



Public Works Committee

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January 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes

DATE: January 16, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Bob Kordus & Members of the Public Works Committee

FROM: Daniel S. Winkler, P.E. _____
Director of Public Works & Utilities

SUBJECT: January 15, 2015 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

The Public Works Committee met at **6:00 PM** at City Hall.

Members in attendance:

Chairman Bob Kordus X
Alderman Ellyn Kehoe X
Alderman Sarah Hill X
Alderman Al Kupsik X
Alderman Rich Hedlund X

Staff Present:

City Administrator Dennis Jordan X
Director Daniel Winkler (DPW) X
Mayor Jim Connors: X

Other: Sylvia Mullally (Parking Enforcement) _____

Public in attendance: Mr. Jeff Prey (DNR), Mr. Dan Schuller (DNR), Mr. Jim Weiss, Mr. Chris Schultz, Mr. Ross Adams, Mr. Brian Pollard, Ms. Penny Roehrer, Ms. Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Mr. Richard Melmin, Mr. Terry O'Neill.

Approval of the Minutes of the Prior (December) Meeting:

Motion to approve by Ald. Hill and seconded by Ald. Kupsik. The motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments:

Ms. Fesenmaier asked if the PWC would put on a future agenda to discuss requiring public sidewalks on north Sage Street. Ms. Roehrer said she was against any roadway changes at Big Foot State Park. Mr. O'Neill asked if the City had to purchase all of its County 600-ton allocation of sand/salt mix from the County. The reply given at the meeting was that was we only had to pay for what the City actually uses from its set aside allocation.

Communications:

1. Projects & Activities Update – DPW Winkler said the list of project updates was attached for information and he would answer any questions.

Agenda Items Discussed:

1. Signage in the Downtown-Discussion Regarding Making Uniform-Continued from December Meeting
2. South Lakeshore Drive at Big Foot State Park.
3. Downtown Landscaping Maintenance Contract-Breezy Hill.
4. Downtown Street Parking Reconfigurations.

Agenda Item No. 1– Signage in the Downtown-Discussion Regarding Making Uniform-Continued from December Meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Hill and seconded by Alderman Kupsik to continue this item until next month as the Chamber had not as yet provided a reply on the pedestrian signage information given them. The motion passed 5-0.

Agenda Item No. 2- South Lakeshore Drive at Big Foot State Park.

Chair Kordus introduced the discussions City staff was asked to have with the DNR regarding South Lakeshore Drive shoreline erosion problems. He said the discussions included possible roadway realignment alternatives. DPW Winkler reported that when the DNR met with the City regarding the shoreline, the DNR advised us they were considering roadway possibilities as part of a planned update to their park master plan. Their goal was to improve the situation at the lake, making it safer for day users.

Mr. Schuller of the DNR spoke regarding their plans for the park and meetings with City staff including the roadway. Alternatives were discussed with the priority to maintain the north-south South Lakeshore Drive connection from Linn to the City and the City's desire to explore relocating the City launch ramp to the park at the same trailer parking spaces count as the City presently has. He mentioned the alternative roadway concepts. It was noted that in Concept "B" that the roadway bridge over the lagoon would be very expensive, so the road concept along the east side of the lagoon seemed to be the frontrunner alignment. He explained that other potential improvements to include the improvement/replacement of present visitor center and bathroom facilities, an improved safer beach with adjacent parking and handicapped access, reducing pedestrian street crossing conflicts to the beach, kayaking launching and rentals, bike/pedestrian trails, and working with the adjacent youth camp to make their situation safer with a potential pedestrian underpass.

Mr. Schuller pointed out that the DNR never condemns property for public purpose, and any final plan is always the outcome of a public and transparent process that will probably only move forward if the stakeholders are interested in seeing the State invest to improve Big Foot Park. He also offered to Mr. Weiss to meet with the Town of Linn Board to discuss the park master plan, gauge their interest and preferences, and solicit input.

Mr. Prey of the DNR discussed the various potential elements of their concept plan, and that DNR funding would probably be in 2017-2019 time-frame. Mr. Winkler said the question before the PWC was are they interested at all in working with the DNR on their master plan including a new South Lakeshore Drive on the east side of the lagoon as the DNR Concept Alternative "C". The PWC consensus was that safety was important to them, the roadway alignment in the context of the DNR concept plan made sense, continue working with the Town of Linn and the youth camp as they are both stakeholders in Big Foot State Park, get answers to some of the issues discussed including any legal matters, timing/scheduling, funding and costs, and report back to the PWC before going to Council.

Agenda Item No. 3– Downtown Landscaping Maintenance Contract-Breezy Hill.

It was moved by Alderman Hill to recommend to Council to extend the landscaping contract with Breezy Hill for another 3-year term at 3% in 2015, 0% in 2016 and 3% in 2017 as recommended by staff. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kupsik and approved 5-0.
(This item needs to go to Finance and Council for consideration).

Agenda Item No. 4– Downtown Street Parking Reconfiguration.

DPW Winkler explained he and Parking Enforcement Manager Sylvia Mullally, who was in attendance to answer questions, examined additional parking opportunities in the downtown and provided the PWC with a list of recommendations. He also explained that added angle or parallel parking needed to be in City ordinance to be enforceable. By consensus the Committee agreed/approved of the list.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Hedlund and seconded by Alderman Hill. The motion passed 5-0.

Cc: Mayor Jim Connors/Dennis Jordan/Sabrina Waswo/Common Council Members not on Committee/File

