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BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Regular Meeting – Monday, October 6, 2008 – 8:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Braier, Finance Dir.; Mr. Kesner, City Atty.; Ms. Welch, Community Dev. Dir.;
Mr. Wheaton, Chief Bldg. Official -4

EXCUSED: Ms. Ledesma

ALSO W. Kappel, Dir. of Public Works; W. Wehrley, City Eng.; S. Presnal, Plumbing Insp.;
PRESENT: J. Bembenek, Purch. Mgr.; K. Hurst, Traffic & Maint. Supt.; J. Archambo, City Admin.

Mr. Kesner in the Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The Chair requested any additions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting.

Moved by Mr. Wheaton seconded by Ms. Welch to accept the
minutes as printed. Ayes: 4

Haul Routes/Emergency Generator Operation – MMSD Underwood Creek MIS Relief Sewer

Project. Richardo Santiago, Project Manager, Michels Tunneling, 16500 W. Rogers Drive, New Berlin, reported that the second phase of Underwood Creek MIS construction is underway along Fisher Parkway from east of N. 102nd Street to about 107th Street. They are trying to complete sections by blocks, which is quicker and better for residents, and would like to contain all truck traffic in the block in which they are working rather than going to 102nd or 104th Streets, as previously approved by the Board.

Mr. Wehrley noted that the Board had required use of 104th Street as the exit route since the signalized intersection at North Avenue would be safer for heavily loaded dump trucks. At this point, that would require going right past the excavation, making it safer to instead use a number of other streets based on the time of day and congestion on the roadways. Mr. Wehrley said that the concern would continue to be that these roads are not built for heavy traffic and, if approved, recommended holding the contractor responsible for repair of any damages. Mr. Santiago indicated that he has a videotape record of the condition of all of the roads and can provide a copy, if needed.

Moved by Mr. Wheaton, seconded by Ms. Welch to approve revised
haul routes, as needed, contingent upon repair or replacement of any
road damage by the contractor at the discretion of engineering staff.
Ayes: 4

Mr. Santiago said that Michels also requests authorization to operate a 24-hour generator should a power failure interfere with operation of essential bypass pumps. Mr. Wehrley explained that since the new sewer is lower than the existing sewer, a power failure would cause basement backups in this area. Staff felt that the initial request to operate a generator 24-hours every day would be disruptive to residents and recommended that they tap off the city's nearby electrical service. Temporary use of a generator would be limited to emergency situations for short periods of time until regular electrical service is restored.

The Chair felt that the City Engineer should be notified when the generator is turned on and off. Based on the size of the generator, which Mr. Santiago said would be 24 KW, Mr. Wheaton indicated that an electrical permit would be needed to ensure it is properly grounded.

Moved by Mr. Wheaton, seconded by Ms. Welch to approve use of a generator on a 24-hour basis, if necessary in an emergency situation, contingent upon securing an electrical permit and notification to the City Engineer when the generator is in use. Ayes: 4

Request for Exception to Drainage Requirements – 1741 Alta Vista Avenue. The Board reviewed a letter from William Wirth, 2102 N. 91st Street, in connection with his new home under construction at 1741 Alta Vista Avenue. He requests an exception to the requirement to connect to a storm sewer for roof and foundation drainage when a storm sewer is available. Since there is no storm sewer on the west side of the boulevard in front of this home, he would have to connect to a storm sewer in the southbound roadway at a cost in excess of \$12,000.

Mr. Wehrley reported that the city code requires connection to a storm sewer if one is available. Even though it is in the opposite roadway and the cost to connect would be higher than normal, the fact remains that there is a storm sewer available in Alta Vista Avenue. He estimated the distance from the property at about 55 feet. He explained that the goal is to avoid icing in roadways such as occurs in the west and north areas of the city where sump pumps operate all through the winter. With high-side type curbs here, there is a higher likelihood of icing in the center of this street rather than along the side as occurs on streets with a normal crown. If an exception is granted, it could be conditioned upon being brought back for action if there is a problem with roadway icing. Depending on ground water conditions, Mr. Wehrley noted, it is possible that there won't be a large amount of water moving away from the property. Mr. Wirth said he has observed that the soil here is very sandy and seems to absorb rainwater well. The driveway has been relocated, which will facilitate absorption onto grass rather than hard surfaces.

