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BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Regular Meeting – Monday, February 19, 2007 – 8:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Braier, Finance Dir.; Ms. Ledesma, City Clerk; Ms. Welch, Community Dev. Dir.; Mr. Wheaton, Chief Insp. -4

EXCUSED: Mr. Kesner

ALSO

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

Ms. Welch in the Chair.

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

It was moved by Mr. Wheaton, seconded by Ms. Ledesma to accept the minutes as printed. Ayes: 4

Village BID Wayfinding Project. As reported at the previous meeting, the Village BID (Business Improvement District) is preparing to implement a wayfinding project that was originally approved by the Common Council in 2004. Mr. Kappel displayed a rendering of the sign approved at that time, and Brian Preiss, Executive Director of the BID, provided renderings of a new design featuring black and white lettering and image on a chartreuse background. Mr. Kappel reported that he and Mr. Preiss have identified potential sign locations, but he requested some flexibility on final placement in order to take into account the state's requirements as well as other signage in the area.

Mr. Wheaton supported the wayfinding aspect of the signage but expressed some concern that the background color's similarity to new school crossing signage could cause some confusion or detract from the warning signs. Ms. Welch had a similar concern, noting the color's connection with emergency vehicles as well as safety information.

Mr. Preiss said that the BID tried to coordinate the color of signage with their logo and other BID imaging. Ms. Welch asked him to work with Mr. Kappel to ensure that the color will not create confusion with safety signs.

It was moved by Mr. Wheaton, seconded by Ms. Ledesma to refer this matter to the Community Development Committee with a recommendation for approval subject to review and approval of the color by the Director of Public works –

Mr. Braier raised a concern about possible confusion between the City and the Village of Wauwatosa. He suggested that the signs should read “Wauwatosa Village Area.” As presented, they would read “Village of Wauwatosa.” Mr. Preiss commented on the difficulty of guiding people to the area and helping them navigate to sites within the Village. The BID has been working on different directional schemes and sees the next step as trying to identify the area’s boundaries, perhaps through distinctive street name signs.

Vote on the motion, Ayes: 4

Water Pumpage Report. The water pumpage report and billing analysis for January 2007 showed 143,298,900 gallons pumped. Last year’s January pumpage was 150,307,600 gallons, and the three-year average for the month is 152,886,900 gallons. The Chair ordered the report placed on file.

Annual Report of the Board of Public Works. In addition to new draft pages provided to the Board, Mr. Kappel indicated that at least one more change is needed prior to final publication. He noted that the fleet report was updated to report equipment actually purchased in 2006 regardless of when it is placed in service, which is consistent with prior report formats. The report includes notations explaining some of the variations from previous years’ statistics such as in blue bag recycling and Hart Park rentals.

It was moved by Mr. Wheaton, seconded by Ms. Ledesma to accept the report and forward it to Council. Ayes: 4

Contract 07-01, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer Relay, Repair, Extension and Relining – Award of Bid. In a memo to the Board, the Director of Public Works recommended award of Contract 07-01 to American Sewer Services, Inc. in the amount of \$283,820.30, the lowest of four bids. This is the first utility contract associated with paving. The engineer’s estimate was \$360,000, and the city-funded budget available for sanitary and storm sewer work is \$2,782,979. Portions of this contract are eligible for partial funding by a Wisconsin Urban Nonpoint Source Water Pollution Abatement & Stormwater Management grant.

It was moved by Ms. Ledesma, seconded by Mr. Wheaton to recommend award to American Sewer Services, Inc., in the amount of \$283,820.30.
Ayes: 4

Contract Updates. Mr. Wehrley reported that about one-third of the current manhole reconstruction work has been accomplished; completion is weather dependent. Mr. Kappel reported on the public works phone system installation, which is scheduled for completion this week.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 a.m.

Secretary to the Board

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