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BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Regular Meeting, Monday, September 20, 2004 - 8:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Braier, Finance Dir.; Mr. Kesner, City Atty.; Ms. Ledesma, City Clerk; Ms. Welch, Community Dev. Dir.

EXCUSED: Mr. Wheaton, Chief Insp.

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

PRESENT: S. Presnal, Plmbg. Insp.; J. Kroll, Spec. Proj. Eng.

Mr. Braier in the Chair.

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

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

Street Vendor – 6226 W. North Avenue. The Board reviewed an application by Larry Goatcher of Vibrant Flowers & Gifts, 6226 W. North Avenue, for a Street Vendor license for the sale of Christmas trees from November 23rd through December 22nd. Mr. Goatcher explained that he intends to use the lighted lot directly behind his business, which is on a corner. He indicated that the lot is not normally used for parking. A three-car garage between the lot and the alley would shield nearby residences. Hours of operation would be 12:00-7:30 p.m. As requested at the previous meeting, residents of the 2300 block of N. 63rd Street were notified of this request. No inquiries or complaints have been received.

It was moved by Mr. Kesner, seconded by Ms. Ledesma to approve a Street Vendor license for the sale of Christmas trees from 12:00-7:30 p.m., November 23 through December 22, 2004, with the understanding that all merchandise must be removed by December 29, 2004. Ayes: 4

Special Exception for Existing Drainage System at 407 N. Glenview Avenue. The Board reviewed a request by Todd & Tracy Borgardt, 13625 W. Eagle Trace, New Berlin, WI, for an exception to Section 15.12.020 of the Code for an existing clear water drainage system at 407 N. Glenview Avenue.

Mr. Presnal reported that a pump system with a catch basin was installed on this property in 1997 to address drainage problems. The system discharges water to the curb, and the water runs to a storm sewer at the end of the block since there is no storm sewer in this block. To avoid icing problems, the system has not been used in winter months. Mr. Kappel added that it would be cost prohibitive to extend the storm sewer to this property.

Mr. Borgardt said that they just purchased this property July 31st and discovered that there was no permit for this installation. Mrs. Borgardt said they have been working with city staff on multiple issues with this property. The home is vacant and they intend to resell it soon. They will thoroughly disclose all work that has been done and want all permits to be in order.

Mr. Presnal explained that issues such as this are handled on a case-by-case basis, and variances have been granted in similar situations. In this case, the property is low and everything drains to the center. The nearest storm sewer connection would be 300-400 feet away. The city has had no complaints about this installation. Staff recommends granting an exception to allow this drainage system provided that a public nuisance is not created. The system should not be operated from November 15th through March 15th to avoid developing an icing situation. They would still have to meet provisions of the plumbing code and obtain permits for this project.

It was moved by Mr. Kesner, seconded by Ms. Welch to grant an exception to the Code to allow the existing clear water drainage system to remain in place with the understanding that the system will not be operated between November 15th and March 15th, all relevant provisions of the plumbing code will be met and permits will be obtained, and the system will be hooked up to the storm sewer should the city install storm sewer on this street in the future.

Village Business Improvement District (BID) Signage and Wayfinding Program. David Jaeckels, a member of the Wayfinding Committee of the Village BID, introduced the BID's signage and wayfinding program, which is designed to increase visibility and provide directional and information support for businesses in the Village area. The proposed plans include black and white directional signs with arrows that would be located along major thoroughfares and green "P" directional signs pointing to the five parking lots in the Village. In addition, a large monument-style entry sign is planned but is not part of the immediate proposal because of its cost. Installation of the proposed signs has been discussed with city staff and will most likely be handled by city crews. The locations shown on the maps contained in the proposal are preliminary, and it is assumed that specific poles or standards would be identified by engineering staff.

Mr. Kappel noted that some of the proposed sign locations are beyond the BID's boundaries and might be of concern to other nearby business areas. He suggested first determining if the design and concept are acceptable and considering the scope of the program and whether there should be some kind of distance limitation. BID representatives could then work with staff on specific locations and fixtures. Encroachment agreements would be needed once specific locations are identified.

