



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

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Wednesday, June 7, 2023

9:00 AM

City Hall, Room 301-B

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am

Present 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Zamarripa, Brostoff, Westmoreland

1. [230184](#) 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 \$991,000 for a total estimated cost of \$1,040,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Holly Rutenbeck - DPW

15th Aldermanic District

W. Wright St. – N. 35th St to N. Sherman Blvd. (Incl. traffic circle in the N. Grant Blvd. intersection) (ST211190198) File Number 221122: Asphalt pavement resurfacing, replace all curb and gutter, sidewalk (narrow from 6 feet to 5 feet) and driveway approaches where necessary, sodding (5.0'- 6.5' width of tree border area), grading and tree removal where necessary. (Assessable Reconstruction Paving Fund – \$41,000; Nonassessable Reconstruction Paving Fund -- \$950,000). The total estimated cost for this project including the requested amount is \$1,040,000. This project is anticipated to be completed during the 2023 construction season.

Ald. Stamper moved approval of this item. There were no objections.

Ald. Brostoff moved approval of the file as amended. There were no objections.

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

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

No 0

- 2. [230185](#) 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 \$30,000 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$970,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Holly Rutenbeck - DPW

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

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

No 0

- 3. [230186](#) 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 \$35,000 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$850,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

SUBSTITUTED

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

No 0

- [230186](#) 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 \$35,000 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$850,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

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

No 0

- 4. [230187](#) 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 \$3,513,000 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$4,093,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Holly Rutenbeck - DPW

SUBSTITUTED

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

No 0

[230187](#)

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 \$3,513,000 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$4,093,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

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

No 0

5. [230183](#)

Resolution directing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute project agreements titled State/Municipal Agreement for an Infrastructure Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Project with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and to set up funds for design engineering at total estimated cost of \$1,111,067.50 and an estimated City of Milwaukee share of \$222,213.50 and a grantor share of \$888,854.00.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

David Tapia - DPW

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

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

No 0

6. [230124](#)

Resolution approving a Third Amendment to Lease Agreement with Verizon Wireless relating to extending the term of the lease at the Hawley Road Water Tower at 1235 North 57th Street.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Pat Pauly -Water Works - explained that this contract was established in 1998 and that it expired on May of 2023. He added that the fee is \$45,000/yr with a 5% increment/yr.

Ald. Bauman recommended to do some more diligences in order to get the maximum revenue.

Mr. Pauly agreed.

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

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

No 0

7. [230175](#)

Resolution directing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute a document titled "2nd Revision State/Municipal Agreement for a State-Let Local Bridge Project" with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) for the North Lovers Lane Road Bridge over Union Pacific Railway in Aldermanic District 5 with a total cost increase for the project of \$195,965, with a Grantor share of \$195,965 and a City share of \$0.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Jonathan Thomas - DPW

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

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

No 0

8. [230176](#) 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 West Calumet Road Bridge over Little Menomonee River in Aldermanic District 5 and 9 with a total cost increase for the project of \$69,024, with a Grantor share of \$69,024 and a City share of \$0.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Jonathan Thomas - DPW

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

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

No 0

9. [230179](#) Resolution directing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute a document titled "3rd Revision to State/Municipal Agreement for State-Let Highway Project" with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the programming, design, and construction of the West Center Street Intersection with West Lisbon Ave/North 60th Street.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

David Tapia - DPW

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

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

No 0

10. [230181](#) Resolution directing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute a document titled "3rd Revision State/Municipal Agreement for a State-Let Highway Project" with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the programming, design, and construction of East Wells Street (STH 32) from North Broadway to North Van Buren Street.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

David Tapia - DPW

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

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

No 0

11. [230180](#) Resolution directing the Commissioner of Public Works to enter into an agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the development, implementation and funding of traffic signal timing and other improvements to mitigate traffic diversion on city streets due to construction activity on Interstate Highway 43 in 2023 and 2024, with the total cost being \$25,000 of which 100% is grantor funded.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Scott Reinbacher - DPW

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

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

No 0

12. [230198](#) Resolution to inform the Common Council of the City's Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for the year 2022.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Kurt Sprangers - DPW

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

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

No 0

13. [230254](#) Resolution directing the Department of Public Works to develop plans for the use of the City's "urban wood".

