



## CITY OF WAUWATOSA

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### **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, September 5, 2006 – 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Braier, Finance Dir.; Mr. Kesner, City Atty./Interim City Admin.; Ms. Welch, Community Dev. Dir.; Mr. Wheaton, Chief Insp.; Ms. Murphy, Library Dir. (1st Alt.) -5

ALSO

PRESENT: W. Kappel, Dir. of Public Works; W. Wehrley, City Engineer; P. Pyne, Civil Eng.

Mr. Kesner in the Chair.

**Encroachment – 6027 W. Vliet Street.** The Board reviewed an application by MBD Properties, LLC, to encroach into city right-of-way with an awning over the sidewalk at 6027 W. Vliet Street. Don Sazama, 6027 W. Vliet Street, said that they are updating the front awnings and also wanted to add awnings over the enlarged windows on the west side of the building to improve the overall appearance.

Mr. Kappel said he sees no problems with the anticipated 10 ft. clearance. Ms. Welch commented that the awnings add a lot to the appearance of this older building that Mr. Sazama has been improving, and they also help identify the entrance.

It was moved by Ms. Welch, seconded by Mr. Wheaton to recommend approval of the requested encroachment contingent upon execution of a standard agreement. Ayes: 5

**Encroachment – 2403 N. 69th Street.** The Board reviewed an application by John Ramsey to encroach into city right-of-way with an arbor over the service walk at 2403 N. 69th Street. Mr. Ramsey was present and provided photos of the proposed handcrafted cedar arbor.

Mr. Kappel said that staff has discussed the proposal with Mr. Ramsey, and he is aware of the potential for damage to the panels in connection with plowing operations when there is heavy snow. Snowplow drivers would try to avoid that, but Mr. Ramsey is willing to accept any liability.

Ms. Welch expressed concern about the side panels possibly obscuring visibility for cars and bicyclists. Mr. Wehrley felt that it seems to be set back far enough that it would not significantly block vision from a vehicular traffic standpoint, but it may obscure a pedestrian walking through the arbor. Mr. Ramsey said that he is an industrial safety professional and doesn't see an issue with visibility or public safety. The distance between the arbor and the street corner is significant, and the nearest driveway is 70-80 feet away. In answer to a question, the Chair noted that the agreement language allows for ordering removal if the structure is not maintained to a good standard at some point in the future.

It was moved by Ms. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Wheaton to recommend approval of the requested encroachment contingent upon execution of a standard agreement. Ayes: 5

**Encroachment – 10909 W. Blue Mound Road.** The Board reviewed an application by David Keren, Keren Properties, LLC, to encroach into city right-of-way with a sign between the sidewalk and parking lot at 10909 W. Blue Mound Road.

Mr. Pyne reported that there is now a sign directly in front of the building. The area between the building and Blue Mound Road here is all city right-of-way and a city parking lot. Mr. Keren would like to relocate the sign to a location between the parking lot and the city sidewalk. There is a gas line in that area of which Mr. Keren is aware. An adjacent building has a similar sign in the same area, which was approved in the 1980s. Mr. Keren said that they are currently remodeling the facade and would also like to erect an awning at the front door, which would not fit with the current sign in place. They see no place other than the requested location to place the sign.

Ms. Welch noted that this is a rather unusual situation with an extra-wide setback and right-of-way. She felt that placement of the sign as requested would not create a public hazard.

It was moved by Ms. Welch, seconded by Ms. Murphy to recommend approval of the requested encroachment contingent upon execution of a standard agreement. Ayes: 5

**Street Vendor License for Parking Lot Event at 7118 W. State Street.** The Board reviewed an application for a Street Vendor license by Hectors A Mexican Restaurant, 7118 W. State Street, for an outdoor parking lot event from noon until 10 p.m. on September 10, 2006. It was noted that this is an annual event that has been held for many years.

