

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, February 14, 2006
Committee Room #2

PRESENT: Alds. Bruderle-Baran, Casey, Herzog, Maher, Purins, Stepaniak – 6

EXCUSED: Alds. Grimm, Jenkins

ALSO PRESENT: T. Wontorek, City Administrator; R. Braier, Finance Dir.; W. Kappel, Public Works Dir.; W. Wehrley, City Engin.; J. Wojcehowicz, Water Supt.; J. Bembenek, Purchasing Mgr.

Ald. Bruderle-Baran as Chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Purchase of fireworks for the 2006 Fourth of July Celebration with Bartolotta Fireworks as vendor

Mr. Braier said the Civic Celebration Commission has recommended that Bartolotta Fireworks provide the fireworks again for the Fourth of July Celebration. The money is already in the budget. The city is proposing to hold the fireworks display at West High School this year because of the construction at Hart Park. Bartolotta has held fireworks displays at West High School in the past.

Ald. Maher said that as a member of the Civic Celebration Commission he has been working closely with the school district on an informational memo provided to the school board. They are also working through the logistics with the school board. He added that West High School is the only location that is feasible for holding the 2006 Fourth of July Celebration fireworks display.

Moved by Ald. Maher, seconded by Ald. Stepaniak to recommend approval to purchase fireworks for the 2006 Fourth of July Celebration from Bartolotta Fireworks at a cost of \$15,000 contingent upon the fireworks display being held – 6

Park design and cost developments pertaining to proposed Hart Park improvements

Mr. Kappel distributed to the committee a revised Hart Park expansion planning process spreadsheet. He said an Ad Hoc Hart Park Planning Committee has been formed and some of the dates have been changed to accommodate the schedule of the Ad Hoc Committee, consultants, the public and the Common Council members. He felt that the presentation of the updated master plan to the Committee of the Whole on April 4th should precede the presentation of the plans at the Community Development Committee hearing on April 11th. They plan on holding public forums each step of the way. Ultimately the meetings can be held as the committee chooses. He also included a step to bring the final plan and costs to the Budget & Finance committee for approval and discussion of financing options on June 13th. This would be one last chance to weigh in on any changes that committee members would like to make. He said the public forums would be similar to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) flood plain project meetings. The Committee on Persons with Disabilities would like to be involved in the playground design.

Ald. Stepaniak thought the timeline was very responsive to the last discussion on the level of the committee's involvement. The Committee of the Whole would actually have three opportunities to give input on the Hart Park planning progress. It would also be a good idea to get feedback at an earlier stage

from the Community Development Committee. This is a major project for the city and laying out an appropriate strategy is very important.

Ald. Maher suggested looking at the opportunities for community input. He would like to get the word out more effectively. Mr. Kappel said he has spoken with the Wauwatosa School Board and asked them to notify the parents in the school district. He has also contacted the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and the Wauwatosa News Times. The web site survey is active which he believes will give them a good pulse on public opinion. They are also looking at asking merchants if they will display a poster in their shop windows containing information on the public forums.

Ald. Bruderle-Baran noted that the Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for April 4th. She suggested that with a significant turnover of the Common Council two weeks later it would be a good idea to reschedule the Committee of the Whole meeting for April 18th instead in order to bring the new members up to speed on the progress of the Hark Park of planning process. Mr. Kappel agreed that the planning process could go to the Community Development Committee first and then to the Committee of the Whole. It was the consensus of the committee to hold the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 18th.

Ald. Herzog expressed concern about the number of meetings related to the cost for the consultants attending those meetings. Mr. Kappel said the consultants felt it was important to attend the meetings to get the best picture of the needs and requests of the community and the Common Council. The consultants will also provide a Power Point presentation showing the progress of the planning process.

Ald. Stepaniak thought that they needed to underscore the public process because it will ultimately yield a better product. Mr. Kappel added that it makes sense to double up on the meetings and make sure that more people are aware of the opportunities for public input.

Ald. Maher thought the more opportunities for public input, the better. He was pleased with the number of venues the public will have to give input. He said the more the public feels they have been in on the process from the beginning the better the process will go.

Two Wisconsin Urban Non-Point Source Water Pollution abatement and Storm Water grants

Mr. Wehrley said that the committee approved the department's applications for these grants in 2005. The first grant is for the installation of a storm water infiltration system at Hart Park in the amount of \$149,650. The second grant is for the installation of catch basins, replacing storm water inlets in the amount of \$149,975. The project funds were awarded. Both grants require a 50% cost share and matching funds for the first grant may be a combination of storm sewer spot improvements, Muellner Building flood proofing and Hart Park expansion monies. Matching funds for the second grant will come out of storm sewer spot improvements or storm sewer rehab prior to paving accounts. In order to accept the grants they need a Council resolution.

