



City of Milwaukee

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200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

ALD. ROBERT J. BAUMAN, CHAIR

Ald. Russell W. Stamper, II, Vice-Chair

Ald. JoCasta Zamarripa, Ald. Jonathan Brostoff and Ald. Lamont Westmoreland

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Thursday, January 4, 2024

9:00 AM

Committee Room 301-B

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am

1. [231296](#)

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 \$11,902,043.06 for a total estimated cost of \$18,646,259.36.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Holly Rutenbeck and David Tapia from DPW were present.

4th Aldermanic District

E. Wells St. — N. Broadway to N. Van Buren St. (ST3201911)() Asphalt pavement reconstruction, narrowing roadway, replace all curb and gutter, sidewalk, and driveway approaches, storm sewer, traffic signals, street lighting, raised separated asphalt bike lane, and grading.

Mr. Tapia explained that this is a State led project that will be done in segments due the Bastille Days and the RNC. He added that the project will be done in 4 bocks and that the bike lanes will be tied to the Van Buren's project scheduled for 2025.

Ald. Bauman said that he is in support of this project and that the community showed their support at the public outreach events.

Representatives from Van Buren Management (788 N Jefferson St) and Pentagon Management (717 N Jackson St) were present to shared their concerns about the bike lanes when coming out the parking structures and the backing up at their own parking and on the street as they have between 500-700 vehicles coming in/out in a very short period of time.

Ald. Stamper moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)

13th and 14th Aldermanic Districts

ENV. Howard Ave. — S. 6th St to S. Clement Ave. (ST Concrete pavement reconstruction, narrowing roadway, replace all curb and gutter, and driveway approaches, replace sidewalk where necessary, storm sewer, traffic signals, street lighting, raised separated asphalt bike lane in select locations, sodding (7' width of tree border area), and grading.

Mr. Tapia explained that this is a STP Grant reconstruction project, that there were 3 public outreach events.

Ald. Spiker said that he was present at the 3 events and that the community is in support.

Ms. Rutenbeck said that Ald. Dimitrijevic is also in support.

Ald. Brostoff moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

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No 0

No 0

Excused 1 - Zamarripa

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2. [231297](#)

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 \$10,000 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$75,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Holly Rutenbeck - DPW

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 1 - Zamarripa

3. [231298](#)

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 \$4,010,000 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$31,011,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Holly Rutenbeck - DPW

SUBSTITUTED

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 1 - Zamarripa

[231298](#)

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 \$4,010,000 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$31,011,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 1 - Zamarripa

4. [231299](#) 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 2,630,334.01 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$10,375,822.59.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Holly Rutenbeck - DPW

SUBSTITUTED

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 1 - Zamarripa

- [231299](#) 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 2,630,334.01 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$10,375,822.59.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 1 - Zamarripa

5. [231300](#) Resolution to remove obstructions and to remove or reconstruct encroachments, projections, and special privileges from streets and alleys on the 2024 paving program.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Holly Rutenbeck - DPW

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 1 - Zamarripa

6. [231267](#) Resolution directing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute a document titled "1st Revision State/Municipal Agreement for a State-Let Highway Project" with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the programming, design, real estate acquisition, and construction of North Mayfair Road/Lovers Lane (STH 100) from West Burleigh to West Silver Spring.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

David Tapia - DPW

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 1 - Zamarripa

7. [231268](#) Resolution directing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute a document titled "State/Municipal Agreement for a State-Let Highway Project" with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the programming, design, real estate acquisition, and construction of South 84th Street (STH 181) Bridge Over Honey Creek and to set up funds for design engineering and real estate acquisition at an estimated total cost of \$760,000 with an estimated City share of \$162,500 and a grantor share of \$597,500.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

David Tapia - DPW

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 1 - Zamarripa

8. [231269](#) Resolution directing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute a document titled "State/Municipal Agreement for a State-Let Highway Project" with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the programming, design, real estate acquisition, and construction of South 84th Street (STH 181) Honey Creek to Bluemound Road and to set up funds for design engineering and real estate acquisition at an estimated total cost of \$310,000 with an estimated City share of \$31,250 and a grantor share of \$247,500. Remaining \$31,250 of costs to be funded by City of Wauwatosa.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

David Tapia - DPW

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 1 - Zamarripa

9. [231231](#) Resolution directing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute a document titled "1st Revision State/Municipal Agreement for a State-Let Local Bridge Project" with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) for the rehabilitation of the North Holton Street Bridge over the Milwaukee River, North Commerce Street, and North Water Street.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Jonathan Thomas - DPW

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 1 - Zamarripa

10. [231234](#) Resolution authorizing City entry into Green Infrastructure Funding Agreements, and Conservation Easements, with MMSD and MPS for MPS properties, in the 8th, 9th, 12th, and 15th Aldermanic Districts.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Robert Seleen - DPW

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 1 - Zamarripa

11. [231301](#) Resolution authorizing City entry into a Limited Term Conservation Easement Agreement with Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) and Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) for River Trail School at 12021 West Florist Avenue, in the 5th Aldermanic District.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Robert Seleen - DPW

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 1 - Zamarripa

12. [231341](#)

Resolution relative to acceptance and funding of a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Inflation Reduction Act Urban and Community Forestry Grant- Growing Milwaukee’s Tree Canopy and Community Resilience.

