

# CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved August 1, 2024

## MINUTES

### INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

July 3, 2024 7:00 P.M.

**1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum.** Director of Public Works Mehul Patel called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll call found Aldermen Dan Beebe, Heather Brown, Sandra Dimas, Alton Hallett, and Jeanne Short present. Aldermen Joe Morano and John C. Smith, Jr., were absent.

Staff present included Director of Public Works Mehul Patel.

Alderman Hallett made a motion to appoint Alderman Dimas as Chairman of the meeting in Chairman Morano's absence, which was seconded by Alderman Beebe. **Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.**

#### **2. Approval of Minutes**

**A. Infrastructure Committee Minutes of May 2, 2024.** Alderman Brown made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett to approve the Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2024.

**Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beebe, Brown, Dimas, Hallett, and Short. Voting Nay: 0.**

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

**4. Items for Consent.** Alderman Brown made a motion, seconded by Alderman Short to approve:

- A. Ordinance No. 24-O-0019 – Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Equipment, Stock Inventory, and/or Personal Property Owned by the City Of West Chicago
- B. Purchase of Two 2025 International Model HV613 SBA Tandem Axle Truck Chassis and One International Model HV613 SBA Single Axle Truck Chassis Equipped by Bonnell Industries Inc. from Rush Truck Centers of Springfield, Illinois, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,099,782.25
- C. Purchase of One 2024 John Deere 410 P-Tier Backhoe Loader from West Side Tractor Sales of Lisle, Illinois

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

#### **5. Items for Discussion.** None.

#### **6. Unfinished Business.** None.

**7. New Business.** Mr. Patel noted that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has an upcoming project likely in 2025, and City staff have been working with them to coordinate on strategic landscape medians along the IL-38 corridor through West Chicago as well as upgrading the traffic signals to powder-coated black signals with LED street signs. Staff successfully negotiated with IDOT to increase IDOT's cost share and decrease the City's from just over \$1,000,000.00 to just under \$500,000.00. The Fabyan Parkway and Kress Road intersections are owned by DuPage County, so staff will be reaching out to see if they want to participate in the street sign upgrades since IDOT will require all of them to be upgraded or none at all.

Mr. Patel reminded the Committee that several years ago a drinking fountain had been removed near 124 Main Street because the business was putting in a new handicapped accessible entrance. A resident expressed a strong desire to have the fountain reinstalled, but Mr. Patel does not recommend it. Many drinking fountains have been removed nationwide following the COVID-19 pandemic, so he would suggest installing a water filling station if it is so desired, but closer to the prairie path rather than the fountain's original location. Alderman Dimas inquired about the cost for a new water filling station. Mr. Patel explained that there was previously a drinking fountain at Well Station No. 3 where one could be more easily and cost effectively installed, and the cost would be roughly \$5,000.00-\$6,000.00, not including the ongoing maintenance of the water filling station. Discussion followed. The Committee instructed Mr. Patel to call back the resident with the suggestion of a water filling station installation at Well No. 3 as relocating the drinking fountain downtown would not be feasible.

**8. Reports from Staff.** Mr. Patel noted that the City's ongoing construction projects are all moving along, and all deadlines should be met.

**9. Adjournment.** At 7:10 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