



# City of Milwaukee

City Hall  
200 East Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

## Meeting Minutes

### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

*ALD. ROBERT J. BAUMAN, CHAIR*

*Ald. Mark A. Borkowski Vice-Chair*

*Ald. JoCasta Zamarripa, Ald. Jose G. Perez, and Ald. Russell  
W. Stamper, II*

*Staff Assistant, Yadira Melendez-Hagedorn, 286-2775*

*Fax: 286-3456, Y.Melendez-Hagedorn@milwaukee.gov*

*Legislative Liaison, Jeffrey Osterman, 286-2262,*

*joster@milwaukee.gov*

---

Thursday, February 17, 2022

9:00 AM

City Hall, Room 301-B

---

*The meeting started at 9:04 am*

1. [211598](#) Substitute resolution approving levying of assessments and construction of assessable public improvement projects at various locations and appropriating funds for these purposes with the City cost of these projects approved by this resolution is estimated to be \$20,255 for a total estimated cost of \$94,400.

*Holly Rutenbeck - DPW*

*1st Aldermanic District*

*W. Fiebrantz Ave. - N. 17th st to N. 19th st. (ST211210190) Install traffic calming speed hump(s).*

*Ms. Rutenbeck said that the alderman supports the project and that the postcard survey results are in favor.*

*Ald. Perez moved approval.*

*2nd Aldermanic District*

*N. 61st St. - W. Villard Ave. to W. Lawn Ave. (ST211210242) Install traffic calming speed hump(s).*

*Ms. Rutenbeck said that the alderman supports the project and that the postcard survey results are in favor.*

*Ald. Zamarripa moved approval.*

*N. 70th St. - W. Hampton Ave. to W. Medford Ave. (ST211210233) Install traffic calming speed hump(s).*

*Ms. Rutenbeck said that the alderman supports the project and that the postcard survey results are in favor.*

*Ald. Stamper moved approval.*

*5th Aldermanic District*

*W. Fiebrantz Ave — N. 86th St. to N. 88th St. (ST211210217) Install traffic calming speed hump(s).*

*Ms. Rutenbeck said that the alderman supports the project and that the postcard survey results are in favor.*

*Ald. Perez moved approval.*

*7th Aldermanic District*

*W. Fiebrantz Ave. — N. 41st St. to N. 42nd St. (ST211210258) Install traffic calming speed hump(s).*

*Individuals in support:*

*Pat Jones - 4102 N 42nd St - said that there a lot of new families with children playing outdoors and that stop signs are no longer working like it happens on the corner on 41st St and that the street is a straight shot for 2 blocks where vehicles reach a speed of 70 mph and that it is also dangerous to cross the street.*

*Ms. Rutenbeck said that the alderman supports the project and that the postcard survey results are in favor.*

*Ald. Zamarripa moved approval.*

*N. 53rd st. - W. Marion St. to W. Congress st. (ST211210230) Install traffic calming speed hump(s).*

*Individuals in support:*

*John - 4314 N 55th St - said that his neighborhood is changing with young families moving in and that cars are not respecting the stop signs and that speed humps will make the cars to educe the speed some how.*

*Ms. Rutenbeck said that the alderman supports the project and that the postcard survey results are in favor.*

*Ald. Stamper moved approval.*

*10th Aldermanic District*

*N. 54th St. - W. Chambers St. to W. Burleigh St. (ST211210238) Install traffic calming speed hump(s).*

*Individuals present:*

*Annie - 3030 N 54th St - said that there are families with children and that she has seen two accidents for reckless driving within 6 months and thanked the committee for the initiative.*

*Ms. Rutenbeck said that the alderman supports the project and that the postcard survey results are in favor.*

*Ald. Perez Moved approval.*

*11th Aldermanic District*

*S. Massachusetts Ave. - S. 75th St. to W. Morgan Ave. (ST211210239) Install traffic calming speed hump(s).*

*Ms. Rutenbeck said that the alderman supports the project and that the postcard survey results are in favor.*

*Ald. Borkowski said that this is the very first speed hump at his district and that it was not an easy subject but necessary.*

*Ald. Zamarripa moved approval.*

*14th Aldermanic District*

*E. Euclid Ave. - S. Lenox St. to S. Pine Ave. (ST211210270) Install traffic calming speed hump(s).*

*Ms. Rutenbeck said that the alderman supports the project and that the postcard survey results are in favor.*

*Ald. Dimitrijevic was present.*

*Ald. Stamper moved approval.*

S. 7th St. - W. Dakota St. to W. Montana St. (ST211210151) Install traffic calming speed hump(s).

Individuals against the project:

Luke - 2051 S 7th St - said that he lives in the middle of the block and that he does not see the need of it and that it would be an inconvenience for the home owners who park their cars many times at day and that he would like to know more about the postcard survey process because he is positive that many people did not even look at them.

