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BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Regular Meeting, Monday, April 19, 2004 - 8:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Braier, Finance Dir.; Mr. Kesner, City Atty.; Ms. Ledesma, City Clerk; Ms. Welch, Community Dev. Dir. -4

ABSENT: Mr. Wheaton

ALSO W. Kappel, Dir. of Public Works; W. Wehrley, City Eng.; T. Kucharski, Parks &
PRESENT: Forestry Supt.; J. Kroll, Spec. Proj. Eng.; P. Pyne, Civil Eng.; J. Wojcehowicz,
Water Supt.

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 Ms. Welch by to accept
the minutes as printed. Ayes: 4

Interior Fence at Hampton Ready Mix, 12005 W. Hampton Avenue. The Board reviewed an application for a variance by Hampton Ready Mix, 12005 W. Hampton Avenue, to erect a 10-foot fence around the perimeter of a conveyer belt within their property. A fence height of 6 feet is otherwise allowed within the buildable area of the property. John Madderum, agent for Prairie Management, Chicago, said the fence is a safety measure to restrict access to the conveyer belt and adjacent tunnel.

It was moved by Mr. Kesner, seconded by Ms. Ledesma to approve
the requested variance for a 10-foot fence. Ayes: 4

Drive Approach at 3106 N. Mayfair Road. Mr. Pyne outlined a request by Frank Richardson of ArchDesign Ltd., Cedarburg, to increase the width of the proposed Burleigh Street driveway from 30 feet to 35 feet in order to better facilitate traffic flow, safety, and ease of access. The existing gas station at the site has been removed, and a new building with a car wash and new pumps will be erected. The two existing drive approaches on Burleigh Street will be closed in order to create one Burleigh Street

entrance. Mr. Pyne indicated that the requested width is appropriate and is similar to others along Mayfair Road.

Mr. Wehrley said that the 30-foot width apparently had been preferred in the past to avoid traffic conflicts with multiple vehicles exiting at the same time. In this case, all exiting vehicles will have to turn right due to the median on Burleigh Street. There is no parking on Burleigh Street in this area.

In response to a question about pavement markings, Mr. Pyne indicated that directional entrance and exit arrows could be added to pavement markings already planned for the site.

It was moved by Mr. Kesner, seconded by Ms. Welch to approve a 35-foot drive approach width with the stipulation that in-and-out arrow pavement markings are required to alleviate any concerns about traffic conflicts. Ayes: 4

Street Vendor License – 8901 W. North Avenue. The Board reviewed an application for a Street Vendor license for a May 29-31 parking lot tent sale at the Furniture Clearance Center, 8901 W. North Avenue. Randolph Fortkamp, Sr., store manager, said this is the ninth year for this event, which will be set up exactly as it has been previously. There is 24-hour security throughout the event.

It was moved by Mr. Kesner, seconded by Ms. Ledesma to approve the requested license. Ayes: 4

Water Pumpage Report. The water pumpage report and billing analysis for March 2004 indicated 155,957,100 gallons pumped during the month and 463,657,600 year to date. The Chair ordered the report placed on file.

Policy for Tree Ownership Conflicts. In a memo dated April 15, 2004, the Parks and Forestry Superintendent proposed a new policy regarding the cost of removing a tree that has any part of its trunk within city right-of-way. In such cases, there often is no record of how or by whom the tree was planted, and the city has been bearing the cost of removal. When there is a question of ownership regarding a tree on private property, which sometimes occurs when a diseased elm tree is ordered removed, costs are billed to each private owner according to percentage of ownership.

Mr. Kucharski recommended the following new policy:

- 1) Trees with trunks that encroach into city right-of-way 50% or less would be removed by the city's contractor and the cost would be shared 50-50 with the property owner;

- 2) Trees with trunks encroaching more than 50% into the right-of-way would be removed by the city at no charge to the property owner.

The city's survey crew would determine percentage of ownership in all cases.

