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BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Regular Meeting – Monday, February 18, 2008 – 8:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Braier, Finance Dir.; Mr. Kesner, City Atty.; Ms. Ledesma, City Clerk; Ms. Welch, Community Dev. Dir.; Mr. Wheaton, Chief Insp. -5

ALSO

PRESENT: W. Kappel, Dir. of Public Works; W. Wehrley, City Eng.

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: 5

Appeal of Snow/Ice Removal Charge – 1075 Glenview Avenue. The Board reviewed a letter from John Gielow, 1075 Glenview Avenue, appealing a \$60 charge for snow removal on December 14, 2007, for a non-ADA-compliant crosswalk. Dianna Dentino, 1075 Glenview Avenue, was present. She said that she and her husband understand the law, and it is their intention to comply with it. At times their walk is clear in the morning but must be redone when they return from work due to more snow or plowing during the day.

Mr. Kappel provided a photo showing that the crosswalk at this corner property was not shoveled out. He acknowledged that there were huge amounts of snow but noted the importance of accessible crosswalks, especially across from a school. Likewise, follow-up plowing that re-distributes snow on the walk does not absolve residents of the obligation to clear it. Sidewalks typically are not inspected until at least all city walks have been cleared, which this year has been more than 24 hours after a storm, thus providing sufficient time for residents to act. Charges for a 2005 violation at this address were placed on hold.

Moved by Mr. Wheaton to uphold the charge based on the evidence provided and the fact that the city did the work at a cost that needs to be borne by the resident – Motion dies for lack of a second.

Mr. Braier commented that with the severity of the winter he has seen many crosswalks in this condition.

Moved by Mr. Braier, seconded by Ms. Welch to hold this charge until Spring and cancel it if there are no further violations by that time.
Ayes: 4; Noes: 1 (Wheaton)

Appeal of Snow/Ice Removal Charge – 9005 W. North Avenue. The Board reviewed a letter from Mary Beth Fox, 2350 Menomonee River Parkway, appealing a \$176 charge for snow removal at 9005 W. North Avenue on December 18, 2007, when the full width of the sidewalk was not cleared. Mr. Kappel

presented a photo showing conditions prior to the city's work. He reported that there was a previous violation on February 26, 2007. Only property owners with previous violations are directed to appeal to the Board. He administratively handles those that are first violations.

Ms. Fox explained that a plowing service has handled snow removal here for the past two years. After the initial plowing, she has often returned to chip away at what is left, but it has been very difficult to remove. This is a corner property with no space between the sidewalk and the street. City plows have left a huge amount of snow on the corner as well as in the alley behind this building.

Ms. Welch commented on the importance of sidewalks being completely cleared but noted the severity of this winter and the frequent storms. Mr. Kappel agreed that there was an honest attempt to clear the walk, although it was not cleared to its full width, and recommended holding the charges.

Moved by Mr. Braier, seconded by Ms. Welch to hold this charge until Spring and cancel it if there are no further violations by that time. Ayes: 5

Variance to Allowable Work Hours. Jeff Salerno of Michels Tunneling, 16500 W. Rogers Drive, New Berlin, explained that their Underwood Creek MIS relief sewer project for MMSD has fallen behind schedule due to unforeseen circumstances and unusually inclement weather. Given the nature of the work, the only way to increase production is by increasing work hours. They are requesting permission to work from 6 a.m. to midnight Mondays through Saturdays until work on Hansen golf course is completed, which should be by about April 1. The only noise would be from generators in the area of the back nine holes of the golf course just north of the railroad tracks. There will be no blasting or pile driving. Current work hours are from about 7 a.m. until about 5 p.m.

John Kittelson, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, noted that the nearest residents are in the Serafino Square apartments. MMSD has an agreement for temporary access and permanent easements there. The overall goal is to expand the capacity of a main MIS sewer that crosses the golf course and serves Wauwatosa and other communities to the west. It will also enhance a sewer in Fisher Parkway where construction will take place in the spring and summer. Extended hours will allow for completion of work on the golf course so that it can be used in May.

Mike Raap of the Milwaukee County Park System said that MMSD has been very cooperative and sensitive to the need to open the golf course as soon as possible. Some restoration will be needed because of the location of some shafts. He commented that this is a good time for this work inasmuch as residents' windows will be closed.

Moved by Mr. Wheaton, seconded by Ms. Ledesma to approve a variance to allow work between 6 a.m. and midnight Mondays through Saturdays until the work on Hansen golf course is completed, contingent upon any noise complaints being brought back to the Board and the variance revisited. Ayes: 5

Contract 08-09, Little Red Store Improvements – Plans and Specifications. Janel Ruzicka, Director of the Wauwatosa Historical Society, reported that the Historical Society has raised \$125,000 toward the cost of this restoration. Ms. Welch said that an agreement on funding and ongoing maintenance will be in place and approved by Council prior to award of the contract. Mr. Braier explained that Historical Society funds would have to be deposited with the city or secured in some way before the contract is signed.

Mr. Wehrley reported that these specifications do not include a lot of interior fixtures and finishes. Ms. Welch agreed that this is a very pared-down approach that will provide a building certifiable for occupancy. The Historical Society will do their own improvements after taking over management. If any of the money they raised is not needed for this contract, it will be used for that purpose.

Board Resolution

WHEREAS, It is the sense of the Board of Public Works of the City of Wauwatosa that building renovations to the Little Red Store and work incidental thereto are necessary under contract 08-09 Building Renovations Little Red Store;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Public Works of the City of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin as follows:

Section 1. That the plans and specifications and form of contract and bond, together with the contract documents submitted therewith for furnishing all labor and equipment for Building Renovations Little Red Store and work incidental thereto, be and the same are hereby approved.

Section 2. That the work is intended to be done during the 2008 construction season in the City of Wauwatosa, all in accordance with said plans and specifications.

Section 3. That the work is to be let to the lowest responsible bidder following competitive bidding therefor.

Section 4. That the City Clerk and she is hereby authorized and instructed to advertise for bids for Contract 08-09 on March 11th and 18th [later revised to February 28 and March 6]; bids are to be opened on March 25, 2008, and to provide in so doing that bids may be submitted with a contract and bond, with sureties, as prescribed by the form furnished, complete with the exception of the signatures on the part of the City.

Moved by Ms. Ledesma, seconded by Ms. Welch to approve the foregoing. Ayes: 5

Annual Report. The Board received draft copies of the Annual Report of the Board of Public Works. Mr. Kappel called attention to solid waste collection and recycling data for December 2007, which shows a decrease in the volume of solid waste and an increase in recycling volume that he attributed to the new recycling cart system. Full-year results will be more indicative of whether estimates are met.

Moved by Mr. Wheaton, seconded by Ms. Welch to approve the report and forward it to the Common Council. Ayes: 5

Contract Updates. Mr. Wehrley reported that manhole rehabilitation work anticipated to start this week may be delayed by weather conditions. Staff has received a draft report on an overflow at Honey Creek and Wisconsin Avenue from a July 9, 2006 storm and will meet to discuss the issue with MMSD and the City of Milwaukee in upcoming weeks. If the initial findings are validated, mitigation would be required. Mr. Kappel reported on snow/ice/flood control operations over the past weekend.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Secretary to the Board

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