

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021 AT 05:00 PM
FIVE POINTS BANQUET ROOM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Brownfield at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Alderman Mike Brownfield, Alderman Brett Adams, Alderman Dave Dingledine, Mayor Gary Manier

Also Present: Alderman Daniel Cobb, Alderman Lili Stevens, City Administrator Ray Forsythe, Planning and Development Director Jon Oliphant, Public Works Director Kevin Schone, City Engineer Dennis Carr, Utilities Superintendent Brian Rittenhouse

1. Non-member Aldermen Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Item: *None.*
2. Citizens Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Item: *None*
3. Approval of Minutes from March 1, 2021 Meeting: *Motion to approve made by Alderman Dingledine, seconded by Alderman Adams. Motion approved.*

4. Business Items:

A. HILLDALE RECONSTRUCTION BID AWARD:

Staff solicited bids for the reconstruction of Hilldale from Terrace to Lawndale. The existing roadway is asphalt/chip seal with the proposed road surface to be constructed as asphalt/concrete. Contractors were allowed to offer alternate bids to compare asphalt and concrete pavement prices. This project will also include the placement of new watermain, sanitary sewer, curb and gutter, sidewalk, and a sump drain lines.

Staff recommends the approval of contract award for the Hilldale Reconstruction Project for the amount of \$1,593,626.42 to Stark Excavating out of Bloomington, IL.

Comments:

An outstanding showing with five bidders. Dave Dingledine thanked City staff on prioritizing this project because there is always a lot of interest early in the season to obtain large contracts. Ray also pointed out that the bid document was well organized and formatted in a way that was familiar to contractors. Washington will be recognized as a place where contractors want to work.

Motion to move contract to Council on April 5 made by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Dingledine. Motion passed.

B. HILLDALE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AGREEMENT – PHASE 3:

Staff solicited bids for the reconstruction of Hilldale Reconstruction Project (Project 1). The city budgeted to hire a Construction Engineer for the project. Similar to Lawndale, City staff will need to hire a resident engineer that will be on-site for the entirety of the project. This will allow City staff to shift between different projects and continue with our daily work. The Resident Engineer that the City used for Lawndale did a nice job for the City and thusly, we would like to continue with Hutchison to continue the Phase 3 Engineering for Hilldale.

Staff requests approval of the engineering agreement with Hutchison for an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

Comments:

Motion to move to Council on April 5 made by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Dingledine. Motion moved.

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C. CITYWIDE STORMWATER STUDY AGREEMENT:

At the February Committee of the Whole meeting, staff had requested that City Council allow staff to put out a Request for Proposals for the preparation of a Citywide Stormwater Study. At that meeting, staff had believed the study would cost an estimated \$500,000. Staff received 4 proposals and after reviewing the proposals, the selection committee unanimously selected a team of TWM-Fehr Graham to assemble this study for the City. Their proposal was extremely well written and laid out to staff exactly what we were looking for from this study.

Staff recommends approval of the Engineering Services Agreement with Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen, Inc for \$463,000.

Comments:

Item pulled from agenda to be addressed in two weeks.

Dave Dingledine asked why there are two firms? Many times, the data collection and modeling is done by a more local firm and other details are handled by another firm, maybe at a more distant location.

D. REQUEST FOR ROW PURCHASE – MEIJER PROPERTY:

Staff has kept the Council up-to-date on the status of the Centennial Rec Trail and its continuous shifting alignment. Final plans have been submitted to IDOT and ROW has been negotiated for the purchase of 1.319 acres of ROW needed from the Meijer property. Meijer has agreed to the appraised price of \$18,000 for the ROW needed to construct this path. With the Engineering being over budget and the ROW purchase not being budgeted for, the Centennial Rec Trail budget will need to be amended at years end. This \$18,000 will be from account 421-000-800-2000.

Staff requests that City Council approve the purchase of 1.319 acres of ROW from Meijer for the use in constructing the Centennial Rec Trail.

Comments:

Alderman Dingledine wants to put this thing to bed! Alderman Dingledine made motion to bring forward to the April 5 Council Meeting. Seconded by Alderman Adams. Motion passed.

E. TRAILS EDGE SECTION 9 and 10 ALTERNATE TYPICAL SECTION:

Potential developers for the Trails Edge Section 9&10 property have recently been in contact with City Staff about drainage concerns. With the topography of this property, the existing drainage, and the increase in rainfall intensity design guidelines, the 100-year flood route was exceeding the curb line in a few low areas of the proposed roadway. The City's stormwater ordinance allows for the 100-year flood route to be in the roadway, but it cannot exceed the height of the curb. To keep the water inside the curb, the cross slope of the roadway was reduced from 2% to 1% and the curb height was increased from 6" to 8". 8" is slightly more expensive to the developer.

Staff requests the PW Committee approve of the variances in geometry.

Comments:

Alderman Dingledine asked if the curb height the only issue we have? Is the landscaping sloped properly? Approval will be based on exhausting all potential issues. Can you come back next week and discuss issue at the Committee of the Whole? Aldermen would clearly state the project and how it will affect the lots in the area.

Brett Adams verified that this topic can be included at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

5. Staff Updates:

- A. Kevin Schone – Clarification regarding commodity bids.

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Chemical bid decision on hold. There is one contractor that has asked that we change the polymer, and we need to verify that polymer will work for us. If we can save money by switching and the product works for us and we are doing the right thing, we should investigate.

CIPP Lining bid has also been placed on hold. Another bid came in that is very competitive and the team needs to review everything prior to rewarding.

Water and Maintenance bid: Jon Oliphant administered commodity last year. Kevin would like to meet with Jon to discuss what's needed.

United and Roanoke were both awarded asphalt bid. Each were cheaper in some areas. Sometimes, in the past, United took a few days to supply product.

Gilman project is currently going on. Whole project should just take 2.5 weeks and ask for patience from the residents.

B. Jon Oliphant - Roll out of public portion of Comprehensive Plan on Thursday, April 15. This event will be a virtual open house, plus an "ask me anything" session around the lunch hour on April 15.

Beginning Code Enforcement Season!

C. Dennis Carr – We have various projects in the works. Lawndale Utility project started today.

Roundabout discussion – We trying to give direction for Tera Engineering for design ideas. We could take the discussion to Committee of the Whole meeting next week.

6. Other Business:

Dave Dingedine – ITEP grant and design for square. He doesn't see any need to change configuration of the square. Not saying that we can't change concrete or entry ways, but to decrease footprint is not ideal. Jon said that we are waiting for a firm response from the State Historic Preservation Office, as the current response has been vague. We are still waiting for the grant awardees to be announced, likely this spring.

7. Adjournment: ***Motion approved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Dingedine. Meeting adjourned at 5:55PM.***