

## CITY OF WAUWATOSA

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### BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 8, 2003  
Committee Room #2

PRESENT: Ald. Bruderle-Baran, Casey, Grimm, Jenkins, Matthews, Subotich – 6

EXCUSED: Ald. McCarthy

ABSENT: Ald. Stepaniak

ALSO PRESENT: Ald. Treis; A. Kesner, City Atty.; R. Braier, Finance Dir.; W. Kappel, Public Works Dir.; W. Wehrley, City Engineer; C. Thomas, Payroll and Benefits Mgr.

Ald. Matthews as Chair called the meeting to order 8:20 p.m.

#### **Resolution authorizing a contract renewal with the Medical College of Wisconsin for post exposure blood borne pathogen treatment**

Ms. Thomas said employees are sometimes exposed to body fluids from a patient or someone they are assisting from the public mainly in the health, fire and police departments. In 2000 the city agreed to a contract with the Medical College for post exposure blood borne pathogen treatment. She said that not every doctor knows this area of medicine. The city wanted to be certain employees were directed to a medical group with expert knowledge in managing exposures to blood borne pathogens. She said the treatment requires not only specialized knowledge, but individualized assessment, counseling and clinical follow-up for up to a year. She said the cost of the basic examination and exposure panel (tests to determine the employee's Hepatitis B and C status, among other things) has increased 24% since 2000. She said the increase for the examination and exposure panel is \$41.45. With five exposures, as happened in 2002, the city's cost would increase to a total of \$207.25. She said this all comes under worker's compensation. Employees can choose to go anywhere; however, the city decided to contract with the Medical College because the employees need a "center of excellence" to go to. The Medical College provides exposure services to most local fire departments as well as Medical College and Froedtert Hospital staff.

Moved by Ald. Jenkins, seconded by Ald. Casey to recommend approval  
of the contract renewal – 6

#### **Award of contract to Earth Tech for sanitary sewer bypass flow monitoring**

Mr. Wehrley told the committee that on March 18, 2003 the Common Council authorized staff to solicit proposals from qualified engineering firms to perform flow monitoring at the city's existing gravity sanitary sewer bypass locations. He said that nine engineering firms were sent the proposals and of the nine, five consultants responded. Earth Tech had the lowest fee for flow monitoring. As a result of successful negotiations with the Department of Transportation (DOT), the work will be paid 80% by Surface Transportation Program (STP) – Urban funds. The remaining 20% is included in the design contract recently approved by the Council. He recommended that the Change of Purpose be approved to utilize up to \$30,000 in city monies to partially fund the flow monitoring. He further recommended authorizing appropriate city officials to enter into a contract with Earth Tech at their unit cost for sanitary sewer flow monitoring using a combination of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and up to \$30,000 in city funds.

In response to questions regarding the gravity bypass monitoring equipment, Mr. Wehrley described the monitoring process that is currently being used and explained that it only indicates a possible bypass. Each time they get a bypass indication, they have to report it to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Moved by Ald. Bruderle-Baran, seconded by Ald. Casey to recommend approval of the award of contract to Earth Tech – 6

**Change of Purpose in the General Purpose Equipment Expenses – Passenger Vehicle Account and authorization to purchase 5 passenger vehicles**

Mr. Kappel said the original request was to purchase three passenger cars and a pickup truck. He said that because of department layoffs the pick up truck is no longer needed. Working in conjunction with the purchasing department, the city can purchase five Chrysler Neons at the 2002 pricing through the state contract for \$10,635 each or a total of \$53,175. The passenger vehicle account contains \$56,000. He said that purchasing five cars this year will help reduce the request for next year when the budget will be even tighter. There were three passenger vehicles in next year's five-year plan. They have looked at the possibility of not purchasing any passenger cars in 2004. He said the price they expected to pay in 2004 is \$14,000 or more for each vehicle. In light of that, purchasing them now is a very cost effective purchase for the city. He recommended approving the Change of Purpose and allowing for the purchase of five passenger vehicles in 2003 with funds from the General Purpose Equipment Expenses – Passenger Vehicle Account.

Moved by Ald. Grimm, seconded by Ald. Jenkins to recommend approval of the Change of Purpose in the General Purpose Equipment Expenses – Passenger Vehicle Account and authorization to purchase 5 passenger vehicles – 6

**Grant assistance for funding of traffic signals at N. 124<sup>th</sup> and W. Feerick Streets**

Mr. Wehrley said this issue was on the agenda for the Traffic and Safety committee which met just before this committee meeting. The city was approached by J C Penney with a request that traffic signals be installed at the intersection of N. 124<sup>th</sup> and Feerick Streets. They had agreed to fund part of the design cost. J C Penney plans to connect their north parking lot to the east end of Feerick Street. Placing traffic signals at 124<sup>th</sup> Street would facilitate the orderly movement of trucks in and out of their north parking lot. He said a traffic signal analysis was prepared as part of the design for the reconstruction of 124<sup>th</sup> between Burleigh Street and Capitol Drive. He said that warrants were met for the installation of the traffic signal at this intersection and these warrants were reviewed and approved by the Department of Transportation (DOT). A Transportation Economic Assistance (TEA) grant would finance up to 50% of the cost of the traffic signal design and construction if approved. Mr. Wehrley noted that J C Penney has been saying that they thought the transportation grant was going to cover the project 100%. They indicated that they are not willing to pay for the 50% that is not covered by the TEA grant. Mr. Wehrley said they are looking into using Surface Transportation Program (STP) – Urban credits which could pay the local share up to 80%. They approached the City of Brookfield for funding and Brookfield declined. He said the most cost effective solution would be to install the signals in conjunction with the paving of the road. If the road is paved now and application for the TEA grant is made later, the cost would be higher.

