

City of Stevens Point Meeting Minutes

Special Joint Finance Committee /

Board of Public Works

Monday, April 6, 2009, 6:15 p.m.

Lincoln Center, 1519 Water St.

Present: Mayor Andrew Halverson, C/T John Schlice, Director Donald Popoff and Tricia Church; Alderpersons: Hans Walther(2), George Hanson (3), Amy Heart(5), Marge Molski(8), Randal Stroik(9), Brian Brooks(10), and Jerry Moore(11).

EXCUSED: Alderperson Norm Myers Sr.(1).

Also Present: Directors: John Gardner, City Attorney Louis Molepske, City Clerk John Moe, Stevens Point Police Department Brian Kudronowicz, Chris Loken - American Asphalt, Shelley Krayecki - Travel Guard, Gene Kemmeter - PC Gazette, Ryan Urban - PC Gazette Intern, Meredith Thorn - Stevens Point Journal, Mary Ann Laszewski - 1209 Wisconsin Street, Doug Radtke - 3800 Heffron, Reid Rocheleau - 408 Cedar Street (Whiting), Tom Mallison - 1301 Franklin Street, Mike Phillips - 3225 Mary Street, Pat Nelson - Wisconsin Rapids, Brian Wojcik - 403 Second Street, Jami Gebert - 2941 Kozy Street. Alderpersons: Jeremy Slowinski(6) and Roger Trzebiatowski(7).

Don Popoff started out with a PowerPoint presentation to give an overview on this project as a whole from start to finish.

Memo

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4. Adjournment.

1. Finance; Consideration/Action for the Resolution to approve the TEA Grant pending WisDOT approval (attachment)

Alderperson Hanson moved, seconded by Alderperson Stroik to accept the Resolution to approve the TEA Grant pending WisDOT approval.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street (Whiting) voiced his disappointment on rushing this project through.

Alderperson Heart questioned difference of why the actual amount is \$217,000.00 more than the original estimate. Director Popoff answered that the original estimate was done in November and it was just that, an estimate. Looking back in the files, the estimate was done without any traffic calculation or projections. Now that we can see the projections and the improvements that are needed, that's the new cost we have put to the project. Mayor Halverson added that the estimate was done in-house by Alex Saunders without any of the traffic analysis or added engineering necessary to determine the cost.

Alderperson Heart questioned as part of the TEA Grant Application, why is the loan guarantee required and give some other examples of loan guarantees? Director Popoff answered the way the TEA Grant works is we (the city) guarantee there will be certain jobs that will be created or retained from the improvements. Intern, Travel Guard must guarantee the city by the same amount and it's all in the documents.

Jami Gebert voiced her opinion regarding traffic issues in the Industrial Park when downtown on the double lane roads 600 Travel Guard employees along with all other traffic had no real issues.

Mike Phillips voiced his opinion regarding the contingency of 10-15% on engineering and the contractors.

MaryAnn Laszewski believes we could address the increase in traffic by Travel Guard by working with Travel Guard to help them design alternate plans for managing the traffic. We could then wait to see if the new traffic plans and patterns work and if there really is a need for the road.

Pat Nelson expressed his concerns on some of the prices and the laws regarding competitive bidding. He would like to see the project go forward but would like to see it go out for bidding.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

7:45 P.M. - RECESS FOR SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING.

7:46 P.M. - RECONVENED BACK TO THE SPECIAL JOINT FINANCE/BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING

1a. Finance; Appropriation of local funding TEA Grant (attachment)

C/T Schlice explained the memo indicating two sources of industrial park development funds which is money that was brought in from the sale of industrial park land in 1987-88. There have not been any expenditure since that time and the Finance Committee and Common Council are fully authorized to appropriate this money for proper projects. We wouldn't have to expend local funds and it wouldn't hit the levy.

Alderperson Hanson moved, seconded by Alderperson Stroik to accept the proper appropriation of funding of the TEA Grant.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

2. Board of Pubic Works; Consideration/Action to approve LFA Contract #DT-2056 pending approval from the WisDOT for the construction of

CTH HH and Business Park Drive Intersection (attachment)

Director Gardener explained that what we have here is your staff and consultant looking out for your better interest. When you sign a grant agreement with anyone in the State of Wisconsin on any project, it's always a cost not to exceed. So, they are going to make an estimate that is for sure going to cover all the contingencies. It doesn't mean you spend it, it only means there are no surprises.

Doug Radtke, 3800 Heffron Street explained his concerns regarding the LFA part of this contract with the county. He feels the bidding process is something we should use whenever possible because we don't know whether the bids will come in less or not. He also feels the County doesn't need the work with county roads. The local contractors need the work due to the economy. He questioned the laws, he received a letter stating that the city is legally obligated to comply with the Wisconsin competitive bidding requirements and put it out for bidding according to Wis. Stats. Mayor Halverson answered that is allowed under state law because we are partnering with the County and jointly filed as a joint TEA Grant. Louis Molepske explained the exceptions of the laws along with City Ordinances we have in place for different circumstances.

Alderson Stroik moved, seconded by Mayor Halverson to approve the LFA Contact #DT-2056 pending approval from the WisDOT for the construction of CTH HH and Business Park Drive Intersection as long as the County Corporate Council and the City Attorney give a legal opinion that this is not withstanding.

Alderson Heart explained her disappointment regarding the shifting of jobs from downtown to the Industrial Park and not creating new jobs downtown. At this point Alderson Heart is voting no.

Director Gardner commented that he along with the Mayor tried to keep employment downtown and the reason that Travel Guard is moving is because there simply was no space downtown to accommodate all the future projected growth. If there was space downtown, we would probably be applying this same TEA Grant application for a downtown site.

Alderson Stroik voiced his opinion that he doesn't think it is appropriate to ask Travel Guard to alternate shift to accommodate traffic in this area. This is about all the other businesses as well in the business park along with traffic on the Plover side.

Ayes majority; nays minority; motion carried.

3. Consideration/Action for approval of Relocation Order Pursuant to 32.05(1) Wis. Stats. - Southeast Corner of Hoover Avenue and Joerns Drive (attachment)

Louis Molepske explained that we are putting a sewer line in and replacing the lift stations at the intersections of Patch Street and Hoover Avenue and there is a small strip that we may need to acquire that lies adjacent to where Joerns leases the building from an investment company that is a 30-foot strip.

Alderson Stroik questioned if Joerns has been approached and do they have any issues regarding this? Mayor Halverson answered that they are well aware of it and the City Attorney is handling all the conversations involved.

Alderson Heart moved; seconded by Alderson Stroik to approve the Relocation Order Pursuant to 32.05(1) Wis. Stats. - Southeast Corner of Hoover Avenue and Joerns Drive.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

4. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Halverson adjourned the April 6, 2009 Special Finance/Board of Public Works meeting at 8:24 P.M.

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