Sponsors: Ald. Coggs

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

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

No 0

14. [191930](#) Communication from the Department of Public Works relating to the status of current and future operations.

Sponsors: Ald. Bauman

Danielle Rodriguez - DPW - gave the following report:

-Round one of the heavy sweeping has been completed and that sweeping does continue.

-Continuous recruitment for ODW (Operation Driver Worker) that operate garbage and recycle trucks and that they are also the operators for the snow/salt operations. She said that she encourages everyone with a CDL to apply for that position in particular.

-There are another couple of openings and that they can be seen in the Employee

Relations website.

-Forestry section - the majority of the flowers have been delivered and that they are being installed in the boulevards.

Ald. Bauman asked in regards of the boulevards, climate change and sustainability if we have looked at in replacing the grass for another type of foliage.

Ms. Rodriguez said that they are looking at replacing annuals with perennials but also, long term; transferring these green spaces into something more sustainable with native plants and green infrastructure areas, low maintenance.

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

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

No 0

15. [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 - DPW - gave the following report on the street traffic calming and reckless driving mitigation infrastructure:

-They have advertised for rapid implementation on three locations (pinned posts) and that they are exploring other options as well. The bid opens on June 14, 2023.

-They are adding some pinned bump ups around UWM on Kenwood and Downer.

-Another rapid implementation on North Av. will get started (mostly pinned posts).

ARPA Funding Constructions:

-The remaining four projects from 2022 are complete (N 35th both on the near west side and Capitol, N 27th near Capitol and N 60th near Hampton).

-Moving forward with 2023 advertisement and finalizing the contract.

TID Work:

-The curbside extensions on Midtown Center (51st , 60th, Congress, Capitol and Fond Du Lac) are wrapping up.

-Van Buren - there was a public meeting on May 23rd, and that there is another meeting on June 8th with residents and stakeholders.

Interim Plaza Program:

-4 pre-applications were awarded: 16th and Forest Home, Metcalf/Butterfly Park, Ivanhoe Plaza and 5th St south of Washington.

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

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

No 0

16. [230245](#)

Communication from the Department of Public Works relating to the safety of E. Brady St.

Sponsors: Ald. Brostoff

Jerrel Kruschke and Kevin Muhs - DPW

Ald. Brostoff said that we have seen a number of tragedies on Brady St and that all of these terrible incidences are also preventable and that the purpose of today's meeting is to line out some potential options.

Mr. Kruschke said that Brady St. is not the only street that has been impacted by the reckless driving and that they recognize that the city is dealing with the post pandemic reckless driving problem throughout the city.

Mr. Muhs said that most people know that the Brady St. BID is doing some research including a possible closure on Brady St. He said that there are logical concerns for residents and businesses and that once the study is completed, there will be some public hearings for the conversation to get started.

Ald. Bauman said that intermittent closures can be done over the weekends and starting now like it's done on Water St.

Mr. Muhs said it is a possibility and that it can be done but that they need to talk to MCTS because the green line runs 24hr on Brady St.

Robert Thiel - MPD - he said that he is increasing the number of officers from Thu - Sat nights. He added that a request has been made to DPW to increase the light on Brady St. and; that he has allocated some of his resources to Brady St. because public safety is the priority.

21 residents were present in the meeting and some of them offered their opinions and/or suggestions which can be seen in the video. Ald. Brostoff, Mr. Kruschke and Mr. Muhs took notes of the suggestions offered.

The list of the residents who came in and the e-mail testimonies have been added to the file.

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

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

No 0

17. [230263](#)

Communication from the Department of Public Works relating to the management, operation, and future of the Multi-Use Recycling Facility.

Sponsors: Ald. