

Meeting Minutes

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 10, 2002, 7:05 p.m. Present: Mayor Wescott, C/T Schlice; Alderpersons Barr, Nealis, Sevenich, Walther

Excused: Alderperson Sowiejka

Also Present: Director Van Alstine, Superintendent Krieski, Clerk Zdroik, Mayoral Assistant Molepske, Assessor Kuehn, Director Gardner, Director Schrader, Director Disher, Captain Dowling, Peggy Rentz, Gady Worzalla, Jack Worzalla, Cheryl Jean, Carol Molepske, Mark Poirier, Sheryl Poirier, Reid Rocheleau, Gene Kemmeter, Barb Martin, Matt Mattano; Alderpersons Filipiak, Molski, Moore, Phillips, Rackow, Seiser
Mayor Wescott said he would like to ask that Item #2 of the agenda, Consideration and Approval of Bids for #12 02 be tabled because the bids came in over budget and there hasn't been a chance to determine what course of action to recommend. He said Director Van Alstine had been at a DOT meeting in Wisconsin Rapids all afternoon and wasn't able to review the bids with Director Schrader.

He said Item #3-A would be withdrawn, both Alderperson Sevenich and the Police Department were in agreement with this.

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 - *Repeal two hour parking zone on Strongs Avenue between Main and Clark Streets.
 - *Create one hour parking zone on Strongs Avenue between Main and Clark Streets.
- B) Traffic Study #02-04-B:
 - *Remove parking meters from eastside of Church Street between Main and Clark Streets.
 - *Create two hour parking zone on eastside of Church Street between Main and Clark Streets.
4. Update on Airport Construction.
5. Update on Lincoln Center.
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7. Authorization to proceed with downtown projects:
 - A) Permits to open east end of Main Street.
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1. PARKING METER REPORT (ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

Mayor Wescott presented the May 2002 Parking Meter Report.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderperson Barr to accept the May 2002 Parking Meter Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

2. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF BIDS: #12-02 ADDITION TO ALL PURPOSE BUILDING - IVERSON PARK

Alderperson Sevenich moved, seconded by Alderperson Nealis to table the bids for the reasons stated above and that the bids will be brought before the Board after they have been reviewed.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

3. A) TRAFFIC STUDY #02-04-A

- *REPEAL TWO HOUR PARKING ZONE ON STRONGS AVENUE BETWEEN MAIN AND CLARK STREETS
- *CREATE ONE HOUR PARKING ZONE ON STRONGS AVENUE BETWEEN MAIN AND CLARK STREETS

This item was withdrawn.

B) TRAFFIC STUDY #02-04-B

- *REMOVE PARKING METERS FROM EASTSIDE OF CHURCH STREET BETWEEN MAIN AND CLARK STREETS
- *CREATE TWO HOUR PARKING ZONE ON EASTSIDE OF CHURCH STREET BETWEEN MAIN AND CLARK STREETS

Alderperson Nealis asked if this would cause any revenue loss.

Director Van Alstine said not much, that's why the change was requested.

Alderperson Sevenich moved, seconded by Mayor Wescott to approve Traffic Study #02-04-B.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

4. UPDATE ON AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION

Director Van Alstine reported that on Phase 1 the taxiway in front of the Sentry hangar to the south end of the long runway has been completed.

He said on Phase 2 the concrete in front of the terminal has been removed and should be ready for the first layer of paving by the end of this week.

The Mayor asked when it would be completed and Director Van Alstine said probably before the 1st of August.

Alderperson Molski asked if they were adding on to the Noel hangar.

Director Van Alstine answered they are finishing their original design from last year, the Noel construction is not part of the State project.

5. UPDATE ON LINCOLN CENTER (ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

Director Van Alstine referred to the six-week layout in the packet and said Boldt revises this weekly. He went on to say they should have poured the north wall on the basement and the west end should be ready for steel. He said he asked Ellis Stone to put on extra people in an effort to make up for the five-weeks that were lost earlier in the project. He was told they really don't have any extra people right now but they will try to do what they can.

6. APPROVAL OF RELOCATION ORDERS AND PLATS FOR SOUTHSIDE BUSINESS DISTRICT (ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

Mayor Wescott said this is a formality in the legal process for the acquisition of property, he said the project has already been approved and will be constructed in 2005.

Director Van Alstine said there is a copy of the plats in his office if anyone wants to see them.

Aldersperson Barr moved, seconded by Aldersperson Walther to approve the Relocation Orders and Plats for the Southside Business District.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

7. AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH DOWNTOWN PROJECT A) PERMITS TO OPEN EAST END OF MAIN STREET (ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

Mayor Wescott said the consultant has recommended opening the east end of Main Street and this item is before the Board to authorize the City to contact the Wisconsin DOT for permits. If the State is agreeable we will then come back with recommendations for financing but before we do this we need to contact the State formally. He said we have had informal contact with the DOT and have found them agreeable. He reiterated that we are not seeking permission for the project tonight but only permission to approach the State formally.

