

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved October 6, 2022

MINUTES

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

September 1, 2022 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 Jeanne Short present. Aldermen Matt Garling and Joe Morano were absent.

Staff present included Director of Public Works Mehul Patel, Assistant Director of Public Works Dave Shah, and Administrative Assistant Ashley Heidorn.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

A. **Infrastructure Committee Minutes of August 4, 2022.** Alderman Brown made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett to approve the Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2022.

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

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

4. **Items for Consent.** Alderman Brown requested discussion on Consent Items A and D. Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett to approve:

- B. Resolution No. 22-R-0047 – Contract Award – Excel Electric, Inc. for the WTP SCADA and VFD Replacement Project in an amount not to exceed \$850,000.00
- C. Resolution No. 22-R-0048 – Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of DuPage for the Klein Road Culvert Replacement Project
- E. Resolution No. 22-R-0050 – Contract Award – Schroeder & Schroeder, Inc. for the 2022 Sidewalk and Curb Maintenance Program in the not to exceed amount of \$135,000.00

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

5. Items for Discussion.

4.A. Rejection of Bids – Water Treatment Plant Waste Lime Sludge Removal Project.

Alderman Brown inquired if anything was in the works for this project since the bids received were substantially over budget. Mr. Patel explained that the City's 2020 contract with Heartland Recycling had an option to extend, but at the same price. Heartland advised staff that they could not hold the original contract price, but proposed a price of \$76.85 per ton. At this price, 2/3 of the sludge could be removed in 2022 with the existing budget. Aldermen Dimas and Beifuss expressed their support of the contract extension to remove whatever sludge is possible.

Alderman Brown asked if the City could take advantage of the \$76.85 per ton price now to get all sludge removed. Mr. Patel explained that the price is valid through June 2023, so the plan is to budget for the remaining 1/3 to be removed next year. **Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brown, to reject the bids and approve staff to negotiate a contract with Heartland Recycling for the FY2022 budgeted amount at a price of \$76.85 per ton.**

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

4.D. Resolution No. 22-R-0049 – Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation and appropriation of funds of City's portion for IDOT Contract 62P22 for improvements along State Route IL-59. Alderman Brown asked for clarification on this item. Mr. Patel explained that IDOT is proposing a project along IL-59 from Edgewood Walk to Kress Creek, including portions of west Joliet Street. The work includes intersection improvements and a new traffic signal at Joliet Street. The project also includes interconnecting traffic signals along IL-59 between IL-56 and IL-64, as well as some signal improvements at IL-59 and James Avenue. Some portions of this work are under the jurisdiction of the City, so IDOT wants to ensure the City will pay its portion of the costs, though the actual cost of the City's participation will be determined after the bid opening. **Alderman Brown 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 Short. Voting Nay: 0.

6. Unfinished Business.

2022 PCI Study. Mr. Patel distributed the 2022 Pavement Condition Index (PCI) Rating Evaluation Summary to show the strategies and costs that would be required in a single year to maintain the City's roadways at an acceptable level. While impractical, the purpose is to give some perspective into what staff is dealing with in terms of roadway maintenance and the costs associated with them. The goal is to maintain the roads at a 70+ rating, but with the current budget and grant funds there simply is not enough money coming in to keep up with the roadways.

7. New Business.

Purchase of Five Police Interceptors. Mr. Patel explained that Ford is struggling to keep up with the automotive chip shortage, and they reserve about 35,000 vehicles for police vehicles

across the U.S. As of a couple weeks ago, they already had about 14,000 orders waiting. Typically in the past the State has gone out to bid and staff would use that as a baseline to compare bids from local dealerships to give them an opportunity to beat the price. However, the State has not gone out to bid yet, and if staff waits for that process, there will be no vehicles available. Staff received only two bids after contacting 11 dealerships. Alderman Dimas inquired if the bids received seem reasonable in comparison to previous purchases when considering inflation and the changing economic conditions. Mr. Patel noted that the prices were about 30% higher than what the City paid last for Interceptors, but both dealerships were within 3% of each other so it does not seem to be an issue of price gouging and is more likely a reflection of the current economic climate. Alderman Brown asked if any other manufacturers besides Ford have been considered. Mr. Patel explained that the Police Chief wants Ford vehicles to remain consistent with the existing fleet. Vehicle maintenance is also more consistent because staff would not have to stock additional parts for different manufacturers. Realistically, all manufacturers are experiencing chip shortages and not just Ford, so a different manufacturer would likely be facing the same production and supply issues. **Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brown, to approve the purchase of five Police Interceptors and add the item to the September 6th City Council agenda.**

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

8. Reports from Staff. Mr. Patel introduced Dave Shah as the new Assistant Director of Public Works as of August 15, 2022.

9. Adjournment. At 7:52 P.M., Alderman Hallett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Brown. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Heidorn
Administrative Assistant of Public Works