

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 10/07/10

MINUTES

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

September 2, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.

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

Also in attendance were Public Works Director Robert Flatter, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Joe Munder and Administrative Secretary Michelle Baldino.

2. **Approval of Minutes.**

A. **Infrastructure Committee Minutes of July 1, 2010.** Alderman Nanette Connelly made a motion to approve the minutes of July 1, 2010, seconded by Alderman John Smith. Voting Yea: Aldermen Nanette Connelly, John Smith, James Beifuss, Sandra Dimas, Russell Radkiewicz, and James Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

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

With unanimous approval from the Committee, Acting Chairman Beifuss moved up item 7.A. on the agenda.

7. **New Business**

A. **Commonwealth Edison – Update by External Affairs Manager.** Mr. Flatter introduced John O'Halloran as the new External Affairs Manager for the City of West Chicago, and Drew Smolik of ComEd. Mr. O'Halloran reviewed the service area for which he represents, and procedures that are followed by ComEd personnel when there are power outages. Alderman John Smith stated that there have been frequent outages in the Hampton Hills Subdivision which seem to last longer than other areas. Just a few blocks away, in any other direction, there is power. He asked what can be done to look at this area for problems. Mr. Smolik explained how all feeders are networked in the field, but there are boundaries for different feeders. He said that they rely heavily on phone calls to determine where the actual problems may be. Mr. Smolik stated that he would investigate to determine any problems and report back to the Committee.

Mr. Flatter informed Mr. O'Halloran that a pole had been replaced behind the Tastee Freeze on Fremont, due to a storm in July, but the old pole is still laying there. He asked that the pole be removed.

Commonwealth Edison will provide and update to the Committee at the October 7, 2010 Infrastructure Committee Meeting.

4. Items for Consent. Acting Chairman Beifuss read the following items for Consent from the Agenda.

- A. Contract Award – 2010 Fire Hydrant Painting Project – Alpha Paintworks, Inc.**
- B. Contract Award – 2010 Water Treatment Plant Waste Lime Sludge Removal Project – Stewart Spreading, Inc.**
- C. Contract Award – 2010 Public Works Garage Perimeter Fence Replacement Project – Peerless Fence**
- D. Professional Services Contract – Maintenance and Repairs of the Well and Well Assembly at the City’s Well Station No. 3 – Layne Western Company, Inc.**
- E. Contract Amendment No. 1/1st Extension to Professional Engineering Services Agreement for Well and Well House No. 12 – Strand Associates, Inc.**
- F. Contract Award – South Aurora Street Relocation Project – Thomas Engineering Group, LLC.**

Acting Chairman Beifuss requested that items 4.B. and 4.D. be pulled from Consent for discussion.

4.B. 2010 Water Treatment Plant Waste Lime Sludge Removal Project. Acting Chairman Beifuss asked if the waste lime sludge was going to be land applied. Mr. Flatter informed him that the Contract specifies that it must be taken to a land fill, not land applied, at a location approved by the City, and manifests must be supplied.

4.D. Professional Services Contract – Maintenance and Repairs of the Well and Well Assembly at the City’s Well Station No. 3. Acting Chairman Beifuss asked why this Contract is being presented as a Professional Services Contract instead of undergoing the sealed bid process, and how does the City assess that what we are paying is appropriate. Mr. Flatter explained that the amount being asked for in the contract is a maximum amount. He stated as an example that for Well 11, the not to exceed contract amount approved by City Council was \$90,000.00, but the work was completed for \$60,000.00. It is difficult to bid a project like this because there are a multitude of unknown tasks that might need to be completed. It is possible to bid each item separately, but it would also delay the repairs. Mr. Flatter also stated that Layne Western Company is an experienced firm that has a good relationship with the City. Mr. Munder added that most of this contract is labor related, and labor rates are uniform. Alderman James Smith added that Layne Western Company is the selected contractor for all work done at St. Andrews.

Alderman Nanette Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman John Smith to approve Consent Items A., B., C., D., E., and F. Voting Yea: Aldermen Nanette Connelly, John Smith, James Beifuss, Sandra Dimas, Russell Radkiewicz, and James Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

5. Items for Discussion.

A. Alderman Russell Radkiewicz asked for an update on the crosswalk test pilot areas. Staff informed him that the City has received 65 responses to the website survey, of which, 77% are

positive and 23% are negative. Some of the comments received were shared with the Committee, which led to discussion regarding pedestrian crossing signs for Main Street. Some of the Committee members remember that there used to be Yield signs in the center of Main Street at the pedestrian crossings. Mr. Flatter said that he would investigate.

B. Alderman Sandra Dimas stated that there is a sinkhole under the pavement, which has been filled with gravel that is in need of repair in the Prairie Meadows Subdivision. She will call staff to report the street name.

C. Alderman Sandra Dimas asked if the trees in the alley at St. Mary's have been trimmed yet and if the trees in the front are dead. Mr. Flatter stated that the trimming has not been done yet and he has not heard about the ones in front. He further stated that there are nearby trees that are believed to be infected with the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and that Graf Tree Care is in the process of doing an Ash tree inventory, starting in Ward 1. He will have more information at the next meeting.

6. **Unfinished Business.** None.

7. **New Business.** See above. Item 7.A. was moved up on the agenda.

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

9. **Adjournment.** At 7:53 P.M., Alderman Sandra Dimas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Russell Radkiewicz. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Baldino
Administrative Secretary