



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

ALD. ROBERT J. BAUMAN, CHAIR
Ald. Russell W. Stamper, II, Vice-Chair
Ald. Khalif J. Rainey, JoCasta Zamarripa, and
Ald. Jonathan Brostoff

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Wednesday, March 8, 2023

9:00 AM

City Hall, Room 301-B

The meeting convened at 9:03 am

1. [221683](#) 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 \$25,000 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$350,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Holly Rutenbeck - DPW

A motion was made by ALD. BROSTOFF that this Resolution be SUBSTITUTED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Rainey, Zamarripa, and Brostoff

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Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Rainey, Zamarripa, and Brostoff

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2. [221684](#) 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 \$61,500 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$1,181,500.

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Holly Rutenbeck - DPW

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Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Rainey, Zamarripa, and Brostoff

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3. [221685](#)

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 \$6,555,500.12 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$10,057,658.12.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Holly Rutenbeck - DPW

A motion was made by ALD. BROSTOFF that this Resolution be SUBSTITUTED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Rainey, Zamarripa, and Brostoff

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A motion was made by ALD. STAMPER that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED

FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Rainey, Zamarripa, and Brostoff

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4. [221686](#) Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute a project agreement titled "Cost Sharing Memo of Understanding Between the City of Milwaukee and the City of Greenfield" for the cost sharing of construction for the asphalt overlay on W. Wanda Ave. and S. Melinda St. in the City of Greenfield.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Holly Rutenbeck - DPW

A motion was made by ALD. STAMPER that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Rainey, Zamarripa, and Brostoff

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5. [221618](#) Resolution authorizing an amendment to the Water Service Agreement with the City of Mequon relating to the identified second point of connection to the Milwaukee Water Works distribution system.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Patrick Pauly - Water Works

A motion was made by ALD. STAMPER that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Rainey, Zamarripa, and Brostoff

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6. [221625](#) 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 West Cherry Street Bridge over the Milwaukee River.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Jonathan Thomas - DPW

A motion was made by ALD. RAINEY that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Rainey, Zamarripa, and Brostoff

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7. [221657](#) Resolution authorizing acceptance of various City-owned utility

Easements in vacated North 29th Street From 80' North of West Vienna Avenue to West Melvina Street, in the 7th Aldermanic district .

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Robert Seleen - DPW

A motion was made by ALD. RAINEY that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Rainey, Zamarripa, and Brostoff

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8. [221696](#) Resolution relating to the establishment of an Interim Plaza Program.

Sponsors: Ald. Bauman

Mike Amsdem and Kate Riordan - DPW

The plan is to create pedestrian places on the streets and it won't be for business use. Ms. Rordan said that people must contact DPW to have the location pre-approved and, that one of the key factors is to have the aldermanic support to continue with the process.

People in support:

Marybeth McGinnis - Bike Federation (in person and e-mail)

Elizabeth Ramirez - Muskego Way Forward (e-mail)

A motion was made by ALD. BROSTOFF that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Rainey, Zamarripa, and Brostoff

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9. [221697](#) Resolution authorizing the Milwaukee Board of School Directors and the Milwaukee Public Schools to grant a federal interest lien in order to initiate construction funded by federal funds.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Mark Bethel - MPS and staff from COA.

Mr. Bethel said that these funds are similar to ARPA funding but for education purposes and, that 6 schools will receive improvements: Fairview, High School of the Arts, Vincent High School, Rufus King Middle School, Ronald Reagan and Greenfield. He added that projects will be completed on 2024.

A motion was made by ALD. STAMPER that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Rainey, Zamarripa, and Brostoff

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10. [221725](#) A substitute ordinance relating to the purchase of low- and zero-emission vehicles.

Sponsors: Ald. Dimitrijevic

Kathleen Brengosz, Ald. Dimitrijevic and Pamela Ritger - DOA-Environmental Collaboration

A motion was made by ALD. BROSTOFF that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR PASSAGE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Rainey, Zamarripa, and Brostoff

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11. [221712](#) Reappointment of David Jasenski to the Public Transportation, Utilities, and Waterways Review Board by the Mayor. (4th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Mr. David Jasenski was present.