Ald. Stamper explained that the process to request a speed hump start with an application and gathering signatures from neighbors and that the postcard survey is done by the alderperson's office. Also said that the postcard says very clear that if it is not returned, it will be counted as "supporter".

Ald. Dimitrijevic said that a total of 28 postcards were mailed out, 8 came back in opposition and 20 in support but that she did not have the breakdown number of how many postcards were mailed back to her office.

Individuals in support:

Rick Heldt - 2829 S 7th St - said that he submitted photos (attached to the file) of the marks on the pavement of the reckless driving and car accidents and that speed humps will slow the traffic there and that he gathered the signatures that he needed from the neighbors in order to carry the proposal on.

Ms. Rutenbeck said that the alderman supports the project and that the postcard survey results are in favor.

Ald. Perez moved approval.

**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

**Aye** 4 - Borkowski, Zamarripa, Perez, and Stamper

**Aye** 4 - Borkowski, Zamarripa, Perez, and Stamper

**No** 0

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

- 2. [211599](#) 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 \$15,000 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$285,000.

Holly Rutenbeck - DPW

**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

**Aye** 4 - Borkowski, Zamarripa, Perez, and Stamper

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

- 3. [211600](#) 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 \$139,500 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$11,117,000.

*Holly Rutenbeck - DPW*

**SUBSTITUTED**

**Aye** 4 - Borkowski, Zamarripa, Perez, and Stamper

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

**Aye** 4 - Borkowski, Zamarripa, Perez, and Stamper

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

4. [211601](#) Resolution approving construction of nonassessable public improvements at various locations and appropriating funds for these purposes with the City construction cost estimated to be \$10,629,000 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$11,269,000.

*Holly Rutenbeck - DPW*

**SUBSTITUTED**

**Aye** 4 - Borkowski, Zamarripa, Perez, and Stamper

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

**Aye** 4 - Borkowski, Zamarripa, Perez, and Stamper

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

5. [211568](#) Resolution authorizing the City Comptroller to transfer additional funds to the previously established project for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the City of Milwaukee for cost participation for the construction of Road Diet project in various Aldermanic districts with a total estimated cost increase of \$40,000, with an estimated Grantor share of \$0 and an estimated City share of \$40,000.

*Mike Amsdem - DPW*

**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

**Aye** 4 - Borkowski, Zamarripa, Perez, and Stamper

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

6. [211570](#) Resolution relative to acceptance and funding of a Private Property Inflow

and Infiltration grant from the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District for a project in the area bounded by West Arthur Avenue to West Kinnickinnic River Parkway from South 60th Street to South 72nd Street.

*Robert Seleen - DPW - said that this is a continuation of a project that started back in 2019 by laying sanitary laterals in the neighborhood and that the second phase was to install sump pumps and foundation drain disconnections which was scheduled for the summer of 2020 but got delayed. He added that what they are asking now is to reinstate the funding to continue with the project.*

**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

**Aye** 4 - Borkowski, Zamarripa, Perez, and Stamper

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

7. [211587](#) Resolution confirming the City Engineer is authorized to apply for three Federal Transportation Alternatives Program grants for the 2022-2026 application cycle, with an 80 percent grantor share and a 20 percent local share.

*Mike Amsdem and Gabriel Ipkeme from DPW explained that there are three applications:*

*-One that involves improving the lighting at 68 intersections.*

*-Another one in conjunction with MMSD that is happening along the KK river from 6th St and 16th St for a future trail (bike and walking path).*

*-And a recommendation to promote sustainable transportation trips.*

**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

**Aye** 4 - Borkowski, Zamarripa, Perez, and Stamper

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

8. [211613](#) Resolution relating to the acceptance of the average cost of replacing the privately-owned portion of a lead water service line.

*Patrick Pauly - Water Administration Manager - said that the cost will be less than previous years due good prices and contract capacity.*

*Ald. Perez said that he would like to revisit this item.*

**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

**Aye** 4 - Borkowski, Zamarripa, Perez, and Stamper

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

9. [211617](#) Resolution extending the Active Streets for Businesses Program.

*James Washington - DPW said that the program will be extended from March 16 to November 15, 2022 at no cost and that this program encourages social distancing and activates the streets.*

*Ald. Dimitrijevic said that it is a wonderful and growing program which is Covid safe and that she is happy that more council members are joining her to sponsor this file because this initiative is giving businesses the opportunity to increase capacity while practicing social distancing and offering a fun way to experience dining services. She added that it is also a way to re-imagine public spaces.*

*Ald. Bauman, Ald. Kovac, Ald. Perez, Ald. Borkowski and Ald. Zamarripa requested to be added as a co-sponsors.*

**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

**Aye** 4 - Borkowski, Zamarripa, Perez, and Stamper

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

**10. [211669](#)**

Resolution relative to the application, acceptance, and expenditure of a \$30,000 grant from the Brico Fund to the Environmental Collaboration Office for the Climate and Equity Plan.

*Erick Shambarger said that for the better part of two years they have been working with the City County Task Force on climate and economic equity to develop a climate and equity plan and that last night the recommendations from the different groups were wrapped up by the task force wrapped up. Added that this funding will turn the recommendations into a nice plan document.*

*Ald. Kovac said that it has been a lot of work and thanked the members for their collaboration and that the draft will be presented in a communication file to the common council.*

**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

**Aye** 4 - Borkowski, Zamarripa, Perez, and Stamper

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

**11. [211649](#)**

Motion relating to the locations of various Milwaukee County Transit System bus stops.

*David Locher from MCTS was present and said that the proposal is about to add only one bus stop (northbound) by the Walmart/Walgreens on Ohio St.*

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL**

**Aye** 4 - Borkowski, Zamarripa, Perez, and Stamper

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

**12. [211672](#)**

An ordinance relating to daily maximum and special event parking rates.

*Tom Woznick -Parking Services Manager) and Ald. Coggs were present and explained that they are trying to get all the revenue possible (parking fees) and the flexibility to fix rates to Marquette for the upcoming tournaments (NCAA) and that they will work accordingly with Marquette.*

**RECOMMENDED FOR PASSAGE**

**Aye** 4 - Borkowski, Zamarripa, Perez, and Stamper

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

13. [210037](#) Communication from the Department of Public Works related to the recent hacking of the MKE Park app.

*Ald. Coggs requested to be placed on file.*

**RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE**

**Aye** 4 - Borkowski, Zamarripa, Perez, and Stamper

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

14. [211521](#) Communication from the Milwaukee Water Works on the results of a corrosion control treatment study.

*Patrick Pauli - Water Administration Manager was present along with Tony Meyers and Nora Kodis from Jacobs Engineering who made a presentation on the results of a corrosion treatment study. The presentation was added to the file.*

**RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE**

**Aye** 4 - Borkowski, Zamarripa, Perez, and Stamper

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

15. [191930](#) Communication from the Department of Public Works relating to the status of current and future operations.

*Karen Dettmer - DPW Commissioner - said that the crew is ready to go out when needed either for salting or brining operations depending on the pavement and air temperatures. Regarding the staffing and vacancies she said that the Covid related absences have declined a lot with the vaccine mandate and that they still have a number of vacancies but that they are working on it.*

*Ald. Stamper asked who is responsible of the median's maintenance.*

*Ms. Dettmer said that it is DPW Forestry job to take care of the medians and explained that the litter is more visible since we do not have a snow blanket covering it but that they will be responding to the request of his office to clean up Sherman Blvd. and others. Added that clean ups are not planned during this time of the year because the priority is the general ice control operations and that clean ups are done during the spring when the snow has melted and it is easier to clean up.*

**HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR**

**Aye** 4 - Borkowski, Zamarripa, Perez, and Stamper

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

- 16. [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.

*Jerrell Kruschke - DPW - gave the following speed humps report:*

- 171 requests have been received
- 70 requests in the queue (129 on the last cycle)
- 56 requests are out in survey,
- 10 were approved today
- 5 already approved (last cycle)
- 12 requests have been rejected due negative postcard survey or because did not meet the criteria.

*Ald. Stamper asked for a clarification of the cost.*

*Mr. Kruschke explained that the assessment rate is \$2.00 per lineal foot vs \$6.50 per lineal foot that used to be in the past and that the new assessment fee is listed on all of the notifications that are mailed out.*

**HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR**

**Aye** 4 - Borkowski, Zamarripa, Perez, and Stamper

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

- 17. [211556](#) Motion relating to the recommendations of the Public Works Committee relating to licenses.

*Agenda Only*

*HANSEN, Kent, Agent for "Vivint, Inc.", Alarm Business License Renewal Application with Change of Agent for "Vivint" at 4931 N 300 W.*

*MARTIN, Michael R, Agent for "Martin Security Systems Inc", Alarm Business License Renewal Application with Transfer of Stock for "Martin Security Systems" at 2744 Manitowoc Rd.*

*Ald. Zamarripa moved approval. (Prevailed 4-0)*

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL**

**Aye** 4 - Borkowski, Zamarripa, Perez, and Stamper

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

*The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 am*

*Yadira Melendez-H  
Staff Assistant*

*This meeting can be viewed in its entirety through the City's Legislative Research Center at <http://milwaukee.legistar.com/calendar>.*