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## **BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Committee Room #2

**PRESENT:** Alds. Walsh, Causier, Donegan, Berdan, Wilson, Hanson, Ewerdt,  
McBride (8:12 p.m.) – 8

**ALSO PRESENT:** J. Archambo, City Administrator; A. Kesner, City Attorney; B. Aldana, HR  
Director/Asst. City Atty.; J. Ruggini, Finance Dir.; P. Enders, Economic  
Development Dir.; S. Erke, Asst. Fire Chief; A. Brown, Assistant to the  
City Administrator; E. Hilt, Management Analyst

Ald. Walsh as Chair called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.

### **Tax Incremental Financing (TIF ) request concerning the Burleigh Triangle development**

Moved by Ald. Wilson, seconded by Ald. Berdan  
to convene into closed session per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1) (e):  
Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties,  
the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified  
public business, whenever competitive bargaining reasons  
require a closed session, and may reconvene into open session – Ayes: 7

The committee convened into closed session at 8:10 p.m.

Ald. McBride present at 8:12 p.m. - 8

Moved by Ald. Wilson, seconded by Ald. Berdan to  
reconvene into open session – Ayes: 8

The committee reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

### **Schoonmaker Creek Watershed Stormwater Flooding study**

The committee reviewed a memo from the City Engineer regarding Tosa Eastown/Schoonmaker Creek Watershed Stormwater Flooding Analysis. In recent years the Tosa Eastown area (Schoonmaker Creek Watershed) has experienced overland flooding during extreme rain events. This flooding has resulted in stormwater entering people's homes through doors and basement windows. In 2011, the Common Council authorized a study of overland flooding in this area.

Mr. Wehrley said this presentation complements the sanitary sewer presentation we had last fall. This covers the land in Wauwatosa and City of Milwaukee that drains down into Schoonmaker Creek. Mr. Wehrley said the cost to solve the problem is a phenomenal amount of money.

Ald. Wilson excused 9:33 - 7

Gary Raasch, of R. A. Smith National, presented the stormwater analysis to the committee. The purpose of the study was to identify stormwater system improvements to reduce frequency and severity of surface flooding. Overall the inspection results showed the storm sewers in good condition with a few problem areas. The watershed components include 75 subbasins, 175 sewer or channel segments. The study shows the area where the sewers are deficient for a 10-year storm event. Different alternative were shown on how to remedy this. Unresolved flooding areas include State Street and 62<sup>nd</sup> Street, and 74<sup>th</sup> Street and Center Street. The estimated capital costs range from \$35,800,000 to \$77,000,000.

Mr. Wehrley reminded the committee that the City is required to mitigate the areas which have excess sewer flow as previously noted. The stormwater side is strictly a policy decision. Some cost savings may be seen by combining some of the work. The City Engineer reported that MMSD has work scheduled south of State Street by Hart Park. The City may be in a situation where MMSD does their work and then restores everything only to have the City come in the next year and tear everything up. There are time constrains when decisions have to be made. In addition to the structural flooding, in 2010, State Street, Lloyd Street, North Avenue, Meinecke Avenue and Center Street were all closed due to street flooding. It is difficult for the Fire Department to maneuver around town for a high spot to avoid street flooding.

Mr. Wehrley asked the committee how they would like the department to proceed. Would they like to pursue continued investigations? If so, should the consultants work together to arrive at a detailed joint scope of work and cost estimate to combine the two plans.

Ald. Donegan asked for further evaluation on the number of homes involved and what were the repair costs to these homes? Would it be better to purchase the homes outright if the number of homes is minimal? Mr. Wehrley said that does not address the street flooding issue.

Moved by Ald. Donegan, seconded by Ald. Berdan  
to recommend analysis at a higher level to include an evaluation  
of financial damage done to parcels in this area by a 10-year storm  
and the cost to solve the problem – Ayes: 6 Noes: 1

### **Rate adjustment for ambulance fees**

The committee reviewed a memo from Assistant Fire Chief Case regarding the adoption of revised ambulance fees for paramedic services. In 2007 the billing for paramedic service was transferred from the County to each host municipality. The Paramedic Services Contract requires that each municipality adopt these same rates. Comparable rates are reviewed by the Milwaukee County Association of Fire Chiefs (MCAFC). Rate recommendations are sent to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Council (ICC) for confirmation. These rate increases are based on recommendations by local billing services and relate to comparables in the area. The recommended rates as adopted by the MCAFC were confirmed by the ICC at their February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ald. Ewerdt appreciated seeing rate increases across the board and not so random as in the past.

Moved by Ald. Ewerdt, seconded by Ald. Causier  
to recommend adoption of the paramedic service fees– Ayes: 7

**Continuation of the self-insured worker's compensation program**

The committee reviewed a memo from the Human Resources Director/Assistant City Attorney regarding the resolution for worker's compensation self-insurance. The City has self-funded our worker's compensation claims for approximately 30 years. The City pays first dollar of all worker's compensation claims up until our insured stop-loss retention of \$400,000. The City also has the option of fully insuring it worker's compensation risk. It is advantageous to the City to self-insure.

Ms. Aldana reported that the State Department of Workforce Development requires a resolution for worker's compensation every three years.

