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Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting of the INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Committee Members

**Chairman Benson
Alderman Musillami
Alderman Finn**

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Chairman Benson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Benson, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Finn

Also Present: Mayor McDermott, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Frohlich, Treasurer Bolt, City Administrator Paul, City Clerk Kmet, Assistant City Administrator Peterson, Public Works Superintendent Serna, and City Engineer Fitzgerald.

3. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC.

City Clerk Kmet brought up a concern regarding the traffic on Longview and the S-curve into 57th Street. She said it is extremely dangerous because of the volume of traffic and the speed of the vehicles. Ms. Kmet thought that with brainstorming between City Engineer Fitzgerald and others we can come up with alternate solutions.

Chairman Benson stated that we can look at the situation and see if the City Engineer has some options and we can talk with Chief Ford.

Alderman Musillami said that he was driving around the neighborhood and was talking with Alderman Von Drasek around ten o'clock and there was hardly any traffic.

City Engineer Fitzgerald said that we can look into traffic calming devices. The Police Department has the equipment to measure the traffic, so we should start with them. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that he would have to do some testing to see how much traffic there is and the speed of the vehicles.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 27, 2021.**4. a. Approval of the October 27, 2021 Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes.**

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 27, 2021 were previously distributed to the members of the Infrastructure Committee.

A motion was made by Alderman Finn to approve the minutes from the October 27, 2021 meeting, seconded by Chairman Benson and carried unanimously.

5. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMITTEE FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND IF SO DETERMINED, ACTION UPON:**5.a. Consideration of the Water Department (SCADA) System Upgrade with Automatic Control Services of Naperville, IL in the amount of \$34,083.00.**

Public Works Superintendent Serna stated that the City's SCADA system was installed in 2005 which makes it seventeen years old. Some hardware was replaced in 2014 but the POS's were never replaced. Normally the system should be replaced after fifteen years due to the updates in programming. Mr. Serna recommends purchasing the system from Automatic Control Services for \$34,083.00.

A motion was made by Alderman Musillami to purchase a SCADA System from Automatic Control Services in the amount of \$34,083.00 and send this item onto the City Council for approval, seconded by Alderman Finn and carried unanimously.

Finance Director Schutter asked if we were replacing it this year or will it go into next years budget.

Public Works Superintendent Serna said we need to replace it this year as we can't find parts for the system, they are all obsolete.

City Administrator Paul said that the reason we need to purchase this system this year is when the pipe broke at the water plant we had to borrow a control from McCook. Lead Water Plant Operator Hartigan found the part we needed on EBay.

5.b. Consideration of a Contract with Go Painters Inc. of Maywood, IL for Fire Hydrant Paint Maintenance.

Public Works Superintendent Serna said that he received three bids. Go Painters was the second lowest bid we received and we went with them because they have a two year warranty and the other companies did not have any warranty. We are going to paint Ward 2 this year which is 188 hydrants. The cost would be \$18,800.00.

Chairman Benson asked if the \$18,800.00 is for all the hydrants and would this be for next year's budget.

Public Works Superintendent Serna said the price is just for Ward 2 and the dollar amount would be for this year's budget.

A motion was made by Alderman Finn to give the contract to Go Painters for the amount of \$18,800.00 and send this item onto the City Council for approval seconded by Chairman Benson and carried unanimously.

5.c. Discussion on the Public Works Department Building Roof and Brick Façade Upgrade.

Public Works Superintendent Serna stated that the Public Works facility was purchased on November 1, 1977 and as far as he knows has never had a new roof put on the building. Sixty percent of the brick façade on the north side of the building is damaged due to the leaky roof. Mr. Serna stated that he did get estimates on the brick and only two were returned to him. The lowest bid received was from Belden Tuck Pointing at \$174,000 and for the roof the bid was from Jones and Cleary at \$202,345 for a total of \$376,345.

Chairman Benson said that this opens up a bigger discussion on the longevity and usefulness of this building. Is it time to start thinking of a new building for Public Works. We don't want to put that much money into a building that you've outgrown and with all the new equipment that you have.

Alderman Musillami agreed that we should look into building a new building for Public Works instead of putting more money into the old building.

City Administrator Paul stated that the first step should be to do a space needs analysis just like we did for the City Hall building. We can have an architect come out and sit with Jesse and figure out the square footage needed for all the new equipment. Public Works Superintendent Serna can then come back to the committee and share the information with the committee. We can see if the new building will fit on the lot or if we have to look for another location. If the committee agrees with this idea Ms. Paul said that she can get pricing.

Chairman Benson said he agrees with Ms. Paul and this should be the first step. If we are going to go in that direction, we just want to make sure that the building is safe for the workers for the next couple of years? Mr. Serna stated the building is safe and it depends on the weather on how much damage will happen to the building. We had a corner of the roof peel back the last high wind we had and we patched up that corner of the roof.

Chairman Benson asked if we had to do anything with the masonry in the next couple years. Mr. Serna said as of now it will just get a little worse. I don't think it will actually fall off.

Chairman Benson as far as the roof goes can we get a price on a more temporary solution? Mr. Serna said that we can either do that or they can continue repairing the roof themselves.

Chairman Benson instructed Ms. Paul to start getting prices for the architects.

5.d. Discussion on Streets and Alleys Resurfacing 5-Year Plan.

City Engineer Fitzgerald said that he and Public Works Superintendent Serna go out every two to three years and take an assessment of the streets and alleys. There is currently no alleys that need to be repaired. There are three streets that are bad in the City, Dansher Road, Sunset Avenue, and Longview Drive. The north section of Longview is worse than the south section. We are not recommending to do Dansher and Sunset because they need to have water main work done. We try to cluster the streets together so we can get a better price on materials.

For year 2022 we recommend doing Natasha Court, Longview South, Longview North, and 59th Street. For year 2023 we recommend Sunset, as long as the water main work is completed. We also recommend doing 67th Street. For year 2024 we recommend Dansher, as long as the water main work is completed. Dansher will be a very big job because we are widening it and doing full replacement of curbs and gutters. For year 2025 we are looking to do Kensington north of Joliet Road, 57th Street, Catherine, and Ashland. For 2026 we are recommending Kensington north of Plainfield, Ashland between 55th and Plainfield, and the other half of Lorraine and Rose Avenue.

Alderman Finn asked Public Works Superintendent Serna about Rose Avenue, it has a couple big potholes and might not be able to wait until 2026. Mr. Serna stated that they have patched up some of the potholes. Mr. Fitzgerald said that we can always move up the work on Rose Avenue.

Public Works Superintendent Serna stated that he drives around the city and makes a list of the areas that need to be patched.

City Engineer asked if the committee could adopt at least the first year so they can get the plans together.

A motion was made by Alderman Musillami to adopt the first year of the 5-Year plan to resurface streets and alleys, seconded by Alderman Finn and carried unanimously.

6. OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS.

City Engineer Fitzgerald just wanted to update the committee that we received \$325,000 in a partnership between City of Countryside and MWRD to repair the parking lot on 61st Street at Countryside Park and the off street parking on 59th Street the north side. The repairs will be to install green infrastructure at both 61st Street and 59th Street on the north side.

7. ADJOURN.

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Musillami motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Finn and carried unanimously.

Chairman Benson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted,

Alderman Mark Benson, Chairman

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