



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

ALD. ROBERT J. BAUMAN, CHAIR

Ald. Ashanti Hamilton, Vice-Chair

**Ald. Russell W. Stamper, II, Ald. Mark A. Borkowski, and
Ald. Nikiya Dodd**

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Wednesday, June 8, 2022

9:00 AM

Committee Room 301-B, City Hall

The meeting convened at 9:01 am

1. [220191](#) Resolution relating to approving the levying of assessments and construction of assessable public improvement projects at various locations and appropriating funds for these purposes.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Mohammad Ayesh - DPW - explained the projects are supported by the neighbors according with the results of the postcard survey and by the aldermanic office as well.

2nd Aldermanic District

N. 63rd St. – W. Villard Ave. to W. Lawn Ave. (ST211210205) Install traffic calming speed hump(s).

Ald. Borkowski moved approval. There were no objections.

N. 78th St. – W. Silver Spring Dr. to W. Carmen Ave. (ST211220119) Install traffic calming speed hump(s).

Ald. Hamilton moved approval. There were no objections.

W. Bender Ave. – N. 77th St. to N. 80th St. (ST211220166) Install traffic calming speed hump(s).

Ald. Dodd moved approval. There were no objections.

3rd Aldermanic District

N. Newhall St. – E. Bellevue Pl. to E. Park Pl. (ST211220128) Install traffic calming speed hump(s).

Amanda Cervantes from the 3rd. District's office said that the postcard survey results were very close.

Neighbors in support:

Aaron Cleveland - 2613 N Newhall St

Neighbors in opposition:

John Bleikan - 2645 N Newhall St

Christan Kramer - 2631 N Newhall St

Darnell Hamilton - 2635 N Newhall St

Collett Cole - 2627 N Newhall St

Ald. Hamilton moved to hold the item to the call of the chair. There were no objections.

6th Aldermanic District

N. 11th St. – W. Concordia Ave. to W. Keefe Ave. (ST211210251) Install traffic calming speed hump(s).

Ald. Borkowski moved approval. There were no objections.

N. 11th St. – W. Keefe Ave. to W. Finn Pl. (ST211210260) Install traffic calming speed hump(s).

Ald. Stamper moved approval. There were no objections.

N. 17th St. – W. Concordia Ave. to W. Keefe Ave. (ST211210261) Install traffic calming speed hump(s).

Ald. Borkowski moved approval. There were no objections.

N. 17th St. – W. Vienna Ave. to W. Atkinson Ave. (ST211210262) Install traffic calming speed hump(s).

Ald. Hamilton moved approval. There were no objections.

N. Fratney St. - E. Vienna Ave. to E. Capitol Dr. (ST211180195) Asphalt pavement resurfacing, replace curb and gutter, sidewalk and driveway approaches where necessary, sodding (12' width of tree border area), and grading.

Neighbors present:

Willie Karidis - Executive Director BID 25 Riverworks wanted to get some detailed information about the timeline. Mary Dziejwiontkoski and Mohammad Ayesh offered to help him.

Ald. Stamper moved approval. There were no objections.

E. Vienna Ave. - N. Humboldt Blvd. to N. Holton St. (ST211190140) Concrete pavement reconstruction, narrowing roadway from 40' to 38', replace all curb and gutter, replace side walk and driveway approaches where necessary, narrowing sidewalk from 6' to 5', sodding (7' width of tree border area), grading, and tree removal where necessary.

Ald. Hamilton moved approval. There were no objections.

7th Aldermanic District

N. 53rd St. – W. Glendale Ave. to W. Hampton Ave. (ST211220125) Install traffic calming speed hump(s).

Ald. Dodd moved approval. There were no objections.

W. Chambers St. – N. 35th St. to N. 36th St. (ST211220126) Install traffic calming speed hump(s).

Ald. Hamilton moved approval. There were no objections.

12th Aldermanic District

S. 19th St. – W. Hayes Ave. to W. Lincoln Ave. (ST211220137) Install traffic calming speed hump(s).

Ald. Borkowski moved approval. There were no objections.