Ald. Matthews gave a summary of the discussion that took place in the Traffic and Safety committee meeting. She said several members of the committee expressed concern about the financing. Members of that committee felt that the city should not pay 100% of the project costs. They thought the City of Brookfield should pay part of the cost because it would benefit them. They also talked about looking at tapping into the local businesses such as McDonalds. She said the committee stressed that if J C Penney gets ingress and egress off of Feerick Street at some future point, they should be assessed at some level because it would change the traffic pattern significantly.

Tom Gerlach, 12015 Meadow Court told the committee that this is a very dangerous area. He said that trying to cross the road or turn left anywhere is dangerous. He pointed out that there has been a lot of development and nothing done to address the traffic issue. It seems logical to do this installation in conjunction with the road construction. He urged that the work be done even if J C Penney was not going to contribute to the traffic flow. He added that even if the City of Brookfield does not want to pay, it should be done for the benefit of Wauwatosa businesses. He didn't think \$65,000 was a tremendous amount to come up with, but the emphasis was on getting help in paying for the project.

Don Birchel, 1225 N. 122 Street asked if the residents might be assessed for the traffic light installation. Mr. Wehrley explained that the city assesses for paving projects, not for signalization.

Jim Brundahl, 12210 W. Ripley Avenue said that if the Council would like to do something, they could add the condition that if another party comes up with the funding the city could make up the difference.

In response to questions regarding charging the public for traffic signals, Mr. Kappel said in order to do that the city would have to change the current assessment policy. Ald. Matthews asked about the cost of putting in the preliminary traffic signal infrastructure during the paving. Mr. Wehrley said it would be a good idea to do the initial installation if the city thought the lights would be installed in the next five years. He said they could install conduits, loop detectors, etc. now so they wouldn't have to tear up the road again.

Ald. Casey said the area in question needs more traffic management and control, not less. He suggested that this would be a good time to approach some of the other businesses in the area and see if they would be able to give some money toward something that would benefit them. He encouraged the staff to talk more with the City of Brookfield as there will be continued development on the west side of the street. He said that at a minimum, it would be prudent to get the initial work done so the city is not tearing up a new street in the future.

Ald. Jenkins asked for a cost estimate on the preliminary work before putting in the traffic signal. Mr. Wehrley responded that the traffic signal would cost approximately \$40,000. Ald. Bruderle-Baran asked about the timetable for this project. Mr. Wehrley said it was likely that the Governor will sign the bill for this work in May so there isn't much time before the work is to begin. Mr. Kappel added that it will cost approximately \$80,000 from design to installation. Ald. Bruderle-Baran asked if there was any danger time wise if this issue was held until the next Council meeting. It would give more time for the staff to talk to Brookfield.

Ald. Treis expressed his deep concern about the discussion. He said he would like more time to work on clarifying some of the issues involved and getting the project back on track.

Ald. Casey said it sounded like the committee wanted to hold this item for a week or two in order to be able to look into ways the city can get the project done without paying the total cost. He said that under the city and the Wauwatosa Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) auspices, there ought to be a way to find any funding that might be available.

Moved by Ald. Bruderle-Baran, seconded by Ald. Jenkins to hold this item for a special meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee to be held before the Common Council on April 15, 2003 for further information and some figures on alternatives in funding – 6

**Vouchers**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FOR</u>
E. Krueger	\$140.00	Health – 3/18-3/19/03 – Chicago, IL 37 <sup>th</sup> National Immunization Conf.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FOR</u>
C. Galloway	\$60.00	Health – 3/18-3/19/03 – Chicago, IL 37 <sup>th</sup> National Immunization Conf.
C. Krueger	\$80.00	Fire – 2/28-3/1/03 – Wisconsin Dells HazMat Conf.
E. Moudry	\$162.00	Fire – 2/28-3/1/03 – Wisconsin Dells HazMat Conf.
E. Krueger	\$88.05	Health – 3/28-3/29/03 – Wauwatosa Public Health Nursing Conf.
M. Swanson	\$88.05	Health – 3/28-3/29/03 – Wauwatosa Public Health Nursing Conf.
M. Maki	\$708.60	Engineering – 3/26-3/28/03 – Madison Stormwater Course

Moved by Ald. Casey, seconded by Ald. Grimm that the vouchers  
be allowed and paid – 6

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk  
City of Wauwatosa

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