Moved by Ald. McBride, seconded by Ald. Ewerdt  
to recommend that the City continue to self-insure its  
Worker's Compensation Program – Ayes: 7

**General Obligation Promissory Notes**

The committee reviewed a memo from the Finance Director regarding redemption of bonds due in 2012. Given the low interest environment, it is in the City's financial best interest to use available cash to redeem all possible debt instead of investing that cash in short term securities.

Mr. Ruggini explained to the committee that at this time with interest rates so low, it would be financially responsible to pay off any existing debt early to avoid paying interest rates at a significantly higher rate.

Moved by Ald. Ewerdt, seconded by Ald. Donegan  
to recommend approval to redeem the 2007 Redevelopment  
Refunding Lease Revenue bonds and the 2003 General  
Obligation Promissory Notes - Ayes: 7

**Curbside recycling program**

The committee reviewed a memo from the Director of Public Works containing recommendations for the curbside recycling collection program for July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012.

The City's current curbside recycling contract with Waste Management will expire on June 30, 2012. The intent of this memo is to outline the options staff has explored for this service not only in the near-term, but also regarding long-range options available to the City in 2013 and beyond. The City is looking at ways to pursue collecting recyclables in the six-month period from July 1 through December 31, 2012.

The City entered into a contract with Waste Management in 2002 for the operation of the transfer station, disposal of solid waste, marketing of drop-off recyclables, and operation of the City's drop-off center. The contract term extended to December 31, 2012 with the provision that it could be extended for two, one-year periods if agreeable with both parties.

Mr. Porter said the goal is to have both garbage and recycling contracts expire at the same time. There is a six-month window to cover for this to happen. Waste Management offered to renew the recycling contract for six-months under the same contract terms.

Mr. Porter said because of the mild winter the department has been making strides in some other projects which give the department an opportunity to undertake picking up recyclables for a six-month trial. This way all the contracts would bid out at the end of 2012. The City could also bid on the recycling contract if they chose to do so.

Mr. Archambo thanked the Director of Public Works and staff for the creative way they have found ways to save the City a substantial amount of money.

Moved by Ald. McBride, seconded by Ald. Hanson  
to recommend approval for the City to collect curbside  
recycling material using labor and equipment supplanted  
from the automation of refuse collection, for the 7/1/12 – 12/31/12  
timeframe, and haul the material to the Johns Disposal Service, Inc.  
facility in Norway, WI – Ayes: 7

### **Curbside garbage cart collection purchase**

The committee reviewed a memo from the Management Analyst in anticipation for the transition into automated garbage collection in July 2012. As part of the conversion we need to purchase about 15,000 upright carts to replace the current Ameri Karts.

The Ameri Karts need to be replaced because they are 20 years old and are not compatible with automated garbage collection.

Ms. Hilt explained that three bids were received for the garbage carts. Of the three bids received, the recommendation is to issue a contract to Toter, although not the lowest bid. This is due to the fact that in checking references, it was found that these carts required the least amount of maintenance and in the long run would save the City money on repairs.

The City will deploy an extensive and far-reaching PR campaign to disseminate the information regarding cart delivery and pick-up options of the old cart if citizens do not choose to keep it. It was emphasized by Mr. Porter that if the old cart is kept by the homeowner, the City will not repair the old carts after the new carts are delivered. Old garbage carts returned to the City will be recycled.

Moved by Ald. McBride, seconded by Ald. Donegan  
to recommend approval to enter into a contract with Toter  
for the purchase of 15,120 ninety-six gallon Toter EVR 11  
garbage carts in the amount of \$786,862 – Ayes: 7

### **Monthly construction project tracking**

Mr. Porter reviewed the construction tracking report with the committee. A few dates were added but Mr. Porter noted nothing of significance was changed. New projects are going out to bid or just let so the report is still in its early stages.

Moved by Ald. Causier, seconded by Ald. Ewerdt  
to accept the tracking report – Ayes: 7

**Vouchers**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Dept.</b>	<b>Reason and location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Det. Jeff Griffin	Police	Search Warrant Preparation & Execution - Franklin	2/8/12	158.00
Kelly Zielinski	Police	ACISS Case Management System training - Madison	2/15/12	9.00
Brad Isaacson	Police	ACISS Case Management System training - Madison	2/15/12	10.35
Steve Sment	Police	FBI Basic Hostage Negotiations - Oak Creek	02/13 - 02/17/12	40.23
Sgt. Gary Gabrish	Police	SWAT Team Leader Development - Milwaukee	02/06 - 02/10/12	719.95
Walbrant & 2 Arborists	Forestry	WI Arborist Association Annual Conference - Green Bay	01/29 - 01/31/12	1,149.00
Carla Ledesma and Susan VanHoven	Clerk's	Metro Municipal Clerk's Association Mtg. - Franklin	2/13/12	22.00
Cory Wex	Police	Ballistic Shield Operator's Course - Oak Creek	01/31 - 02/01/12	75.15
Don Semega	Police	2012 Spring Police In-Service Training - WCTC	02/06 - 02/08/12	107.89
Cory Wex	Police	Crime Scene Photography - MATC - Oak Creek	02/06 - 02/07/12	83.26
Det. Michael Romeis	Police	Search Warrant Preparation & Execution - Franklin	2/8/2012	158.00

Moved by Ald. Hanson, seconded by Ald. Causier  
that the vouchers be allowed and paid. Ayes: 6 Present: 1

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk  
City of Wauwatosa

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