Mr. Kucharski said that there were three or four ownership conflicts last year. Under the proposed policy, there would be some revenue in 50-50 share situations but the city would still incur some removal costs. It will mainly help free up crews to work on trees that are clearly the city's. Two residents recently faced with tree removals were agreeable to this policy and, in fact, were grateful that they would not bear total responsibility for removal. Any appeals would be handled by this Board, but Mr. Kucharski indicated that he would try to minimize any conflicts.

It was moved by Mr. Kesner, seconded by Ms. Ledesma to approve the new policy as outlined by the Parks & Forestry Superintendent.

Ayes: 4

Bids for Tree, Stump and Soil Removal of Diseased Elm Trees. The Director of Public Works and the Purchasing Manager recommended award of a contract to Dorshak Tree Specialist, Inc., the lowest of four bidders, for tree, stump, and soil removal of diseased elm trees in city street parkways, rights-of-way, parks, and green spaces.

The scope of work will be limited to the budgeted amount of \$75,000, since all bids exceeded that amount. Mr. Kucharski noted that last year when the budget anticipated 50-60 elm removals but 96 were actually removed, the contractor did all the take-downs and much of the related work, but city crews finished up any remaining stump and soil removal. The work would be handled similarly this year.

It was moved by Mr. Kesner, seconded by Ms. Welch to recommend to Council award to Dorshak Tree Specialist, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$75,000. Ayes: 4

Contract 04-01A Sanitary Sewer Storm Sewer and Water Main Relay, Repair, and Extension – Award of Bid. The Board reviewed a memo from the Director of Public Works recommending award of Contract 04-01A to American Sewer Services, Inc., at their bid price of \$1,004,155.20, the lowest of two bids. An amount of \$1,157,050 was budgeted, and the engineer's estimate was \$1,117,318. CDBG funds are available for a portion of the contract in the amount of \$214,699.90.

In response to a question regarding the lack of additional bids, Mr. Wehrley said that some contractors were uncomfortable with the amount of work required by the July 30th deadline. There is an option for a contract extension provided that some streets are finished so that paving work can begin. Otherwise, the contract does specify penalties for not meeting the deadline. American Sewer Services has consistently been the low bidder, and their work has been satisfactory.

Mr. Wojcehowicz noted some additional water main work will bring costs to a little more than the budgeted amount for that portion of the contract work. The changes were incorporated in the plans and specifications.

It was moved by Mr. Kesner, seconded by Ms. Welch to recommend to Council award of Contract 04-01A to American Sewer Services, Inc., in the amount of \$1,004,155.20. Ayes: 4

Contract 04-01B Reconstruction of Fully Deteriorated Sewers Using Structural CIPP Relining Process – Award of Bid. The Board reviewed a memo from the Director of Public Works recommending award of Contract 04-01B to Michels Pipeline Construction at their bid price of \$94,184.40, the lowest of three bids. The budgeted amount is \$95,000, and the engineer's estimate is \$133,600. CDBG funding is available in the amount of \$14,293.80.

It was moved by Mr. Kesner, seconded by Ms. Welch to recommend to Council award of Contract 04-01B to Michels Pipeline Construction in the amount of \$94,184.40. Ayes: 4

Contract 04-28 Street Lighting and Traffic Signal Replacement Wauwatosa Village Area, Phase II – Award of Bid. The Board reviewed a memo from the Director of Public Works recommending award of Contract 04-28 to Outdoor Lighting Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$446,453.05, the lowest of four bids. Adequate funding is available to cover the cost of this work.

Mr. Kappel noted that, outside of this contract, a traffic analysis and signal timing plan for the intersection of Harmonie and Underwood Avenues is needed in order to provide pedestrian activated walk signals and an override for fire department emergency vehicles.

It was moved by Mr. Kesner, seconded by Ms. Ledesma to recommend to Council award of Contract 04-28 to Outdoor Lighting Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$446,453.05. Ayes: 4

Contract Updates. Mr. Wehrley reported that a couple of contractors are doing cleanup on 2003 projects. Asphalt restoration work on side streets in connection with the Blue Mound water main project is anticipated soon, but restoration on Blue Mound Road is pending while awaiting word of the City of Milwaukee's paving schedule.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Secretary to the Board

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