Moved by Ald. Herzog, seconded by Ald. Maher to recommend approval of the acceptance of two Wisconsin Urban Non-Point Source Water Pollution abatement and Storm Water grants – 6

Repaving design of Blue Mound Road from Glenview Avenue to N. 66th Street

Mr. Wehrley said that in 2004 the engineering department budgeted for the design of Blue Mound Road from Glenview Avenue to N. 66th Street. The City of Milwaukee is the lead agency on this project and is doing the design. His department recently received the cost-sharing agreement which the Common Council approved on February 7th of this year. Funding for this project was provided for in the 2004 budget and carried forward into the 2005 budget; however, those funds lapsed at the end of 2005. The

City of Milwaukee estimates Wauwatosa's share of the design costs to be \$89,303. Previously authorized monies in the amount of \$85,000 and an additional \$5,000 from the Unallocated Capital Projects fund balance would fully fund the estimated design costs in this agreement. He recommended reauthorization of the \$85,000 plus a supplemental \$5,000 from the Unallocated Capital Projects fund balance in order to fully fund the current estimated design costs.

Moved by Ald. Maher, seconded by Ald. Casey to recommend approval for the reauthorization of \$85,000 plus a supplemental \$5,000 from the Unallocated Capital Projects fund balance in order to fully fund the current estimated design costs for the repaving design of Blue Mound Road from Glenview Avenue to N. 66th Street – 6

Contract with AT&T (SBC) for complete voice and data solution telecommunications system

Mr. Bembenek said they spent a considerable amount of time through 2005 analyzing the city's voice and data needs. They initially started with the voice needs and realized that they could save money by streamlining the voice and data systems on the same traffic lines. Presently they have numerous problems with the voice system; for example, calls can't be transferred to departments outside of city hall. They are also studying the city's emergency communications needs as prompted by the events of September 11th. The cost of hardware is approximately \$260,195.65. This includes all new data equipment and voice equipment. The cost of the contract for network services covering a 60 month period would be approximately \$190,068.38 which includes a discount of \$57,540.

Mr. Bembenek said they solicited 4 proposals. The lowest bid was from Delta Communications. The second lowest was from AT&T (formerly SBC). AT&T submitted a very good proposal for the hardware and the line charges. The Telecommunications Committee looked into awarding Delta the hardware charges and AT&T the line charges. In the end, they concluded that there would still be a problem with who would be responsible for any problems in either area. The Telecommunications Committee is recommending the proposal from AT&T. He noted that all the suppliers were very helpful in gathering data and offering solutions for the city's telecommunications needs.

Mr. Braier said they looked at a few options for financing: 1) lease option from the vendor; 2) a loan from a bank; and 3) using a bond issue. The least expensive option would be borrowing money through general obligation bonds that would stay within the bonding cap.

Spencer Thomasen, Delta Communications, 23673 W. Blue Mound Road, Waukesha, told the committee about the advantages of his company's proposal over the other proposals.

Tom Pedrana, AT&T, 17950 W. Corporate Drive, Brookfield, said he felt confident after many meetings with city staff that his company can meet the needs of the city providing continuing service for many years to come. He said they have several systems to offer the city and a staff of design engineers that will analyze the city's needs. He gave his personal assurance that AT&T will make sure the city is satisfied with their telecommunications system.

Ald. Bruderle-Baran left at 8:44 p.m. Ald. Casey assumed the chair. (-5)

Mr. Otzelberger said the city hall system has no redundancy, so if a line goes down the line is lost. Internet IP is the ability to connect between departments outside city hall.

Ald. Bruderle-Baran returned and assumed the chair at 8:47. (-6)

Mr. Bembenek said they could still save some money by going month to month, but the most money is saved by locking in the line charges for 5 years. He said the city would own the hardware and they would have to negotiate for the maintenance and line charges.

Ald. Casey said he didn't think it was the purview of the committee to second guess the work that was done by city staff and the Telecommunications Committee. He noted that the vote by the Telecommunications Committee to accept AT&T's proposal was unanimous. Mr. Otzelberger added that this product also works inside the network to isolate and stop any threats. The product will detect viruses and stop them before they spread. Ald. Casey asked if voice communications will still happen over copper wire and will this proposal give the city the redundancy they need. Mr. Otzelberger responded that they will still use the copper wire, but maybe they could use alternate paths to create redundancy. He added that the AT&T proposal would serve the city's needs in a three to five year time frame.

Ald. Purins asked why they only invited only 4 vendors to submit proposals. Mr. Bembenek said they had a lot of help up front with the vendors involved. This is a complex issue and they thought multiple bids would not be in the best interest of the city. He added that the 4 vendors involved are companies they have dealt with for many years.

Ald. Maher noted that the recommendation is to fold \$468,000 into the 2006 bonding resolution. Mr. Braier said it will be a ten year bond, but they will restructure it to pay over 5 years. Ald. Maher asked how long it would take to depreciate the \$235,000 for the voice equipment. Mr. Bembenek responded it would take over 5 to 7 years. Ald. Maher said he had strong concerns with bonding for 5 years on a 4 year contract. He strongly suggested that the amount be paid without bonding.

Moved by Ald. Maher, seconded by Ald. Stepaniak to recommend bonding only for the \$260,295.60 in hardware costs --

Ald. Bruderle-Baran said that a number of questions have been raised about the funding for the network services. She suggested that this item be held for additional information pertaining to the bid amount for the five year service for the two providers and what would happen to the discount if the city paid the cost in full.

