

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

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MINUTES

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

June 5, 2014, 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, Mark Edwalds, Al Hallett, and John Smith present.

Also in attendance was Public Works Director Robert Flatter.

Others in attendance included West Chicago resident Marilyn Kroll.

2. **Approval of Minutes.**

A. **Infrastructure Committee Minutes of May 1, 2014.** Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas to approve the Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2014 with no changes. Voting Yea: Aldermen Banas, Dimas, Beifuss, Earley, Edwalds, Hallett, and Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

3. **Public Participation / Presentations.** Resident Marilyn Kroll asked what the short poles with reflective tape are that she sees in the intersections of busy streets. Mr. Flatter explained that they are markers to identify a raised median.

4. **Items for Consent.** Chairman Beifuss read the items for consent and Alderman Earley asked for discussion on Item 4.B., and Chairman Beifuss pulled Item 4.F. Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve consent items:

- A. **Ordinance 14-O-0014 – Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Equipment, Stock Inventory, and/or Personal Property Owned by the City of West Chicago**
- C. **Resolution No. 14-R-0031 – Contract Award – Strand Associates, Inc. for Engineering Design Services related to the 2015 A. Eugene Rennels Bridge Improvement Project**
- D. **Resolution No. 14-R-0032 – Contract Award – 2014 Main Street PCC Paver Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project**
- E. **Resolution No. 14-R-0033 – Contract Amendment No. 2 – Schramm Construction Corporation for Construction Services Associated with the 2013 Well #12 Well House Project**
- G. **Purchase of One 2014 Bobcat E35 T4 Compact Excavator and Appurtenances – Atlas Bobcat, Schiller Park, Illinois**

- H. Unleaded and Diesel Fuel Delivery – Authorize Purchase from Palatine Oil Company, Inc., Schaumburg, Illinois**
- I. 2014 Forestry Maintenance Program – Change Order No. 1 and Final**

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

5. Items for Discussion. Items 4.B, and 4.F. from Consent items were discussed.

(4.B.) Resolution No. 14-R-0030 – Contract Amendment No. 2 – Strand Associates, Inc., for Professional Engineering Construction Oversight Services Associated with the 2013 Main Street Tunnel and Stairway Improvement Project. Mr. Flatter stated that staff is asking for an additional \$30,000.00 for construction oversight services, which include as-built drawings, for this project that has been ongoing for almost a year now. It was originally anticipated that the project would be completed in August 2013. When the first change order was approved, in the amount of \$20,000.00, staff expected that the contract would be complete by the end of April 2014. Alderman Earley asked if staff could now estimate a project completion date. Mr. Flatter said that a completion date is still unknown. Landscaping and railings are still needed. Allegedly, Vector Steel has been secured to fabricate the railings, but staff has not seen anything from them yet. There is no firm completion date, but Strand will only be on site as needed, and the entire \$30,000 may not need to be expended. Alderman Banas asked if there is staff qualified to perform the oversight. Mr. Flatter said that he would be the only staff member, but his workload would not allow for him to be on-site all of the time. Thomas Engineering Group could assist, but they would charge hourly, and either way, funds would have to be expended.

Alderman Banas asked if it would be beneficial to fire the current contractor and hire someone else to finish the project. Mr. Flatter stated that it may cost up to \$100,000 to have the railings fabricated and installed by another. Alderman Smith stated that the current contractor should finish up the job or it will cost the City more money. Alderman Earley stated that the City could be looking at a lot of money to take the current contractor to court and he would like to know how much money the City is looking at for liquidated damages. Mr. Flatter said that the City has withheld approximately \$140,000.00 in liquidated damages from their pay estimates, informing them via a letter accompanying their check, and they have not contested. The contract still needs to be completed with engineering oversight. Mr. Flatter said that final numbers will still need to be looked at and staff has concerns that if they were fired, there would most likely be a law suit.

Alderman Dimas asked if staff believed Mack Construction Corporation to be a reputable company when hired. Mr. Flatter said that they were the low bidder for the project and their references were favorable.

Alderman Edwalds made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas to approve Resolution No. 14-R-0030 – Contract Amendment No. 2 – Strand Associates, Inc., for Professional Engineering Construction Oversight Services Associated with the 2013 Main Street Tunnel and Stairway Improvement Project. Voting Yea: Aldermen Edwalds, Dimas, Banas, Beifuss, Earley, Hallett, and Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

(4.F.) Resolution No. 14-R-0034 – Contract Amendment No. 1 – Engineering Resource Associates, Inc., for Design and Construction Services Associated with the Geneva Spur and Great Western Trail Bikeway Connector Project. Mr. Flatter gave a brief project description in accordance with the agenda item summary. He informed Committee that IDOT funded 75% of the construction cost associated with this project and the City is required to follow their standards regarding design, land acquisition and construction oversight. Engineering Resource Associates, Inc. (ERA) was hired for this purpose. He reviewed ERA's additional services above the original scope of work, resulting in the Contract Amendment. Mr. Flatter stated that there are enough funds in the budget to cover the additional expenditure and there will be no additional Amendments to this contract.

Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Banas to approve Resolution No. 14-R-0034 – Contract Amendment No. 1 – Engineering Resource Associates, Inc., for Design and Construction Services Associated with the Geneva Spur and Great Western Trail Bikeway Connector Project. Voting Yea: Aldermen Dimas, Banas, Beifuss, Earley, Edwalds, Hallett, and Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

A. **2014 Roadway Improvement Program Options.** Alderman Smith left the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Flatter reviewed his memo with the Committee for direction related to staff's recommendations as outlined. During discussion, Alderman Earley expressed concern that reconstruction of Wood Street has already been put off for two years. He stated that Alta Vista is also in poor shape, but he believes the condition of Wood Street is worse as it was never repaired since the truck traffic from Kerr McGee. Mr. Flatter informed him that there is \$600,000 budgeted for Wood Street, but the City has already applied for, and will likely receive \$308,000 in funding from DuPage County Community Development Block Grant to do this project in 2015.

Alta Vista Roadway Rehabilitation Project was then discussed. Chairman Beifuss stated that he was not comfortable with using all of the funding for the sidewalk program for the proposed placement of the sidewalk section that is missing on the east side of Lyman Street along the park. Alderman Earley said that nowhere in town are there sidewalks all the way around any of the parks. He does not agree with the addition of a sidewalk where there currently is none. Mr. Flatter said that this park is used more often in the summertime for ball games, and not as much for children walking to and from school. Chairman Beifuss then asked if the school would partner with the City for this sidewalk installation. Mr. Flatter stated that he doesn't believe that either the School District or Park District would support funding this portion of walk. The property is City right-of-way.

Alderman Dimas asked where the budgeted amount of \$75,000 will be used for this year's sidewalk program. Mr. Flatter stated that the sidewalks with ratings of 4 and 5 spread throughout each Ward within the entire City. Mr. Flatter went on to say that in order to complete the work in the Alta Vista Subdivision, \$400,000 will still need to be allocated to the project. Bids may come in under budget, and that money can then be put back into the program it was taken from. Alderman Edwalds asked if the Lyman Street section of sidewalk construction could be added to the project if the bids came in lower than expected. Mr. Flatter said it could be bid

as an alternate, but the best value would be realized if it were included initially to the plans. It can always be pulled from the project.

Alderman Edwalds made a motion, seconded by Alderman Banas to direct staff to use funding allocated for the Wood Street Project to pay for the balance of the Alta Vista Roadway Project and move the Wood Street Project to 2014-2015. Voting Yea: Aldermen Edwalds, Banas, Beifuss, Dimas, and Hallett. Alderman Smith was absent. Alderman Earley passed.

Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Banas to direct staff to include the additional \$400,000 needed for the completion of the Alta Vista Gardens Subdivision Roadway Improvement Project, which includes curb replacement, ADA sidewalk and sidewalk repairs to the areas of ratings of 4 and 5, and to bid the addition of sidewalk on Lyman Street as an alternate to the project. Voting Yea: Aldermen Dimas, Banas, Beifuss, Edwalds, and Hallett. Alderman Smith was absent. Alderman Earley passed.

B. Move the July 3, 2014 Infrastructure Committee meeting to July 17, 2014. Mr. Flatter said that historically, the July Infrastructure Committee meetings have been cancelled, but if a meeting is needed, July 17th can be reserved to hold a special meeting. Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas to cancel the July 3, 2014 Infrastructure Committee meeting and hold it on July 17, 2014, if necessary. The motion was approved by voice vote.

6. Unfinished Business.

A. Alderman Dimas asked for an update regarding the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and Insecticidal Treatments. Mr. Flatter informed her that Emerald Tree Care is in the process of doing soil saturations and trunk injections for the fourth year now. Staff is seeing success, but failures this year also. He said that staff expects an update report from Emerald Tree Care which he will bring back to Committee, likely in September. Mr. Flatter stated that although there is still evidence of EAB, the chemicals are working and some of the trees are healthy and surviving. Versus what other communities are doing, or not doing, the City is still proactive in the approach to save as many of the Ash trees as possible.

B. Alderman Earley asked how many new water meters are left to be installed. Mr. Flatter informed him that there are approximately 200 meters left, with approximately 6,700 already installed. Of the remaining 200, approximately 100 likely will not be installed as part of this project. Forty-three of those properties will be demolished, plus or minus thirty of the properties are vacant, and the remaining addressed letters were returned from the post office as "no such number". There are 18 properties currently scheduled for installation. Some of the residences need additions/modifications in order to have the new meter installed. Alderman Earley then asked about water bills. He stated that people are afraid that they are going to receive bills that are thousands of dollars. Alderman Hallett stated the he is telling constituents that they can pay now toward their bills, but residents are concerned that this money won't be accounted for. Chairman Beifuss stated that the billing issue will need to be brought to the Finance Committee.

C. Chairman Beifuss asked for an update regarding the METRA Station Stairway Project. Mr. Flatter informed him that the engineering design is complete, but the forcemain should be repaired before the stairs are replaced. He said that it was staff's intent to line the forcemain, but the City did not receive any bids. Staff will be contacting contractors to discuss the project and develop alternate repair solutions.

D. Alderman Banas informed the Committee that the issue he brought up a couple of months ago regarding his water pressure (and some of the other homes in Phase I of the Cornerstone Lakes Subdivision) has been resolved by simply bypassing his water filter.

7. **New Business.** None.

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

9. **Adjournment.** At 8:15 P.M., Alderman Dimas made a motion to adjourn seconded by Alderman Banas. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Baldino
Executive Secretary