Mark Poirier of 1417 Main Street asked why this was being considered and Aldersperson Nealis said for better access to and more exposure of the downtown. The Mayor said this would provide easy access to Main Street from Centerpoint Drive, we are not opening up the downtown to Highway 10 through traffic.

Mr. Poirier and Cheryl Jean of 1501 Main Street felt this would not improve access to downtown, that there are better ways to spend money to do so, such as improved signage. Neither felt this will bring in enough outside traffic to benefit the merchants downtown.

Ms. Jean expressed concern about large trucks and other out of town traffic becoming confused and getting downtown where it will be difficult for them to exit. She said the downtown is congested with traffic as it is. She said spending the money to undo this will not help and she asked if opening the west end was in the works?

The Mayor said it has not been recommended at this time but if this portion is approved there will have to be considerations.

Jack Worzalla of 298 Pond Street in Amherst said he was speaking for Gady Worzalla of 1416 Main Street, the owner of the property known as the castle. He referred to an agreement that was made approximately 25-years ago between the City, the Historical Society, and the Federal Government to keep traffic away from that historical building at 1416 Main Street. He said at that time the City moved the traffic from the front of the building to the back to comply with the requirements of the Historical Society not to increase traffic around the building. He said if the City opens that street they are not honoring the agreement. He produced several documents and news releases from the time period that dealt with the highway construction and downtown development that indicated the street did not go through because the City wanted traffic away from downtown to make it pedestrian friendly. The agreement with the Historical Society indicated they wanted the noise and traffic away from the historical building. He said because of the agreement made back then the City shouldn't even be considering the option of reopening the east end of Main Street.

Mayor Wescott reminded the Board that we are not approving the project tonight, we are only approving authorization to approach the State formally to issue the required permits.

Aldersperson Nealis moved, seconded by Aldersperson Barr to authorize City staff to formally approach the Wisconsin Department of Transportation regarding permits to open the east end of Main Street.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

7B) PHASE 1 - 2002 AND 2003 DOWNTOWN DIRECTIONAL STUDY PROJECTS (ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

Mayor Wescott went over some of the items listed in the attachment saying they are mostly underway, under consideration or ongoing. He said as each of these items come up they will be brought back for approval with more information and the costs. He said some of the planters and waste receptacles have already been painted and we will be updating others as soon as possible. He also said we are finally working with the owners of the Fox Theater for operational signage.

Aldersperson Walther moved, seconded by Aldersperson Sevenich to approve Phase 1 - 2002 and 2003 Downtown Directional Study projects.

Reid Rocheleau suggested that both Strongs Avenue and Church Street be made two-way and Director Gardner said the consultants looked at that and rejected it.

Aldersperson Filipiak suggested separate receptacles for recycling instead of one heap but it was pointed out that would make it more difficult for collection.

Aldersperson Rackow said he wanted to re-affirm that these items would be brought back with individual costs and the Mayor assured him that was certainly the plan.

Mayor Wescott called for a voice vote on the motion.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

7C) PROJECT AT MAIN STREET AND WATER STREET (ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

Mayor Wescott said this plan from the architect would make the area more pedestrian friendly, it has been discussed with the Downtown Task Force and consultants.

Director Gardner said this item is number 11 of the Directional Study Project. He said the bakery building is being remodeled and the architect is willing to pay most of the cost himself to create the bump-outs.

The Mayor said the City will provide the type of things such as removing the pavement, barricades, and some black dirt, he said Director Van Alstine has reviewed and approved the request.

Alderson Seiser said her main concern was that there would be good curb cuts for bicycles.

Mayor Wescott said that is part of the plan to promote pedestrian safety.

There was some discussion on the curve of the streets, traffic flow, and that the bump outs protect the parking.

Mayor Wescott moved, seconded by Alderson Nealis to approve the project at Main and Water Streets.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

8. SUPERINTENDENT OF SERVICES REPORT (ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

Superintendent Krieski presented his May 2002 report and added they should be finished with the Heffron Street storm sewer this week between Leahy and Feltz and they will be moving on to work on the culverts on Heffron. He said they will be working on two sanitary drums, and they will be milling on Water Street from Williams to HH. They are in the process of wedging in preparation for sealcoating on the north side of the City south to the tracks.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderson Barr to accept the May 2002 Superintendent of Services Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

Director Van Alstine presented his May 2002 report and said he had been at a DOT meeting in Wisconsin Rapids that afternoon where Phase 3 of the Highway 10 project was discussed. He said HH will be used as a detour next summer.

Mayor Wescott said Phase 4 will be on Highway 10 from Minnesota Avenue to I-39 and he said he is pleased that the asphalt medians will be replaced with green areas.

Alderson Phillips referred to the milling on Water Street from Williams to HH and asked if the infrastructure will be brought up to date?

Director Van Alstine said the surface will be ground off and replaced. He said the areas where the water mains broke have been repaired and the County Home to HH had been replaced in the late 1970's. He said only Williams to Whiting Avenue is not new.

Mayor Wescott pointed out that infrastructure replaced in the 70's is considered new saying some of the sewer replaced during the Highway 10 project was put in around 1917 to the 1920's.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Mayor Wescott to accept the May 2002 Director's Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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