

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017 – 4:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, MEETING ROOM 2A**

Meeting was called to order by Ald. Kordus at 5:00 p.m.

Roll call: Present: Alderman Kordus, Hedlund, Flower, Skates and Straube. Also present: Mayor Kupsik, City Administrator Oborn, DPW Earle, Street Superintendent Waswo, Parking Manager Mullally, Greg Governatori, Kapur & Associates.

Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes

Dick Malmin, N1991 Lake Shore Drive feels that the redesign of the beach wall should be no design. Thinks the idea is ridiculous and other members of the public feel the same. The wall is ugly and people haven't been given the chance to give their negative comments. He feels the only thing that would work is to move the fence. Building the wall would be a violation of the covenant of Library Park for which legal action could be taken. Hopes that the Council will consider just moving the fence.

Casey Schiche, 231 Ridge Road believes the beach expansion is a frivolous project and citizens are very upset over the whole design. The beach has been there for many years and in the past to make the beach bigger the sand was dredged back. Care of Lake Geneva sent out a survey 48 hours ago and in that time have received 66 responses saying that people are not in favor of this expansion. Thinks that a DNR permit is required. Just move the fence and don't cut down any more trees and take away more green space. Referred to the term 'misfeasance in office' and said he feels a lot of people are doing this to the citizens of this town.

Ellen Garb, 1447 LaSalle Street, feels she is very uninformed and has walked into the middle of this. She thought any project over \$1 million has to have public input. She doesn't like the design and would like to have input.

Mary Jo Fesenmaier, 1085 S Lake Shore Drive, asks that anyone sympathetic to the public would vote no to this wall or at least vote to continue it to cause a delay. She also wants to comment about the cantilever crosswalk signs. She understands the problem but thinks there are better ways to solve it including changing the speed limit from the Church up to Walmart to be 25mph. With regard to the bike and pedestrian plan, she thinks that it is a great idea to discuss and come up with ideas and also to use public workshops.

Pete Peterson, 1601 Evergreen Lane, no economic reason to spend \$300K to expand the beach. Economics should be able to give you the answer, raise the price until people stop coming! Has no problem moving the fence and saving green space but not building the wall. Thinks the Riviera renovation should be the focus of attention as it is our most important and iconic building. The money was there a few years ago and the renovations could have been done. Has not spoken to anyone who thinks the beach expansion is a good idea. Feels it is the Council's responsibility to spend our money wisely and this is not doing it.

Gary Swance, 615 Water Street, a fence or a wall's purpose is interchangeable. He understand that the general purpose is to bring in extra revenue which you could do with a fence or a wall. A fence would be cheaper.

Bill Huntress, 1015 Pleasant Street, compares the beach expansion to a favorite product that is 'new and improved' but is really made worthless. Believes Council members were misled on this project and refers to a "creator mentality". Feels that our tennis courts are in better shape than our roads and that the 'creator mentality' leads to existing things not being taken care of. The public votes for council members expecting them to do the right thing and this is not it. Feels that a referendum on this would not pass. Thinks the public should be given the chance to have input on this.

Claire Mathison, 1011 W Main Street, like many people she is unclear how the beach expansion came about. Would like to be able to ask questions. There is no sense of continuity or community. Wonders if regardless of what the

public say, would this go ahead anyway? She echoes what everyone else has said. Thinks there could be something better than a wall.

Approval of Public Works Committee meeting minutes from July 18, 2017 as prepared and distributed
Hedlund/Skates motion to approve. Passed unanimously.

Director of Public Works Report – Tom Earle

Earle reported the Riviera fountain was vandalized when a person climbed up onto it to take a photo. The police did arrest the person responsible but there are expensive repairs that need to be done. He is hoping to get it running for Venetian Fest. There have been a large influx of Diggers Hotline tickets and although the Utility have always handled these in the past, the only thing marked were storm drains. We should also be marking traffic signals so the Street Department now have their own account and will be handling their own diggers tickets. This will be a strain on the budget. The 2017 Road Program is going ahead and the last piece of equipment in the budget for 2017 has been pulled pending the outcome of the YMCA/Vets Park. There are discussions with the State and the County regarding maintenance of highways. It seems that our responsibility will be from Grand Geneva Way to Forest and from Highway 50 to Bloomfield Road on Highway 120. The maintenance and striping etc. will be our responsibility and we need to be prepared. We are experiencing a lot of things break at the Riviera and this reinforces how vital the renovations are. Earle said that Waswo has done a great job of facilitating Venetian Fest and expediting the process so that this year we are ready well in advance. The lights on Highway 50 have now been installed and Earle will be discussing the installation costs with the Contractor once we receive the bill. The lights are not yet working.

