

Approved October 5, 2017

MINUTES

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

September 7, 2017 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 James Beifuss, Heather Brown, Sandra Dimas, Alton Hallett, and Noreen Ligino-Kubinski present. Alderman George Garcia was absent.

Staff present included Director of Public Works Robert Flatter and Executive Secretary Ashley Cunningham.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

A. **Infrastructure Committee Minutes of August 10, 2017.** Alderman Beifuss requested that the word “dome” in line one of Item 6.A. be changed to “shed”. The Committee also requested that the word “shed” in line two be changed to “facility”. **Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett to approve the Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2017.**

Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Brown, Dimas, Hallett, and Ligino-Kubinski.

Voting Nay: 0.

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

4. **Items for Consent.** Alderman Beifuss requested discussion on Consent Item B. **Alderman Hallett made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brown to approve:**

A. **Resolution No. 17-R-0052 - FY 2018 CDBG Grant Application for Participating Streets**

Roll call found the vote unanimous for approval. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Brown, Dimas, Hallett, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0.

5. **Items for Discussion.** Items for discussion include Consent Item 4.B.

4.B. **Resolution No. 17-R-0053 - Contract Award – Copenhagen Construction, Inc. for the 2017 Main Street and METRA Station Sidewalk Project.** Mr. Flatter reminded the Committee that back in July all bids for the 2017 Sidewalk Maintenance Program were rejected for being substantially over budget. In an attempt to get better pricing, staff divided the scope of

work into two projects; work associated with the sidewalk between 447 and 461 Main Street, and the ramp leading to the METRA station, were bid in August 2017. The remaining citywide sidewalk replacements have not been rebid at this time. The 2017 Main Street and METRA Station Sidewalk Project bid packet included two design options. Option one, included in the base bid, consists of the installation of fifteen stairs with a 1.5" diameter welded steel pipe pedestrian handrail. Option two, identified as an alternate bid, consists of the installation of four sets of stairs separated by an eight foot six inch landing which does not require the installation of a pedestrian handrail. Copenhagen Construction, Inc. submitted the lowest responsible base bid of \$65,754.50. The alternate bid items were not used in determining the lowest responsible bidder, but were included in the bid proposal in order to establish unit prices. Considering the alternate bid, Copenhagen Construction Inc. submitted the lowest responsible alternate bid of \$51,018.00. Given the fact that the City only has \$75,000.00 budgeted for all sidewalk replacements in FY 2017, and given the fact that it will be difficult to get a contractor to bid on a citywide sidewalk replacement project of only \$24,000.00, City staff recommends not rebidding the remaining citywide sidewalk replacements this year and instead rolling the outstanding balance into FY 2018's program. Alderman Beifuss asked if it would be possible to move the citywide sidewalk project up into late spring. Mr. Flatter indicated this would be possible; he and Thomas Engineering Group had discussed going to bid in February to be able to compare bid results with the MPI bid and choose the best option for the City. Mr. Flatter explained that the City generally goes to bid in the fall to address things that people call in about over the summer. He also indicated that this fall/winter all of the sidewalks in the City will be reevaluated to come up with a new prioritized list of sidewalk repairs. The Committee indicated that it would be their preference to move the citywide sidewalk project to the spring. **Alderman Ligino-Kubinski made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas to approve.**

Roll call found the vote unanimous for approval. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Brown, Dimas, Hallett, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0.

6. Unfinished Business. None.

7. New Business.

A. Alderman Beifuss addressed his concerns regarding the higher than budgeted cost of the proposed salt dome project and the reduced amount of funds to be received from the state. As a result, he is requesting staff to provide some cost alternatives that would potentially be less expensive initially so that the street programs can continue without being significantly impacted. Alderman Beifuss expressed some concern with falling behind on the City's street projects. He is wondering if there might be a way to complete the salt dome project in phases to reduce the initial cost of construction and phase them in over time. Mr. Flatter confirmed that Christopher B. Burke Engineering has been tasked with creating three to four concept plans for total site development to take into consideration the long-term plans for a future Public Works facility. Costs for phasing in the extra storage sheds for equipment storage and additional improvements/additions to the salt dome project will also be provided for consideration.

B. Alderman Beifuss noted that Alderman John Smith has resigned to address the recent health issues of his wife, and the selection of a new Vice Chairman is required. This selection should be added to the Agenda for October.

8. Reports from Staff. None.

9. Adjournment. At 7:20 P.M., Alderman Hallett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Dimas. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Cunningham
Executive Secretary of Public Works