Ald. Purins said it is not unreasonable to contract out for service for five years, but how does the city pay for that five year contract and should the equipment be included in the capital cost.

Moved by Ald. Herzog, seconded by Ald. Stepaniak to hold the item for two weeks for further information – 6

Internal Revenue Service employment tax compliance check for the City of Wauwatosa

Mr. Braier reported that he received a letter about six weeks ago from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) saying that they planned to perform a compliance check on the city. The IRS looked at everything and gave the city a clean bill of health and he has received a letter to that effect. He complimented the personnel department and the comptroller's staff for the good job they do which has contributed to the positive report from the IRS.

The committee recessed at 9:11 p.m. and reconvened at 9:18 p.m.

Agreement between the Milwaukee Water Works and the City of Wauwatosa for the Purchase of Water at Wholesale to include the Village of Elm Grove as part of the city's approved service area

Mr. Wojcehowicz said the current Purchase of Water at Wholesale agreement defines our service area to be within the city limits of Wauwatosa and not outside our city boundaries. The Milwaukee Water Works

has completed the engineering study of the proposal to extend the service area to include Elm Grove and plans to forward the request to the Milwaukee Common Council. They have requested that the Wauwatosa Common Council make the request. He recommended amending the agreement between the City of Milwaukee and the City of Wauwatosa for the Purchase of Water at Wholesale to include the Village of Elm Grove as part of the city's service area.

Ald. Maher asked why the city is only looking at extending the water service to Elm Grove. Mr. Wojcehowicz said the process is cleaner if done on a case by case basis. Cities like Brookfield may have multiple water sources. Ald. Maher asked if it made sense to provide water to Elm Grove and completely bypass the discussion about providing water to the proposed project at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Mr. Wontorek noted that if the city provides water to the zoo it is still within the City of Milwaukee and still a customer.

Moved by Ald. Herzog, seconded by Ald. Purins to recommend amending the Agreement between the City of Milwaukee and the City of Wauwatosa for the Purchase of Water at Wholesale to include the Village of Elm Grove as part of the city's service area – 6

Vouchers

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FOR</u>
K. Walbrant & 5 Arborists	\$780.00	Forestry – 2/5-2/7/06 – Green Bay WI Arborist Assn. Annual Winter Conf.
K. Walbrant & 5 Arborists	\$366.00	Forestry – 2/5-2/7/06 – Green Bay WI Arborist Assn. Annual Winter Conf.
W. Rice	\$300.22	Fire – 2/3-2/5/06 – Wisconsin Rapids State Fire Instructors Conference
L. Hudson	\$37.87	Police – 2/1-2/3/06 – Appleton DNA & Crime Scene Management
D. Hoppe	\$254.15	Police – 1/23-1/24/06 – Milwaukee Court Testimony Techniques
T. Estness	\$194.78	Mayor – 1/26-1/27/06 – Madison Wisconsin Alliance of Cities
C. Hill	\$609.80	Engin. – 1/25-1/30/06 – Green Bay WI Society of Land Surveyor's
Conference		
D. Wheaton, J. Schwab W. Bayliss, W. Mainus F. Knapp	\$140.00	Bldg. – 1/30-1/31/06 – Milwaukee Electrical Inspector Recertification
D. Wheaton, J. Schwab W. Bayliss, W. Mainus F. Knapp, S. Presnal, G. Blando	\$960.00	Bldg. – 2/1-2/2/06 – Milwaukee Construction (UDC & Commercial) Recertification

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FOR</u>
D. Davidson	\$519.00	Police – 11/8-11/10/05 – Fox Valley Managing Criminal Investigation Units
B. Williams	\$28.50	City Clerk – 2/10/06 – Bayside Metro Clerks Meeting
C. Ledesma	\$71.07	City Clerk – 2/8-2/9/06 – Madison WMCA District V Meeting
C. Ledesma	\$29.40	City Clerk – 2/10/06 – Bayside Metro Clerks Assoc. Meeting
J. Short	\$300.00	Police – 12/5-12/8/05 – WCTC Instructor Development Course
N. Kreuser	\$27.08	Health – 1/11/06 – Brown Deer WI Assoc. of Local Health Depts. & Boards Meeting & Holiday Luncheon
L. Nielsen	\$30.58	Health – 1/11/06 – Brown Deer WI Assoc. of Local Health Depts. & Boards Meeting & Holiday Luncheon
B. Beckman	\$175.00	Police – 11/7-11/9/05 – West Allis Emergency Based Street Survival for Law Enforcement
R. Schumacher	\$495.00	Police – 11/28 & 12/2/05 – Racine Hostage Negotiations – Phase I & Phase II
G. Raymond	\$600.00	Police – 10/10-10/28/05 – Milwaukee Traffic Accident Reconstruction Course

Moved by Ald. Casey, seconded by Ald. Purins that the vouchers
be allowed and paid – 6

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
City of Wauwatosa

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