Discussion/Update/Recommendation on July 12th Rain Storm

Earle presented a list of the damage to date and said we are waiting on the curb repairs to be done before we can patch the roads. He commended Waswo and his team for their efforts to clean up after this event in a timely manner. Earle said he met with FEMA and went over each item on the list individually including showing photographs of the damage. Kordus gave his thanks to the Streets Department and said he noticed on the day how fast our response was to curb the flooding.

Discussion/Action/Recommendation on the installation of cantilever cross walk signs on Main Street at West Street and East Street funded by TIF4 *(continued from the July 18th PWC meeting)*

Kordus would prefer to wait until the street lights are up and running before making any decisions on this. He noted that not a lot of people are in favor of this. Earle said he contacted Payne & Dolan to find out if there are other options and we could do something similar to the crosswalk signs on Townline Road or the ones by Shorewest on Main Street but he did not get pricing in time for this meeting. We do have until the end of the year to use TIF funds and he does not think that cantilever signs are the best option given that we just buried everything. Kordus/Skates motion to continue this item to the next meeting. Passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action/Recommendation on reconstruction of the roadway on the 900 block of Main Street including consideration of a new water main *(continued from the July 18th PWC meeting)*

Earle said the Commission are interested in replacing the water main on this stretch of road and would like to move the project out until the Spring. Earle is in favor of this given that time is running out to do this in Fall with an eight week window. Discussion followed. Greg Governatori from Kapur reported that the surveys have been done but the borings and the design have not. Discussion continued. Governatori said the Utility Commission costs were listed in the total. Hedlund said this committee cannot spend the Utility's money and if we approve this as presented today we cannot list a not to exceed amount. Governatori said he can break the costs down to show the Utility's portion before the Council meeting.

Kordus/Skates motion to send this item to council without recommendation. Passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action/Recommendation on proposal for Architectural Services from McCormack + Etten including the work for the VISIT Lake Geneva / Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center portion of the building and increasing the not-to-exceed fee for the project to \$16,000 *(continued from the July 18th PWC meeting)*

Oborn reported that we originally discussed just the restrooms but the direction was to include the whole design and the HVAC. There is some question as to what the whole amount will be and so Oborn is looking for approval of a

maximum amount and then the cost share with VISIT Lake Geneva would be split out. Discussion followed. Mr. Etten is wondering who exactly should be approached with questions on the City side and also on the VISIT Lake Geneva/ Chamber of Commerce side. Flower mentioned that we should have the ability to power wash the bathrooms as some of our facilities don't have this. Mr. Etten said these are exactly the kinds of things that need to be discussed. Earle said that the water service to this building has been problematic. Kupsik reinforced that we want to redo the entire plumbing system to this building and we need a separate HVAC system for the bathrooms that will run year round. Flower asked if we need additional site work if this plan does not include that. Earle said we already know that the water service is ours to replace.

Hedlund/Flower motion to approve the proposal for Architectural Services from McCormack + Etten including the work for the VISIT Lake Geneva / Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center portion of the building and increasing the not-to-exceed fee for the project to \$16,000. Passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action/Recommendation on remodeling the overhead door at 1070 Carey Street to accommodate equipment heights *(continued from the July 18th PWC meeting)*

Earle has two bids for the work and two other companies who declined to bid. He would recommend going with the cheaper quote from Glen Fern Construction. Equipment keeps getting taller and we need to do this. Flower asked if we could put this off and store the equipment in another building this year as it wasn't in our budget. Earle said it wouldn't be in our best interests to delay and he feels we will have an accident if we keep putting it off. He went over the breakdown of the quote. Oborn said we could fund it from contingency or it could be funded from the Capital Improvement Fund. Kupsik said it's better to do this now than get a workers comp claim for an accident later down the line. Hedlund agrees that an accident with damage to the machine or the building would be more expensive than doing this work now.

