

FINANCE COMMITTEE
JANUARY 11, 2016 AT 7:04 P.M.
LINCOLN CENTER – 1519 WATER STREET

PRESENT: Ald. Slowinski, Phillips, Patton, and Kneebone

ALSO

PRESENT: Mayor Wiza; C/T Ladick; Clerk Moe; City Attorney Beveridge; Directors Ostrowski, Schrader, Lemke, Schatchneider; Ald. Doxtator, Morrow, Ryan, Mrozek, McComb; Police Chief Skibba; Fire Chief Finn; Deputy C/T Freeberg; City Planner Kearns; Brandi Makuski; Nate Enwald; Cathy Dugan; Barb Jacob; Mary Meyer; Bob Larson; David Shorr; Bob Fisch; Trevor Roark; Tori Jennings; Chuck Glodowski

ITEM #1 – ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING, AND PROJECT MNGEMENT SERVICES FOR EDGEWATER MANOR.

Director Ostrowski stated they released an RFP, based on direction from the Council, for architectural and engineering project management services for the needed repairs on Edgewater Manor. They received three proposals, which ranged from \$25,560 - \$84,360 for the base bid of just the architectural and engineering services. They also added project management services, which is a percentage of the project cost. The proposals were from AGL, Boldt and Becher Hoppe. AGL was the firm that did the needs assessment on the building. They came in at \$41,150 and staff is recommending to proceed with AGL given their history and knowledge of the building. Since this is just for the architectural services at this point, they will draw plans for whatever items we decide to proceed with, so he recommends proceeding with all of them at this point, to at least allow us to bid them out and get a cost estimate for the repairs. The total bid would be approximately \$72,641, if the estimates come in at the \$1.7 million.

Ald. Patton questioned if there are other items that could show up that need repair that are not on the list. Director Ostrowski stated there was a needs assessment done and the façade and parking lot were the critical items but we can choose other repairs as needed. We have about \$283,000 left in the checking account for Edgewater, so there are funds available to pay for the architectural services and some of the repair costs. There was also an asbestos test done and it was found that the only asbestos found was in the floor, so as long as the flooring is not touched, we should be good.

Ald. Phillips questioned if AGL has ever done any other projects in the area. Director Ostrowski stated they did the needs assessment and when Edgewater was with the Housing Authority, they were one of the only architects that they dealt with.

Motion made by Ald. Patton, seconded by Ald. Kneebone to approve the architectural, engineering, and project management services for Edgewater Manor with AGL in the amount of \$72,641.

Mary Meyer, 1450 Water Street, stated she would like to see an Edgewater Commission created and to hold off on moving forward until they do.

Barb Jacobs, 1616 Depot Street, would also like to see an Edgewater Commission created as she does not want any money spent until we have more information. She would like to see the façade done first and the rest of the repairs done in phases.

Mayor Wiza stated that this has been tossed around and the demand was made to have the Council take control. That was done and we were directed by many of the residents to fund the repairs, which is what we are doing. The project is of a big scope and the City is not equipped to handle it, which is why we need this architectural firm to take the lead. The tenants stated they wanted the repairs done, so that is the direction the City is taking. He stated that over the long course of this project, they have heard from everyone who had anything to say but if the residents want to form a type of "user group," they can do that on their own and the City would listen to what they had to say. This project cannot wait any longer.

Ald. Slowinski stated he does not want to piece the project and separate it into phases. A study was done that showed what was needed and he would like it done as a whole.

Ald. Kneebone stated if the windows are not bad, we are not obligated to fix them, so she feels there will be some opportunity for input down the line if things come back way out of proportion to what the City can afford.

Ald. Slowinski stated that once these studies are done, they are ours, so they are not wasted.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

ITEM #2 – AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR THE WISCONSIN DOT TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT.

C/T Ladick stated this was brought forward by the Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and would be an 80/20 split. The City would be responsible for 20%. He stated to keep in mind that this grant will only pay for the initial painting of the bike lanes, the City would be responsible for the re-painting of them in the future. He stated the life of the paint is projected to be about 7 years, so at that point, the City would be responsible 100% for it.

