeting.

8. Reports from Staff. None.

9. Adjournment. At 7:31 P.M., Alderman Banas made a motion to adjourn seconded by Alderman Hallett. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Flatter, P.E.
Director of Public Works