

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL**

**Stevens Point Police Department
Community Room
933 Michigan Ave**

**December 02, 2019
5:30 P.M.**

1. Roll Call

Discussion and Possible Action on the Following:

2. Consideration of awarding the demolition contract to raze a portion of, or all of, 1116 Main St (Parcel ID 281240832202929), a.k.a. the Fox Theater.
3. Consideration of authorizing the staff to apply for a WI-DOT Multimodal Local Supplement (MLS) grant for Rail Spur Development within East Park Commerce Center.
4. Adjournment.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Mike Wiza
Members of the City Council

FROM: Ryan Kernosky, Director of Community Development
DJ Schneider, Inspection Superintendent

DATE: December 2, 2019

RE: **AWARDING DEMOLITION CONTRACT TO RAZE A PORTION, OR ALL OF, 1116
MAIN STREET (PID 281240832202929) AKA THE FOX THEATRE**

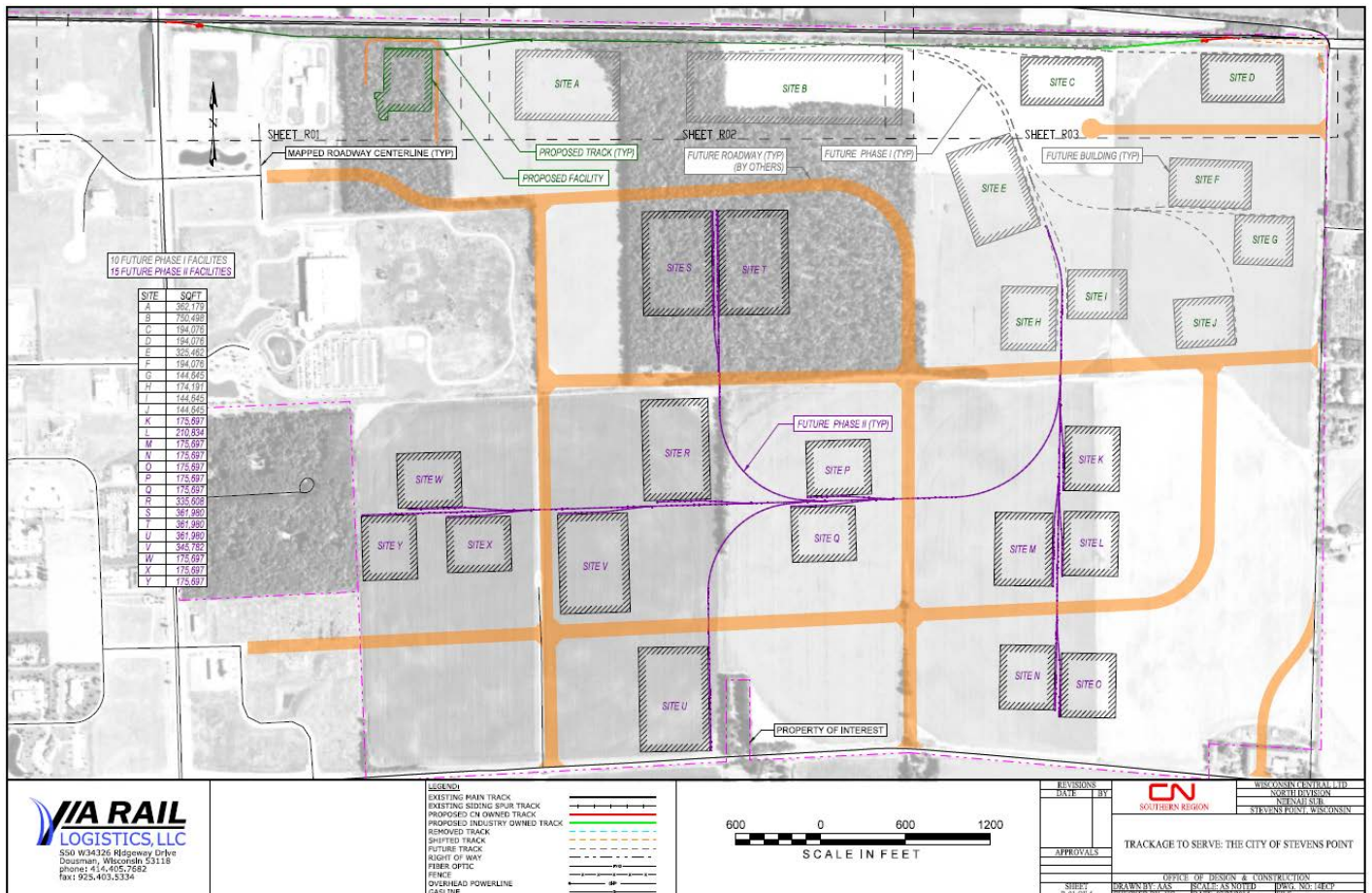
Background: Staff has been walking several contractors through the Fox Theatre to obtain quotes for partial or complete demolition. Because of how quick the City has been working on obtaining bids, coupled with the winter season upon us, we have pressed contractors to get us quotes as soon as possible. Several indicated that they will submit bids no later than November 27th.