Mayor Wiza stated the Wisconsin DOT Transportation Alternatives Program grant was designed specifically to aid in projects like this. There is an 80% match to the City and from the research that he has done, he did find that the 20% that the City is responsible for can include our in-kind work. The maintenance required would be incorporated into the maintenance program that we do now with our other strippings.

Trevor Roark and Tori Jennings, Vice Chair and Chair of the Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, handed out new, updated numbers (see attached) and did a brief presentation on the grant, showing what the grant would be used for and the areas that the stripping would be done. They are asking for approval to apply for the grant to fund the Stevens Point Bicycle Transportation Network Improvement Project, which would create 13.16 miles of painted and signed bike lanes, urban shoulders and shared lane markings. This would create a network that intersects the City and connects residents and visitors to major destinations throughout the City. This project is based on recommendations by Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the Portage County Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, which the City adopted in October of 2015. Tori stated this is a reimbursement grant, so the City would have to pay for the whole project upfront. It is a federal grant, administered by the State. The minimum for the grant is \$300,000 and currently they are at \$444,000, which includes everything, making the City responsible for \$88,800. The design for the project would be part of fiscal year 2017 due to amount of paperwork that needs to be done. The construction for the project would be fiscal year 2019.

Ald. Patton questioned the difference in estimates. Mr. Roark replied the original estimate was based on thermal plastic markings, which is the highest cost style of marking, so after some consideration, they decided epoxy would be more realistic. They have similar durability but epoxy was lower in cost.

Mayor Wiza stated this grant was brought to his attention in the beginning of December, but has a deadline of the end of January, so the Committee and City staff have worked extremely hard to get this large project together in time so that Council could consider it.

Ald. Patton stated he supports this project.

Ald. Phillips questioned if City workers are capable of applying this paint. Mayor Wiza replied no, stating that currently we can't, which is why the cost is so much. He stated the Director is looking at some possibilities to give us the opportunity and equipment to do it ourselves. Currently, the painter we have is a push-behind painter. He is hoping that when maintenance is actually required, we will have the capability of doing it ourselves.

Ald. Slowinski stated that he does not like to add burdens to the work crews and with the big projects coming up in the future, this would be one more thing that they would be responsible for. He thinks it is a great idea, he is just concerned over the added work to the City.

C/T Ladick stated he is glad to hear that the issue of additional work burden is recognized as it does get frustrating for City employees when more burdens are always added but yet budgets are tight and staff get taken away.

Director Schatschneider stated he feels this grant is critical for our community, this is the type of project that pushes us forward.

Ald. Phillips questioned if we could maybe use this paint for the other markings that we redo every year.

Ald. Kneebone stated she thinks this is a great idea and we need to put our money where our mouth is.

Bob Larson, 3283 Lindbergh Avenue, questioned what the projected cost is to redo the surface in seven years. Mayor Wiza answered about the same as the grant amount, somewhere in the \$400,000 range, but reminded him that we are going to be looking at ways to be able to do it in-house to save money. He then asked what the cost would be to do it in-house. Mayor Wiza replied that we do not know yet because we do not know how much the equipment is going to be.

Mr. Roark addressed the question on maintenance stating that the grant has a high percentage of state review costs built in to the application so it may be \$444,000 now, but in seven years, it will not even be close to that because approximately 30% is state review and planning. Since it would already be done there would be no planning and no reviews needed, which would greatly reduce the cost.

Ms. Jennings added that the engineering costs are also included in the \$444,000 amount, which would not be needed either. Basically, the cost would be to just paint over the lines.

Cathy Dugan stated she is happy with the project and supports it.

Ald. Ryan stated he supports the project and believes it will be an economic booster. He questioned, in seven years down the road, if we can paint with a more resilient material, could that maybe be applied to the road paint as well. It would save time in the field and have cost savings. Director Schatschneider stated that tonight he does not have an answer, but seven years from now, he would not be surprised.

Ald. Phillips asked Director Schatschneider if he could come up with a figure that is without the contingency, the engineering, and other things that would not need to be redone again in seven years, by Council. Mayor Wiza stated yes.

