

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved December 4, 2014

MINUTES

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

November 6, 2014, 7:00 P.M.

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

Also in attendance were Public Works Director Robert Flatter and Executive Secretary Michelle Baldino.

2. Approval of Minutes.

A. Infrastructure Committee Minutes of October 24, 2014. Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Earley to approve the Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2014 with no changes. Voting Yea: Aldermen Banas, Earley, Hallett and Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

3. Public Participation / Presentations. None.

4. Items for Consent. Co-Chairman Smith asked if Committee members if anyone wanted to pull consent items for discussion.

Mr. Flatter informed Committee that Chairman Beifuss would either be arriving late, or miss the meeting, and he had a few questions regarding Item 4.B., Alderman Earley asked to pull Item 4.F. for discussion. **Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett to approve:**

A. Resolution No. 14-R-0066 – Contract Award – Liquid Aluminum Sulfate for Fiscal Year 2015.

C. Resolution No. 14-R-0068 – Contract Award – Liquid Sodium Hypochlorite for Fiscal Year 2015.

D. Resolution No. 14-R-0069 – Contract Award – Rotary Hydrated Lime for Fiscal Year 2015.

E. Resolution No. 14-R-0071 – Contract Award – Procurement of Course and Fine Aggregate Material Delivered for Fiscal Year 2015.

G. Rejection of Bids – 2014 Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation Project.

H. FY 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Program.

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

5. Items for Discussion.

A. 4.B. Resolution No. 14-R-0067 – Contract Award – Liquid Carbon Dioxide for Fiscal Year 2015. Mr. Flatter informed Committee that the price of the Liquid Carbon Dioxide came in at 54.3% higher than the last year. Chairman Beifuss' questions regarding this item are: Why did the price come in so high? Why was only one bid received? What are the City's options? Mr. Flatter stated that there are no other options, chemically. Liquid Carbon Dioxide is used to lower the pH in the water, and there are only a few of suppliers that deliver this chemical. Mr. Flatter went on to say that one of the suppliers elects not to bid anymore because the City won't allow them to modify the contract language. The City may receive better pricing in the future if it would guarantee the purchase of the annual bid quantity (purchases are currently made on an as needed bases) or execute a multi-year contract; but the plant is not designed to store more of the chemical than is used monthly. Mr. Flatter informed Committee that 300 tons of the Chemical per year are bid, and the City uses approximately 70% - 75% of that amount. Alderman Hallett asked if the contract price could be altered. Mr. Flatter stated that there is a force majeure clause in the contract, and in 2014, for a period of one and a half weeks, the City's current supplier raised their pricing. The City did not need to make a purchase during that period. During discussion staff was asked if the liquid form of this chemical is the City's only option. Mr. Flatter replied that it is.

Alderman Hallett made a motion, seconded by Alderman Banas to approve Resolution No. 14-R-0067 for a Contract Award for Liquid Carbon Dioxide for Fiscal Year 2015. Voting Yea: Aldermen Hallett, Banas, Earley and Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

B. 4.F. Resolution No. 14-R-0072 – Contract Amendment No. 1 – Operations Management International, Inc. for Professional Services related to the Management and Operation of the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. Alderman Earley asked for an explanation regarding this item. Mr. Flatter informed him that when the first five-year contract was executed, Operations Management International, Inc. (OMI) was not required to pay prevailing wages to their employees. Since that time, the law has been changed and contractual service providers are now required to pay these wages. OMI has estimated that it will cost an additional \$40,000.00 in wages for this year, which they have offered to split evenly with the City. Therefore, they are asking for an additional approximate \$20,000 to the balance of their contract for 2014, which the City will then split with Winfield approximately 72%/28% and will be used to establish a new base rate for their operators in 2015.

Alderman Earley made a motion, seconded by Alderman Banas to approve Resolution No. 14-R-0072 for a Contract Amendment No. 2 with Operations Management International, Inc. for Professional Services related to the Management and Operation of the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. Voting Yea: Aldermen Earley, Banas, Hallett and Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

C. Mr. Flatter approached Committee regarding a residential complaint about a Ginkgo parkway tree located at 225 W. Stimmel Street. He said that the neighbor complained to the City about the mess and the odor from this tree. Mr. Flatter brought a sample of the fruit from the tree, along with pictures of said tree (Attachment A). He explained that the City's current

Ordinance allows for only male Ginkgo parkway trees, but it is extremely hard to distinguish a male from a female until they mature. Once the females mature, they develop and drop an odorous fruit. The neighbor wants the City to remove the tree. **During discussion, staff was directed to contact the homeowner at 225 W. Stimmel Street to ask them to clean up after and maintain the Ginkgo tree or the City would remove it. Staff was also directed to amend the City's Ordinance to eliminate any future plantings of Ginkgo trees, and to grandfather in existing Ginkgo trees if they are maintained and cleaned up after.**

6. **Unfinished Business.** Mr. Flatter informed Committee that he met with the railing manufacturer for the Main Street Tunnel Project about three weeks ago. He was informed that all of the parts have been received, but the fabrication of the railings has not yet begun. He still does not have a completion date for this project. The Contractor is still being charged \$500.00 per day in liquidated damages.

7. **New Business.** None.

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

9. **Adjournment.** At 7:30 P.M., Alderman Banas made a motion to adjourn seconded by Alderman Hallett. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Baldino
Executive Secretary



Timothy R Wilcox

Assistant Director of Public Works