As bids come in staff is ranking them based on cost, timeline, knowledge/skills to raze, and protection abilities (i.e. insurance). We will have a complete set of bids with the staff recommendation to you as soon as we are able.

Please reach out to Superintendent Schneider or myself with any questions.

To: Common Council, Plan Commission & Committees
 From: Kyle Kearns
 Date: 11/25/2019
 Subject: Consideration of authorizing staff to apply for a WI-DOT Multimodal Local Supplement (MLS) grant for Rail Spur Development within East Park Commerce Center

Multiple departments are working together on a grant application through the WI-DOT Multimodal Local Supplement (MLS) grant for a railroad siding rack within the East Park Commerce Center. The City has been planning to eventually construct a siding track, which would allow for rail access for existing park tenants and future tenants. Several years ago, a design was created by Via Rail for the siding track and possible spurs. Below is a design of what the park could look like at complete build-out, which matches the concept plan for the park.



The MLS grant allows for a maximum award of 3.5 million (90%) with a 10% match. The rail project, which would only include the siding track alongside the main rail road line, was estimated by Via Rail to cost nearly 4 million. Furthermore, staff feels that the rail project should score highly on the criteria below.

A. Project Type Scoring Evaluation – All Project Applications Score Under Only One Criteria		
Project Type	Score	Evaluation Criteria
Road/Bridge	0-25	Safety, serviceability, project type, e.g., reconstruction, traffic
Transit	0-25	Increases ridership, asset management
Railroad	0-25	Asset management, increase capacity, safety
Bicycle Pedestrian	0-25	Safety, modal shift, accessibility
Harbor	0-25	Increases capacity, infrastructure improvements
Multiple*	0-25	Equalized score based on multiple project types
B. Universal Evaluation - All Projects Scored Under Each Criteria		
Category	Score	Evaluation Criteria
Economic Impact	0-10	Transportation importance to community
Connectivity	0-5	Connections to or accommodations for other modes
Cost Effectiveness	0-5	Viability of proposed solution compared to other treatment alternatives
Other	0-5	Additional considerations, such as regional significance
Total Score = Project Type Score (A) + Universal Evaluation Score (B)		

*Projects with more than one mode are limited to a total of 25 points in the Project Type Scoring Evaluation (Section A).

The City’s share of the project would be a TIF expense and could change, dependent upon the award amount.

In summary, staff would recommend pursuing the grant, as the East Park Commerce Center was originally planned to have railroad access. The award of the grant and construction of the rail siding track would be a catalyst to additional development within the park. Over the years, many businesses have displayed great interest for rail into the park, and in some instances haven’t built because of the lack of rail. Lineage cold storage, tenant within the park, is in strong support of rail as it can significantly improve business operations.

Please feel free to talk with staff should you have any questions or require further information about the grant, rail design, or others project specifics.