It was moved by Mr. Wheaton, seconded by Mr. Braier to approve the Street Vendor license. Ayes: 5

**Street Vendor License for Parking Lot Event at 9900 Innovation Drive.** The Board reviewed an application by GE Healthcare, 9900 Innovation Drive, for a Street Vendor license for an outdoor parking lot event, “Women’s Health & Wellness Tour,” from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on September 22, 2006. The event will use a portion of one parking lot. GE has two or three surface lots and a large parking structure across the street.

It was moved by Mr. Wheaton, seconded by Mr. Braier to approve the Street Vendor license. Ayes: 5

**Contract 01-30, DOT Paving of Blue Mound Road – Final Payment.** Mr. Wehrley reported that a final payment is due to the City of Milwaukee for this project. The Board reviewed the following:

Board Resolution

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Payment No.</u>	<u>Contract No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
City of Milwaukee	Final	City of Wauwatosa Contract No. 01-30 DOT Project ID 2201-00-70 West Blue Mound Road (USH 18) Zoo Freeway (USH 45) to North Glenview Avenue	\$43,992.84

It was moved by Ms. Welch, seconded by Mr. Wheaton to approve the foregoing. Ayes: 5

**Contract 05-11, Sanitary Sewer Cleaning & TV Inspection and Storm Sewer TV Inspection – Final Payment.** Mr. Wehrley reported that the work has been completed and is under budget. The Board reviewed the following:

Board Resolution

WHEREAS, the Engineering Services Section of the City of Wauwatosa has made final inspection of the work for the cleaning and internal television inspections of sanitary and storm sewers at various locations throughout the City under Contract 05-11; and

WHEREAS, this inspection showed that the contractor, Northern Pipe Equipment, Inc., has completed the work in an acceptable manner and in accordance with the terms of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has provided written certification as to said completion and that the same is ready for final payment.

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

Section 1. That the original contract work and the additional work performed under Contract 05-11 for the cleaning and internal inspection of sanitary and storm sewers are hereby accepted.

Section 2. That the proper city officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to draw and sign a city order in the sum of Nine Hundred Seventy-seven Dollars and Forty-six Cents (\$977.46) in favor of Northern Pipe Equipment, Inc. as final payment under said contract. The proper city officials shall hold the payment until receipt of waivers of lien for labor and materials furnished under said contract and receipt of an affidavit stipulating compliance with wage rate requirements.

It was moved by Mr. Wheaton, seconded by Ms. Welch to approve the foregoing. Ayes: 5

**Contract 05-28, Traffic Signals Watertown Plank Road at Innovation Drive – Change Order No. 3, Final Payment.** Mr. Wehrley reported that this project has been completed and inspected. The change order covers some open cut road work, relocating street lighting cable, and other work in connection with the emergency vehicle preemption system. The entire project is TIF-funded. The Board reviewed the following:

Board Resolution

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works has accepted the work of Traffic Signals Watertown Plank Road at Innovation Drive and work incidental thereto in the City of Wauwatosa under Contract 05-28 and the same is ready for final payment.

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

Section 1. That the work of Traffic Signals Watertown Plank Road at Innovation Drive under Contract 05-28 is hereby accepted.

Section 2. That the proper City officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to draw and sign a City order in the sum of eleven thousand five hundred seventy-five dollars and seventy-seven cents (\$11,575.77) in favor of Outdoor Lighting Construction Company, Inc. as the final payment under said contract, upon receipt of waivers of lien and for labor and materials furnished under said contract, and upon receipt of an affidavit stipulating compliance with wage rate requirements.

It was moved by Mr. Wheaton, seconded by Ms. Welch to approve Change Order No. 3 and the foregoing resolution. Ayes: 5

**Temporary Wayfinding Signage During 68th Street Detour.** Mr. Kappel reported that Outpost Natural Foods Co-op, 7000 W. State Street, has requested authorization to place temporary wayfinding signage along the public right-of-way to assist their customers during the closure of N. 68th Street. They plan to use small A-frame signs to direct customers to travel down 70th Street instead of using the trucking detour. Mr. Kappel will work with them on the exact location of signage. Store representatives requested permission from several property owners to place their signs between the curb and sidewalk. It will be made clear that trucks are not to use residential streets.