Hedlund/Skates motion to approve the Glen Fern and MidWest door quotes with a not to exceed amount of \$6,620.70 funded from the 2017 Capital Improvement Fund. Passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action/Recommendation on City involvement in the White River bank restoration from the July 12th rain storm at 529 W Main Street, Parcel ZOP 00301

Kordus asked if we have received any clarification on ownership yet. Governatori said it is outside of the City right of way. Earle said it is on private property and the City owns the other side of the creek. He does not believe it impacts the wall or any City property, it impacts the parking lot. Kupsik asked if it poses any safety issues. Earle said this has happened in the past and when he worked for Miller it was repaired by the owner. Oborn said he spoke with the City attorney and we could claim it as ours if we repair it. Kupsik asked if the City engineer could look at it and make a recommendation. Governatori said he has looked at it and there is no impact on the wall right now. Discussion followed. Kupsik said as this is on private property it is up to the property owner to repair. Direction given to the City Administrator to talk with the property owner and let her know that the Committee agree that she is responsible for the repairs. No action taken.

Discussion/Action/Recommendation on the Bike and Pedestrian Plan including a Steering Committee and Public Workshop meeting date

Oborn said this would be part of doing the study. Kordus asked if this would be additional cost and Oborn confirmed it would. Discussion followed. Kordus asked if we could use the study that was done in 2013. Skates said he was not aware of a bike and pedestrian study being done in the past. The only thing he knows of is the comprehensive plan which is completely separate. Kupsik asked if we could direct Mike Slaveney to use the information in the Comprehensive Plan. Oborn is looking for direction as to who will make up the steering committee, parks or public works. There is no time limit. Skates and Flower would both like to see public input on this. Discussion followed.

Skates/Flower motion to continue this item to the next Public Works Meeting. Passed unanimously.

Discussion/Update/Recommendation of the White River Bridge Replacement Project including update on status and possible insurance or FEMA reimbursement

Earle said this is just an update to explain where we are in the process. We are still waiting to hear if we will be able to receive any FEMA money because the bridge was washed away in the July 12 storm event. Discussion followed. Kupsik asked if we have at least one bridge that can be used right now. Earle confirmed that the bridge closest to the

Commission can still be used. He doesn't think a new bridge will be installed until Spring. No action taken.

Discussion/Action/Recommendation on task order and modifying or redesigning the Riviera Beach Wall Expansion Project

Earle explained that the wall was originally brought to Piers & Harbor as a maintenance item because of erosion and it has grown from there. Waswo said we cannot currently use a mower to cut the grass in the beach area. Earle said the original idea was to build a wall that matched the wall on the other side of the beach house with an ADA walkway. Typically sand, dirt and grass have all been added to deal with the erosion but this is a continual problem. The original cost to build just a wall was approximately \$30K. Flower said given how much money we are spending at the Riviera it doesn't seem that we need to spend over \$300K at the beach when we could fix the problem with \$30K. Earle said people are concerned about trees but that besides the crab apples, none of the trees need to come down. Discussion followed. Kordus said that the discussions at Piers & Harbors had followed the idea of expansion and looking to the future but we could go back to the original plan. Earle said that the beach is contained with limited exits and we really should have an emergency exit. This is the Fire Captains concern. Flower said that we could consider a new exit in whatever way we decide to go. Kordus said if we are going to go back to the beginning and redesign this taking into account access points and ADA sidewalks, then it should go back to Piers and Harbors.

Flower/Skates motion to move the Riviera Beach Wall Expansion Project back to Piers & Harbors. Passed unanimously.

Discussion/Recommendation on Kapur & Associates, Inc. TIF Escrow Draw Request No. 7 for the Main Street Widening Project in an amount of \$17,868.42

Hedlund/Skates motion to approve. Passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Skates/Hedlund motion to adjourn at 6:02 p.m. Passed unanimously.

/s/ Jo Busch, Utility Office Manager

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