Sponsors: Ald. Bauman

Randy Krouse, Peter Bratt (Milwaukee County Parks), Sean Kane (MPS), Jamie Ferschinger (MMSD) and Pamela Ritger (DOA-ECO) were present.

Mr. Krouse said that the project will last from 2024 to 2028, that they are redefining the scope of work, that the letter to intend to the award has been received and that the award agreement is coming up in the spring of 2024.

He also said that Forestry will be administering the grant and that the final informational piece will come out after the grant is awarded. Mr. Krouse thanked the ECO team who helped them to write the grant and to the government partners for providing the technical details.

SUBSTITUTED

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 1 - Zamarripa

[231341](#)

Resolution relative to acceptance and funding of a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Inflation Reduction Act Urban and Community Forestry Grant- Growing Milwaukee’s Tree Canopy and Community Resilience.

Sponsors: Ald. Bauman, Ald. Murphy, Ald. Dimitrijevic, Ald. Chambers Jr., Ald. Spiker, Ald. Cogg and Ald. Zamarripa

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 1 - Zamarripa

REFERRED TO

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 1 - Zamarripa

13. [230329](#)

Substitute resolution to vacate the west leg of the east-west alley in the block bound by West Burnham Street, West Rogers Street, South 23rd Street and South 24th Street, in the 8th Aldermanic District.

Sponsors: Ald. Zamarripa

Kyle Gast (DCD), James Washington (DPW) and Michelle Lensky (MPS) were present.

SUBSTITUTED

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 1 - Zamarripa

[230329](#)

Substitute resolution to vacate the west leg of the east-west alley in the block bound by West Burnham Street, West Rogers Street, South 23rd Street and South 24th Street, in the 8th Aldermanic District.

Sponsors: Ald. Zamarripa

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 1 - Zamarripa

14. [231134](#)

A substitute ordinance establishing a pedestrian mall to be known as “Rogers Street Academy Pedestrian Mall” in South 24th Street from West Rogers Street to the east-west alley bounded by South 23rd Street, South 24th Street, West Rogers Street and West Burnham Street, in the 8th Aldermanic District.

Sponsors: Ald. Zamarripa

Kyle Gast - DCD

Please note that the title was changed on January 30, 2024. Communication attached.

*Yadira Melendez
1-31-2024.*

RECOMMENDED FOR PASSAGE

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 1 - Zamarripa

15. [231271](#)

An ordinance relating to the regulation of solid waste containers.

Sponsors: Ald. Westmoreland, Ald. Bauman and Ald. Stamper

Jezamil Arroyo-Vega DNS Commissioner appeared along with Alex Highley (LRB). Ms. Arroyo-Vega said that DNS is more than willing to participate and suggested redefining the language to make it clear and enforceable. Both will partner to have a substitute ready for the next Common Council meeting.

RECOMMENDED FOR PASSAGE

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 1 - Zamarripa

16. [230076](#) Motion relating to the recommendations of the Public Works Committee relating to licenses.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Agenda Only

CATINA, Vickie G, Agent for "Alert 360 Opco, Inc.", Alarm Business License Application for "Alert 360" at 3803 W West Chester Pike #100.

MOORE, Matthew J, Agent for "The Genesys Group Inc", Alarm Business License Renewal Application with Change of Trade Name for "Accu-Com" at 90 Riverway DR.

ORAVETZ, Mark A, Agent for "Century Security & Communications Inc", Alarm Business License Renewal Application with Change of Agent for "Century Security & Communications" at 2100 Clarence Av.

Mr. Conney - License Division Manager was present.

Ald. Stamper moved approval of the "Agenda Only" items. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 1 - Zamarripa

17. [231309](#) Communication from the Department of Neighborhood Services and the Department of Public Works relating to illegal dumping.

Sponsors: Ald. Taylor and Ald. Westmoreland

The LRB requested that this file be held.

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 1 - Zamarripa

18. [191930](#) Communication from the Department of Public Works relating to the status of current and future operations.

Sponsors: Ald. Bauman

Danielle Rodriguez (DPW Operations) and Rick Meyers (DPW Sanitation) were present.

Ms. Rodriguez gave the following report:

- No snow so far but doing prep work
- Lowest vacancy rate in 5-6 years down at 14%
- People getting trained off to get them ready to the streets
- Parking enforcement is the most challenging position due the safety issues

Mr. Meyers said that the Christmas tree collection will pick up next week and that a separately routed crew will be around the city. He also reminded the public to place the tree at the same regular collection point for garbage.

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 1 - Zamarripa

19. [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

Kevin Muhs (City Engineer)

He said that they are mostly getting positive feedbacks about the traffic calming projects already implemented but also complaints that they are and will be reviewing as they come in.

About the speed reduction project he said that it is moving forward, that they are collecting data about what the speed limit should be along commercial corridors and that it would be presented to the Common Council for approval.

The map with the projects done by district will be distributed next week among the council members.

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 1 - Zamarripa

20. [231377](#)

Communication from the Department of Public Works relating to its plans for maintaining traffic calming appliances, particularly concerning litter and snow.

Sponsors: Ald. Rainey

Danielle Rodriguez and Kevin Muhs from DPW and Ald. Rainey were present.

Mr. Muhs said that signs are replaced very quickly after being reported and asked the public to report them by telephone, click for action or through the app.

RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 1 - Zamarripa

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 am

*Yadira Melendez
Staff Assistant*

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