There was ensuing discussion about the needs of other State Street merchants and possible requests for additional temporary signs. Proliferation of signs in connection with other projects was cited. Mr. Wheaton noted that the city sign code allows the Chief Inspector and the Director of Public Works to review requests and make a determination on temporary signs related to road construction.

It was moved by Mr. Braier, seconded by Ms. Welch to refer this matter to the Director of Public Works and the Chief Inspector. Ayes: 5

**Contract 05-20, Pavement Repair – Final Payment.** The Board reviewed the following:

Board Resolution

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works has accepted the work of Citywide Pavement Repair and work incidental thereto in the City of Wauwatosa under Contract 05-20 and the same is ready for final payment;

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

Section 1. That the work of Citywide Pavement Repair under Contract 05-20 is hereby accepted.

Section 2. That the proper City officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to draw and sign a City order in the sum of eleven thousand four hundred thirty-four dollars and twenty-eight cents (\$11,434.28) in favor of Snorek Construction, Inc. as the final payment under said contract, upon receipt of waivers of lien and for labor and materials furnished under said contract, and upon receipt of an affidavit stipulating compliance with wage rate requirements.

It was moved by Mr. Wheaton, seconded by Ms. Welch to approve the foregoing. Ayes: 5

**Contract 06-19, Sidewalk Repair – Change Order No. 1.** Mr. Wehrley reported that the change order is for demolition and backfilling of an underground vault encountered below the city sidewalk at 812 N. 68th Street.

It was moved by Ms. Welch, seconded by Mr. Wheaton to approve the change order. Ayes: 5

**Wauwatosa Historical Society Proposal for Little Red Store Visitor Center.** Janel Ruzicka, Executive Director of the Wauwatosa Historical Society, said that the Historical Society is requesting an opportunity to work with the city to restore the Little Red Store building. The Historical Society is willing to raise approximately \$125,000 and, with Community Block Grant funds previously set aside for this purpose, hopes to restore the

building to usable condition. They would operate the building as a community visitor center with limited hours initially. The Historical Society has presented a Business Plan with further information.

Ms. Welch said she believes there is clear community and Common Council support to restore this building, which is important to the community. A while back the city obtained bids for restoring the building but found it very difficult to justify a cost of \$600 per square foot. Since that time, the city has been pursuing a partnership to accomplish this restoration. In terms of economic development, having the building occupied helps to tie the two parts of the Village together. There have been ongoing meetings to resolve some of the details in the proposed agreement. This preliminary approval would allow the Historical Society to move forward with fundraising as soon as possible.

Mr. Kesner clarified that the Board is being asked to approve the concept without approving the final agreement so that the Historical Society has enough backing to at least start the fundraising process. The agreement will ultimately require Common Council approval. Long-term maintenance and lease arrangements are among the details to be resolved.

It was moved by Mr. Wheaton, seconded by Ms. Murphy to approve the business plan and concept as presented. Ayes: 5

**2007-2011 Capital Improvements Program.** Board members agreed to schedule a tour of streets in next year's program for 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 14.

**Partial Payments and Contract Updates.** Mr. Wehrley reported on the progress of utility and paving contracts and also noted that the pavement marking contract is underway and street lighting cabinets are up and running. He reported that MMSD work will close 68th Street at Honey Creek Parkway for approximately four weeks.

Mr. Braier raised some concerns about dangerous conditions on 75 yards of the bike path detour from Swan Boulevard to Hansen Park. This section drops off to gravel that MMSD apparently is unwilling to improve. Mr. Kesner noted that this involves county land and city right-of-way, and MMSD has taken responsibility for the detour location. The detour is currently not in city right-of-way.

It was moved by Mr. Braier, seconded by Ms. Welch to request that Milwaukee County and MMSD make the bike path detour driveable. Ayes: 5

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

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Secretary to the Board