

CITY OF WAUWATOSA

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BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 29, 2002
Committee Room #2

PRESENT: Ald. Bruderle-Baran, Casey, Grimm, Jenkins, Matthews, McCarthy, Stepaniak,
Subotich – 8

ALSO PRESENT: T. Wontorek, City Admin; A. Kesner, City Atty.; P. Coffaro, Asst. to Admin.; N. Welch
Comm. Devel. Dir.; R. Harris, Planner; R. Braier, Compt./Treas.; J. Bembenek,
Purchasing Mgr.

Ald. Stepaniak as Chair called the meeting to order 8:00 p.m.

2003 work plan for the Village of Wauwatosa Business Improvement District

Carl Templer, Village of Wauwatosa Business Improvement District (BID) manager, said that they have presented a budget and work plan to the committee for acceptance annually. He acknowledged the vital support the BID receives from various city departments and the Common Council.

Ald. Casey inquired about the \$72,500 in the assessment line item under revenues and asked if there will be a point when assessments will need to be raised. Mr. Templer responded that they have just increased assessments by 5.2%. He said this is the second increase in a decade. He added that the budget was adopted by the BID board and the village businesses.

Ald. Stepaniak asked about a timeline for the installation of the way finding signs. Mr. Templer said that the signs were designed by the Zimmerman Design Group. They are being installed in three phases: peripheral, intermediate and inner. He said the peripheral signs will be going in next year. The other signs will be installed over the next two years. They are also looking at creating monument signs.

Ald. Stepaniak inquired about the BID's advocating positions with regard to the Hart Park Performance Center and the detention ponds on the County Grounds. Mr. Templer replied that the performance center will have an impact by drawing people into the village. They have been very successful in providing public performances. He said that regardless of what happens with the detention ponds, the berms or levies will be increased appropriately. They see the detention ponds as very important to the viability of the village.

Moved by Ald. Casey, seconded by Ald. McCarthy to recommend
acceptance and place the BID 2003 Work Plan on file --

Russell Drover, 7530 W. State St. expressed his objection to the way the BID assesses village businesses. He said there should be one uniform formula used to calculate the assessments in order to bring more equity to the process. He added that the BID surplus that was never used should be turned back to the property owners. He indicated that he had spoken with the BID offices and the only answer he got was that other BIDs are using the same assessment formula.

A discussion followed regarding the most common rates assessed among the 20 to 30 BIDs in the metropolitan area. Ald. Stepaniak asked about a course of action Mr. Drover could take in order to have his concerns addressed. Mr. Kesner indicated that it would not be appropriate to have an individual appear before the committee; however, Mr. Drover should communicate his objections in writing to the BID as a preliminary step in the objection process.

Vote on the motion was, Ayes: 8

City-wide telecommunications study

Mr. Bembenek pointed out that one correction needed to be made in the memo that was sent to the committee regarding the study. The memo reads that the current lease will expire in 2003. The correct date is 2006. He stressed that even with an expiration date of 2006; he felt that the study was extremely important for the city. There are some data lines that are going to all the outlying areas. They can handle data, but they can't handle voice communications. He recommended proceeding with this study at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. He added that this study would be piggy-backed with a State of Wisconsin contract. The report would take approximately six weeks to complete.

Ald. Bruderle-Baran asked if the Time Warner agreement included data networking. Mr. Bembenek responded that currently the lines are provided through Ameritech. He said they had gotten proposals from Time Warner, but they were quite high.

Moved by Ald. Bruderle-Baran, seconded by Ald. Jenkins to recommend denial of the telecommunications study --

Tim Taft, Technical Design Systems, 2745 N. 117th Place, said this is not just about equipment; it is also about connecting locations. He said they proposed using the centrex system to network departments. He said that in the future the city could incorporate the different systems being used between the police, fire and public works departments, etc. and realize a monthly savings. He said the city would benefit from an analysis of the current system and options for better communications. They would make recommendations on how to change the existing equipment in order to save money. Mr. Bembenek told the committee that the Centrex system costs the city approximately \$4,000 each month. He added that the study will pay for itself in savings. Mr. Taft gave the example of the 20% savings the City of Brookfield realized as a result of the study. Ald. McCarthy expressed his support for the study and added that he could not support the motion to deny. Mr. Bembenek indicated that the cost of the study was in the 2002 budget. Ald. Stepaniak expressed his support adding that it is probably a good idea to invest a relatively small amount of money that is already in the budget if it means a savings to the city.

Vote on the motion Ayes: 1, Noes: 7 (Casey, Grimm, Jenkins, Matthews, McCarthy, Stepaniak, Subotich)

Moved by Ald. Matthews, seconded by Ald. Grimm to recommend approval of the telecommunications study for an amount not to exceed \$5,000. Vote on the motion was, Ayes: 7, Noes: 1 (Bruderle-Baran)

Evening rental of civic center clubrooms

Ald. Stepaniak notified the committee that the chief inspector was not able to attend the meeting and the City Administrator had to attend another committee meeting. It was the consensus of the committee to hold this item until the next committee meeting.

2003 Community Development Block Grant requests

Mr. Harris told the committee that this was the annual request for review and approval of 2003 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project requests. He said they reviewed approximately 16-18 projects that were submitted to the CDBG committee. The committee received a total of \$2,560,464 in project requests. With an estimated \$1,300,000 grant amount for 2002 they were required to reduce the amounts requested by a combined total of \$1,260,464. He added that funding for the storm and sanitary sewer improvements was

included in the request. Mr. Harris explained that they are required to put together a roster of projects and their costs by November 15th; however, they won't know the specific grant amount for 2003 until the spring.