Motion made by Ald. Phillips, seconded by Ald. Patton to authorize applying for the Wisconsin DOT Transportation Alternatives Program Grant.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

ITEM #3 – MODIFYING THE 2016 CAPITAL BUDGET AND 2016 BORROWING AMOUNT.

C/T Ladick stated by not doing the Heffron Street extension, we will free up \$690,000 and after an internal discussion as to the best use for that money staff recommends putting the money toward street reconstruction. He stated we have a little bit over 140 miles of roadway and we do about half a mile a year for complete reconstructs, which means the whole road network will be done in 280 years, with no new roads, which is not sustainable. For 2017, because of the grade separation, we were not planning to do a complete reconstruct, but with this savings, we are able to reduce the borrowing for 2016 and use it in 2017 for a street reconstruct. The original capital budget was approved at \$2.2 million dollars so we would reduce that by \$690,000, making the total \$1,510,000 this year and then we would plan on borrowing additional money for 2017.

Bob Larson questioned with the feds raising the rates and anticipating it being at 1% by the end of the year, will that have any major impact on the borrowing. C/T Ladick stated it could, but long-term rates have not moved much and over the last couple of years we have borrowed right around 2%. He would not be surprised if it did go up a bit, but he does not expect it to be significant.

Motion made by Ald. Patton, seconded by Ald. Slowinski, to approve the modification to the 2016 Budget and 2016 Borrowing.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

ITEM #4 – APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF CLAIMS.

Motion made by Ald. Patton, seconded by Ald. Kneebone, to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$745,216.14.

The claims were discussed.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

ITEM #5 – ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION (APPROXIMATELY 7:00 P.M.) PURSUANT TO WISCONSIN STATUTES 19.85(1)(E) (DELIBERATING OR NEGOTIATING THE PURCHASING OF PUBLIC PROPERTIES, THE INVESTING OF PUBLIC FUNDS, OR CONDUCTING OTHER SPECIFIED PUBLIC BUSINESS, WHENEVER COMPETITIVE OR BARGAINING REASONS REQUIRE A CLOSED SESSION) ON THE FOLLOWING: A. NEGOTIATING THE TERMS OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY EAST OF 1101 CENTERPOINT DRIVE, STEVENS POINT, WI 54481. B. NEGOTIATING A POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT IN TIF DISTRICT 9. C. DEVELOPING A STRATEGY FOR PURCHASING REAL ESTATE.

Motion made by Ald. Patton, seconded by Ald. Phillips, to adjourn into closed session at 7:55 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Kneebone, Slowinski, Phillips, and Patton Nays: None
Motion carried.

Adjourned in closed session at 8:41 P.M.



2016 Transportation Alternatives Program

City of Stevens Point

Bicycle Transportation Network Improvement Project

- ❖ TAP is a reimbursement grant for bicycle-pedestrian facilities and Safe Routes to Schools.
- ❖ Project costs are funded with maximum 80% federal and 20% minimum local funds.
- ❖ Infrastructure projects must cost \$300,000 or more.

This TAP grant will allow Stevens Point to modernize its transportation infrastructure by creating 13.16 miles of painted and signed bicycle lanes, urban shoulders, and shared lane markings. The project will create a network that intersects the City and connects residents & visitors to major business and employment areas, schools, neighboring jurisdictions, parks, and existing bike facilities. The project is based on recommendations by WisDOT and City staff, and the *Portage County Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan* adopted 10/19/2015.

Grant Request Summary

Federal share = 80%

Local share = 20%

- Construction cost estimate: \$321,392
- State Review for Construction = 17%
- Plan Development (Design) = 14%
- State Review for Design = 7%

***Project Estimate Total: \$444,000**

***20% Local funds paid by City: \$88,000**

Existing & Planned Bicycle Facilities

City of Stevens Point, Wisconsin

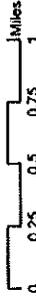
Bicycle Facilities

-  Proposed Bicycle Facilities
-  Existing Bicycle Facilities

Community Features

-  UW-Stevens Point
-  Schools
-  Business and Government
-  Water
-  City of Stevens Point

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