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye 5 - Bauman, Hamilton, Stamper, Borkowski, and Dodd

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No 0

No 0

2. [220192](#) Substitute resolution determining it necessary to make various assessable public improvements at various locations and appropriating funds for these purposes with the City engineering cost estimated to be \$37,600 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$439,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Mohammad Ayesh - DPW

SUBSTITUTED

Aye 5 - Bauman, Hamilton, Stamper, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

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Sponsors: THE CHAIR

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye 5 - Bauman, Hamilton, Stamper, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

3. [220193](#) Substitute resolution determining it necessary to make various nonassessable public improvements at various locations and appropriating funds for these purposes with the City engineering cost estimated to be \$119,000 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$3,740,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Mohammad Ayesh - DPW

SUBSTITUTED

Aye 5 - Bauman, Hamilton, Stamper, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

- [220193](#) Substitute resolution determining it necessary to make various nonassessable public improvements at various locations and appropriating funds for these purposes with the City engineering cost estimated to be \$119,000 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$3,740,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye 5 - Bauman, Hamilton, Stamper, Borkowski, and Dodd
No 0

- 4. [220194](#) Substitute resolution approving construction of nonassessable public improvements at various locations and appropriating funds for these purposes with the City construction cost estimated to be \$7,357,000 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$8,335,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Mohammad Ayesh - DPW

SUBSTITUTED

Aye 5 - Bauman, Hamilton, Stamper, Borkowski, and Dodd
No 0

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Sponsors: THE CHAIR

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye 5 - Bauman, Hamilton, Stamper, Borkowski, and Dodd
No 0

- 5. [220162](#) Resolution authorizing a contract for services between the State of Wisconsin and the City of Milwaukee to assist residential homeowner customers with Municipal Services Bill arrearages through the Homeowner Assistance Fund.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Patrick Pauly - DPW - explained that it is about a low income water assistance program. The application is done at the state's website and it is the local administrator who determine the eligibility for the funds.

The residents will be informed about this program on the municipal services bill.

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye 5 - Bauman, Hamilton, Stamper, Borkowski, and Dodd
No 0

- 6. [220166](#) Resolution approving a Quit Claim Deed and assignment of City sewer facilities and easement interests from the City to Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) and authorizing the proper City officials to execute a Bill of Sale for the acceptance of storm and sanitary sewer

facilities from MMSD at various locations.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Robert Seleen - DPW

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye 5 - Bauman, Hamilton, Stamper, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

7. [220176](#) Resolution to inform the Common Council of the City's Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for the year 2021.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Kurt Sprangers - DPW

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye 5 - Bauman, Hamilton, Stamper, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

8. [220213](#) Appointment of Dominic Ortiz to the Professional Baseball Park District Board by the Mayor. (8th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Mr. Dominic Ortiz was present.

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION

Aye 5 - Bauman, Hamilton, Stamper, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

9. [191930](#) Communication from the Department of Public Works relating to the status of current and future operations.

Sponsors: Ald. Bauman

Jerrel Kruschke, Danielle Rodriguez and Patrick Pauly from DPW

Mr. Kruschke said that it is taking 1.4 days to address electricity outages, that there is an increase in the number of pot holes from last year and that it is taking from 3 days to 5 days to take care of them because the department is understaffed by 26 (labor staff). Mr. Kruschke explained that they continue doing open recruitment, hiring on the spot and doing everything what they can.

Ald. Stamper asked about those employees that have worked for 3 months and have not received a job offer yet.

Ms. Rodriguez said that it is because there are some issues with driver's licenses, background checks and/or it is a matter of time. She also said that the reason to use outsourcing is to bring more people that want to work for the City.

Ald. Borkowski thanked the DPW team and asked the to keep the good work.

Mr. Kruschke said that he wanted to bring to the committee's attention that there is a shortage of labor and that the supply chain has started to hit again, which have slowed down some operations and that he will keep the common council informed.

An example of the supply chain shortage was explained by Mr. Pauly who said that the Water Department is running short on corporation stops (valves) and curve stops, that those have been delayed month after month, that they are rationing them and don't know when it's going to end.

Mr. Kruschke said that is happening with electrical services and yellow paint (until 2023) but that they are focusing on the services like garbage collection, recycling, etc.

Ms. Rodriguez said that they working on the recycling program (education and enforcement).

Mr. Kruschke said that there are 900 trees and stump removals pending for the same reasons and asked the common council and residents to be patient.

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Aye 5 - Bauman, Hamilton, Stamper, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

10. [211119](#)

Communication from the Department of Public Works relating to the status of Traffic-Calming and Complete Streets projects to address reckless driving and to provide a safer infrastructure for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Sponsors: Ald. Bauman

Mr. Kruschke said that 83 different projects have been approved so far and that the first contract will start on the week of the 4th of July. He added that 2nd contract will be advertise on July as well and the 3rd contract after that.

Mr. Kruschke explained that once the project is advertised, it takes about 2 months to get started and that residents will see a full impact in August.

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Aye 5 - Bauman, Hamilton, Stamper, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 am

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Staff Assistant*

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