A discussion followed regarding the status of some of the recently funded programs such as the ARC building on Center Street and the Eschweiler buildings on the county grounds. Ald. Bruderle-Baran expressed an interest in getting more information on the plans for the Eschweiler buildings and where the funds are going.

Moved by Ald. McCarthy, seconded by Ald. Matthews to recommend approval of the 2003 CDBG requests – 8

Tentative Agreement with AFSCME Local 305 regarding the yard attendant position

Mr. Kappel told the committee that the Employee Relations Committee recommended rejecting the tentative agreement with AFSCME Local 305 for the yard attendant position. It was the consensus of the committee to reject the agreement as well and authorize Mr. Kappel to take it back to the union for further negotiations.

Moved by Ald. Matthews, seconded by Ald. Casey to recommend rejecting the tentative agreement – 8

Lease agreement with the Curling Club for the Muellner Building

Mr. Kappel said the proposed lease agreement was the culmination of 16 different drafts over the last year and a half. He explained that in order to obtain flood insurance, the club needs to have a long term lease agreement. He recommended approving the ten year lease agreement with the Curling Club.

Ed Probst, 9216 Ridge Blvd., said the agreement clarifies the relationship between the club and the city. He said the flood insurance was very important to the club.

Ed Maconnet, 2361 N. 115th Street, said that after the last big flood their club had to put out over \$50,000 for repairs. He said the curling club is a jewel for the city to have. It is a unique sport and very few cities have such a sport available.

Sam MacNeill, 6421 Washington Circle, said he has been a member of the club since 1965. They have had a long and pleasant agreement with the city and the club is an asset.

Jill Gaertner, 6829 Terrace Court, said curling is a fun sport. She added that it is important to put the detention ponds in on the county grounds in order to prevent the flooding they have had.

Ald. Jenkins acknowledged that the Curling Club is something special for the city. He asked if there was any other club or organization asking to lease the space. Mr. Kappel indicated that he is not aware of any group that has said they would like to lease that room.

Moved by Ald. Jenkins, seconded by Ald. Bruderle-Baran to recommend approval of the ten year lease agreement with the Curling Club – 8

Vouchers

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FOR</u>
K. Isleb	\$349.79	Assessor – 9/24-9/27/02 – Green Bay Municipal Assessors Institute Conference

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FOR</u>
D. Wheaton	\$358.54	Bldg/Safety – 10/1-10/4/02 – Marinette Plumbing Inspector Recertification
D. Reichartz	\$272.74	Bldg/Safety – 10/2-10/4/02 – Marinette Plumbing Inspector Recertification
R. Burnett	\$273.64	Police – 9/8-9/14/02 – Indianapolis, IN Voice Stress Analyzer Operator Training
W. Kappel	\$1,276.58	Engin. – 9/19-9/27/02 – Kansas City, KA APWA International Congress
T. Wontorek	\$1,515.54	City Admin. – 9/28-10/5/02 – Philadelphia, PA ICMA National Conference
S. Presnal	\$365.35	Bldg/Safety – 10/1-10/4/02 – Marinette Plumbing Inspector Recertification
D. Kane	\$114.96	Police – 9/8-9/20/02 – Madison DARE Instructor Class
P. Roberson	\$256.25	Police – 10/8-10/10/02 – Wisconsin Dells Forum on Youth Violence
M. Schultz	\$45.00	Police – 9/9-9/13/02 – Milwaukee Basic Undercover Modular
S. Alioto	\$63.61	Police – 10/14-10/18/02 – MATC, Oak Creek Basic Crime Scene Evidence Investigation
G. Raymond	\$35.02	Police – 10/14-10/18/02 – MATC, Oak Creek Basic Crime Scene Evidence Investigation
J. Morrison	\$40.82	Police – 10/14-10/18/02 – MATC, Oak Creek Basic Crime Scene Evidence Investigation
M. Pearson	\$27.00	Police – 10/7-10/9/02 – MATC Patrol Inservice Training
N. Welch	\$738.16	Planning – 4/15-4/17/02 – Chicago American Planning Assoc. Annual Conference
R. Harris	\$36.81	Planning – 10/8-10/9/02 – Milwaukee CDBG Meeting
A. Kesner	\$1,430.26	Legal – 10/20-10/23/02 – Denver, CO IMLA Conference

Moved by Ald. Casey, seconded by Ald. Grimm that the vouchers
be allowed and paid – 8

Claim of Allan Wirth, 2605 N. 81st Street

Mr. Kesner explained that Mr. Wirth is a rental property owner who has objected to the manner in which the fees are assessed under the storm water utility. He said that Mr. Wirth has voiced his objection to the City Attorney's office and now he is filing a claim. Mr. Kesner recommended denial of the claim. He said the assessment of the fines is in total compliance with the storm water utility procedures. There are procedures contained in the ordinance Section 18.01.060 for appeals. He said that Mr. Wirth has not followed those procedures and filing a claim with the city cannot take the place of the appeals process contained in the ordinance. Ald. Matthews asked if Mr. Wirth was aware of the other processes of appeal. Mr. Kappel answered that he was informed.

Moved by Ald. McCarthy, seconded by Ald. Jenkins to recommend denial of the claim. Vote on the motion was, Ayes: 7, Noes: 0, Present: 1 (Grimm)

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
City of Wauwatosa

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