There was further discussion of possible courses of action. Mr. Presnal commented that the city has not deviated from the requirement that all businesses and homes connect if a storm sewer is available. He suggested asking for three estimates for various types of installations, including horizontal boring without digging up the road. He indicated that the DNR would not approve the use of a dry well or French drain. Mr. Wheaton pointed out that it would be substantially more expensive to connect at some later point should that become necessary. It was noted that not all houses in this area are connected to a storm sewer.

Moved by Ms. Welch, seconded by Mr. Braier to approve an exception to the requirement to connect to a storm sewer contingent upon re-grading so that the portion of the yard on which water discharges is more level and with the understanding that the engineering and public works departments will keep watch and the homeowner will be required to connect to the storm sewer if the lack of a storm sewer connection causes any roadway icing conditions. Ayes: 3; Noes: 1 (Wheaton)

Emergency Purchase of Sewer Repairs. The Board reviewed a request for approval of the emergency purchase of services for the repair of two sanitary sewers in the amount of \$11,750.14. Mr. Wehrley explained that American Sewer Services, Inc., was in the area and able to complete the emergency repairs on a time and materials basis.

Moved by Mr. Wheaton, seconded by Ms. Welch to recommend to Council approval of the emergency repair. Ayes: 4

Declaration of Surplus Vehicles. The Board reviewed a memo from the Purchasing Manager and Fleet Superintendent requesting that vehicle #W-01, a 1992 Ford E150 van, and vehicle #G-80, a 1985 GMC dump truck, G-80 be declared surplus. Mr. Kappel reported that the water department van was being used by the building department, and the dump truck was used by the parks department.

Moved by Mr. Wheaton, seconded by Ms. Welch to recommend to Council that the vehicles be declared surplus for disposal in a manner most advantageous to the city. Ayes: 4

Five-Year Capital Improvements Program 2009-2013. Mr. Wehrley reported that two five-year Capital Improvements plans were prepared, one with a target bond issue of approximately \$6 million and one at around 10 million. The mayor has suggested proceeding with the \$6 million version. The Citizens Advisory Capital Improvements Committee has reviewed most of the plan but has not yet seen financial statements and is also awaiting completion of a pending Hart Park utilization study.

Moved by Ms. Welch, seconded by Mr. Wheaton to hold this matter until the next meeting and in the interim schedule of tour of streets scheduled for improvement in 2009. Ayes: 4

Partial Payments and Contract Updates.

Mr. Wehrley reported on the progress of State Street work as well as work nearing completion in alleys and on 84th Street, 85th Street, Hadley Street, and Mayfair Court. Work scheduled to start late this week includes Robertson Street and Elm Lawn.

Board Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Public Works of the City of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin that the proper City Officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue City orders in favor of the contractor listed below in the amount listed in the column headed "Amount" as partial payment for work completed as indicated on the attached Exhibit pursuant to the terms of the contract noted.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Payment No.</u>	<u>Contract No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ford Construction Co., Inc.	4	08-09 Building Renovation Little Red Store	\$ 64,004.30
D. C. Burbach, Inc.	2	08-6 Street and Alley Repaving	\$200,407.09
C. W. Purpero, Inc.	2	08-02 State Street Repaving	\$546,877.50
Payne & Dolan, Inc.	4	08-32 Tennis Courts	\$ 25,193.15
American Sewer Services, Inc.	2	08-04 Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer and Water Main Relay, Repair and Extension	\$710,552.50
American Sewer Services, Inc.	3	08-03 Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer and Water Main Relay, Repair and Extension	\$ 47,516.10

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

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Secretary to the Board