A motion was made by ALD. ZAMARRIPA that this Appointment be RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Rainey, Zamarripa, and Brostoff

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12. [191930](#) Communication from the Department of Public Works relating to the status of current and future operations.

Sponsors: Ald. Bauman

Danielle Rodriguez - DPW Operations

She said that she does not oversee the pothole filling but that she will pass it along (infrastructure). She also said that the months of March and April are hot times in the Operations because we are still in the midst of snow and ice season and, making sure that ice and snow control operations are efficient and effective. She added that they are also preparing for the spring clean ups. She also mentioned the e-mail that was sent out to the council members dated March 6th from Rick Meyers about the spring Drop Off Center hours and open on Sundays until April 16th; the Green Clean up Project and some other things that they will be doing for litter pick up.

Ald. Bauman mentioned that Mr. Joseph Berrada talked about the illegal dumping at his properties and that he thinks it is because the City of Milwaukee charges for dropping off tires and mattresses. Ald. Bauman asked if we are really creative an incentive for dumping when we are charging people to drop off old tires and mattresses.

Ald. Stamper said that we are not making money of this service.

Ms. Rodriguez said that this program is not a revenue generator but a recovery cost operation. She added that there is no cost to drop off tires after Ald. Bauman suggested to have a bounty program for old tires.

Ms. Rodriguez said that Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful started on March 1st.

Ald. Stamper asked Ms. Rodriguez to have a representative for the Big Clean Day meeting for April 5th.

Ald. Zamarripa asked about the street lights.

Rollin Bertran said that there is a big challenge with the aging circuitry. He added that

last Monday there were 75 outages and that 11 crews were working on them when typically are only 3. He added that is taking 3 days to repair the outage.

Ald. Brostoff asked what else they need to run the schedule as is needed.

Mr. Bertran said that they are at 40% vacancy rate between labor and electricians, that they are working 3 shifts, 7 days/wk and working overtime. He added that wages are the major concern to recruit because similar positions are getting paid more and mostly working indoors.

Ms. Rodriguez said that DPW has been working with DER to do studies to change the minimum recruitment wages for many positions.

Ald. Stamper asked to have a communication file about the money allocated (two years ago) for the street lighting, from beginning to the end and where the street lighting fee is going.

A motion was made by ALD. STAMPER that this Communication be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Rainey, Zamarripa, and Brostoff

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13. [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

Mike Amsden - DPW; gave the following report:

-Construction will start on several projects (a couple of projects that started last fall were held during the winter):

The first 9 ARPA projects: 5 were completed last year and the 4 remaining will start on April if weather permits.

Ald. Stamper asked Mr. Amsden to provide a brief overview of the program for the people that don't know much about it.

Mr. Amsden said that on 2018 The City of Milwaukee passed a Complete Streets Policy which says that our streets are places for everyone (people walking, biking, taking transit, using mobility devices, pushing strollers and not for people driving cars only) and; that the streets must be safe and able to accommodate all sort of users and people of all ages and abilities. He added that they have been focusing on reducing the speed, preventing behaviors like passing on the right. He also said that they would love to move into a more proactive approach around redesigning the streets for better walking and biking conditions. He added that they have adopted Vision Zero thanks to the Mayor's leadership.

Mr. Amsden continued with the report:

-Last fall started the Safe Routes to Schools project on eight schools with federal funding improvements that will continue in May and that they are coordinating with each individual school to avoid impacting drop off and pick up times.

-Several new projects that will be kicking off of 2023.

-The remaining 7 ARPA projects that were not advertised last year, will be advertised in April and to start short after.

-Lots of TID funded work: TID 42 is scheduled to start March 20th, TID 41 will start the first week of April.

-Full reconstruction projects will be kicking off this year.

-Speed Limit Reduction Program is moving slowly.

-A file for the residential speed limit reduction will be presented to the Public Safety and Health Committee.

A motion was made by ALD. BROSTOFF that this Communication be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Rainey, Zamarripa, and Brostoff

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The meeting adjourned at 10:40 am

*Yadira Melendez
Staff Assistant*

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