Ms. Welch said there should be some consideration of possible overload at various intersections given the amount of traffic, school crossing activity, and other signage along the approaches to the Village. Mr. Jaeckels said they would try to select less dense locations. There are 22 primary and secondary sign locations and 10 parking signs within the Village.

Mr. Kesner asked if the proposed color schemes comply with accepted usage, and Mr. Kappel indicated that he would look into that question. He said that the black and white color scheme is commonly used for regulatory signs, and the accepted color for informational signage is brown. The signs should not conflict with federal guidelines in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Ms. Ledesma asked if the existing signs in the Village would be replaced. Mr. Jaeckels said that, in the long-term, they would like to replace some of the signs listing individual businesses. They are considering some kind of directory that can be modified as needed.

It was moved by Mr. Kesner, seconded by Ms. Ledesma to approve the concept of a wayfinding signage program consistent with some of the submitted designs and concepts and to refer the matter to public works and engineering staff for coordination of specific locations and sign structure, with the understanding that the proposal would come back to this board in a more final form at the end of October and that anything outside of the BID borders would be referred to a Common Council committee. Ayes: 4

Contract 04-28, Street Lighting and Traffic Signal Replace in Village Area, Phase II – Change Order No. 2. The Special Projects Engineer requested approval of Change Order No. 2 to Contract 04-28 for replacing the traffic signal controller at the intersection of Glenview and Harwood Avenues with a new unit furnished by the City. Mr. Kroll explained that all traffic control signals in the Village area will be interconnected and have new timing plans. The existing controller at Glenview Avenue is incompatible with the rest of the system and had been scheduled for replacement by the city. This change order would allow the contractor to do the replacement so that the interconnection and new timing plans can proceed.

It was moved by Mr. Kesner, seconded by Ms. Welch to approve the change order.

Contract 04-05, Harley Davidson Avenue Water Main Extension – Award of Bid. The Director of Public Works recommended award of Contract 04-05 to Mainline Sewer & Water, Inc., at their bid price of \$461,577.98, this being the lowest of four bids. The budgeted amount is \$575,300, and the engineer's estimate is \$475,441.90. Mr. Wehrley reported that the contract requires that water main be in place by November 27. Pavement work will follow in a few weeks, and lawn restoration will be done in spring.

It was moved by Ms. Ledesma, seconded by Ms. Welch to recommend to Council award of Contract 04-05 to Mainline Sewer & Water, Inc., in the amount of \$461,577.98. Ayes: 4

Water Pumpage Report. The water pumpage report and billing analysis for August 2004 indicates monthly pumpage of 202,613,300 gallons and year-to-date pumpage of 1,336,822,300 gallons. The Chair ordered the report placed on file.

Permit Fee for Temporary Banner at Wauwatosa Cemetery, 2405-2485 Wauwatosa Avenue. The Chair reported that Wauwatosa Cemetery would like to erect a banner for the cemetery's 150th anniversary but requests waiver of the \$45 permit fee. The banner would hang over the existing Wauwatosa Cemetery sign for a three-week period. Mr. Kesner noted the city's interest in maintaining the financial viability of the cemetery.

It was moved by Mr. Kesner, seconded by Ms. Welch to waive the \$45 fee for Wauwatosa Cemetery's temporary banner. Ayes: 5

Contract Updates. Mr. Wehrley reported on the progress of water main work on 123rd Street and paving work on Clarke Street, Walnut Road, and the alley bounded by 91st Street, Menomonee River Parkway and Stickney. Pavement removal is underway at the Little Red Store parking lot, and work continues on the Mayfair Mall water main extension. Work began today on State Street under the pavement repair contract. The Chair relayed comments about sealcoating that were made at a recent Budget Committee meeting. Mr. Kappel agreed that the sealcoated surface is not smooth for the first 2-3 years but explained that the stones are tested to be sure they meet size specifications.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

Secretary to the Board

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