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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, January 7, 2003

PRESENT: Alds. Becker, Ecks, Heins, Herzog, Kopischke, Krol, Sullivan, Treis -8

ALSO PRESENT: N. Welch, Community Dev. Dir.

Ald. Heins in the Chair called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m.

Conditional Use - MMSD Antennas

The committee reviewed a request by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) for a Conditional Use to install UHF directional antennas at seven locations on Milwaukee County property and railroad property in Wauwatosa, as follows:

- 8000 W. Wisconsin Avenue
- 8900 Watertown Plank Road
- 3500 Menomonee River Parkway
- 1901 Menomonee River Parkway
- 10518 W. Grantosa Drive
- 3105 N. Menomonee River Parkway
- 12308 W. Underwood Creek Parkway

MMSD is upgrading their data communication system used for collecting and receiving data from their remote facilities. The antennas will be installed on existing poles or buildings whenever possible. Milwaukee County has issued permits for the six sites that are on Milwaukee County parkway right-of-way. Four additional locations within City right-of-way were previously approved by the Board of Public Works.

Moved by Ald. Treis, seconded by Ald. Becker to recommend approval of the Conditional Use. Ayes: 8

Phil Farmer, MMSD, 260 W. Seeboth Street, Milwaukee, was asked about the use of cell phones to transmit data. He said that the issues with cell phones are security and cost. Communication must be continuous. In response to further questions, he said that the installations would typically be at a height of about 18 feet, although those on county street light poles along the parkway would be closer to 20 feet to be near the top of the poles and less obtrusive. They will transmit data on water levels in MMSD's sewer system. Mr. Farmer noted that a question has been raised about City use of the backbone of this system to communicate its own information as well, and that is being evaluated.

Vote on the motion, Ayes: 8

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
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