



Public Works Committee

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DATE: August 17, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Bill Mott & Members of the Public Works Committee

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

SUBJECT: August 16, 2012 Public Works Committee Meeting Agenda Explanation

The Public Works Committee met at **5:00 PM** at City Hall.

Members in attendance:

Chairman Bill Mott ___X___
Alderman Sara ___X___
Alderman Arleen Krohn ___X___
Alderman Gary Hougen ___X___
Alderman Al Kupsik ___X___

Staff Present:

City Administrator Dennis Jordan ___X___
Director Daniel Winkler (DPW) ___X___
Ron Carstensen (Street Supt.) _____
Mayor Jim Connors: ___X___
Other: ___ Dale Buelter ___

Approval of the Minutes of the Prior (July 2012) Meeting:

It was moved by Ald. Kupsik to approve the minutes and seconded by Ald. Hill. There was discussion regarding the scoreboards at Veterans Park and Administrator Jordan responded that he was following up with Jaycees, Rotary and the Lions Clubs as likely sponsors. The motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments: None.

Communications: None

Agenda Item No. 1- Request for Additional Signage on Main Street-Museum (Continued from July Meeting).

Mr. Dale Buelter of the museum board attended the meeting and presented the sign designs and locations. DPW Winkler concurred the locations did not present any clearance or vision problems for motorist or pedestrians. Ald. Hougen said the signs were good marketing. Ald. Hill thought the YMCA should think about signage also and objected to the sign in Location #4 as confusing. Buelter also said the museum would pay to make and install the signs.

It was moved by Chair Mott to accept the signage request as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

Agenda Item No. 2– White River Tunnel Rehabilitation-Discussion (Continued from July Meeting).

DPW Winkler provided an aerial plan and explained the difference in scope between in-place rehabilitation and what would be required of the City if the tunnel between Donian Park and the outlet point on the north side of Main Street were removed and replaced.

It was moved by Kupsik and seconded by Hill to have the DPW ask the engineering firm, Westbrook Engineering, which did the original inspection and report to provide the City with in-place repair method options and costs to assist the City in deciding how to proceed with rehabilitation while TIF #4 is still active. If doing so had a significant cost, then the DPW should obtain a proposal for consideration. The intent was for the City to proceed with design and construction next year. The motion passed 5-0.

Agenda Item No. 3– Request for Placement of a Nautical Display on City Lawn Area in Front of Museum (Dale Buelter of the Museum Board). (This item was taken out of order ahead of #2 on a motion by Chair Mott and second by Ald. Hill. Motion passed 5-0.)

Mr. Buelter of the museum board presented his plan for the Lucius Newberry anchor display in the front yard of the museum with the intent to attract visitors. After some discussion, it was moved by Kupsik and seconded by Hill to approve the request with the caveat that Mr. Buelter contact the City building inspector to make sure no other approvals were necessary from the City. The motion passed 5-0.

Agenda Item No. 4– Request for Placement of Signage by Pleasant Street Neighborhood Group.

DPW Winkler presented the request. Mayor Connors explained he and Ald. Hill met with the neighborhood group which desires to establish an identity by adopting a “Columbian Expo District” logo and sign. If the sign was approved by consensus either location seemed fine. Ald. Krohn expressed opposition to the concept. Mayor Connors noted that if approved the sign should be of the same style and quality as Maple Park and other historical preservation signs.

It was moved by Ald. Kupsik and seconded by Ald Hill to continue this item and ask for a representative of the group to attend the next meeting. Under further discussion, it was the consensus that the group should also run their request past the Historical Preservation Committee as they should probably give a recommendation also.

(This item could be referred to the Historical Preservation Committee for discussion)

Agenda Item No. 5– Request by Mayor to Consider Sidewalk/Streetscape improvements on Center Street from spillway north to alley between Main & Geneva Street (TID # 4).

DPW Winkler showed pictures of some of the sidewalk items in the request of additional sidewalk quantities which could be done this fall under the Downtown Concrete Repairs contract. Mayor Connors elaborated on the areas of particular concern which included tree wells and filling in the area with concrete and brick along the Geneva Towers frontage plus adjusting meter post locations. DPW Winkler was asked the approximate cost and he replied probably in the \$6,000 to \$8,000 range.

It was moved by Ald. Kupsik and seconded by Ald Hill to proceed with the additional work. The motion passed 5-0.

(This item should go to FLJ and Council as an additional unit price change order)

Agenda Item No. 6– Discussion/action on adding lower Center Street parking lot to repaving (TID#4)

The Committee was asked by DPW Winkler if at the Mayor's suggestion they wished to add the lower Center Street parking lot to the other two for milling, resurfacing and re-striping. It was moved by Ald. Hill and seconded by Ald. Mott to include the parking lot with the rest of the work. The motion passed 5-0.

Agenda Item No. 7– Consideration of Traffic Signal Pre-emption Devices at the Remaining City Traffic Signals.

Mayor Connors asked the PWC to consider adding emergency vehicle pre-emption devices at its existing signals located at CTH H/Sheridan Springs Road, CTH H/Piggly Wiggly, STH 50/USH 12, and STH 50/Edwards Boulevard. The cost for the doing this work according to Administrator Jordan would not exceed \$50,000 furnished and installed but that he didn't yet obtain pricing. It appears that there is sufficient funding in the TIF designated project to fund the additional items.

It was moved by Ald. Hill and seconded by Ald Kupsik to recommend adding the remaining signals to the system in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 funded through TIF#4. The motion passed 5-0.

(This item may need a resolution and then to FLJ and Council approval.)

Motion to Adjourn:

It was moved by Ald. Hougen and seconded by Ald. Kupsik to adjourn. Next meeting time was discussed and the consensus was to **leave the meeting time at 5:00 PM.** The motion then passed 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Cc: Mayor Jim Connors/Dennis Jordan/Mike Hawes/Common Council Members not on Committee/File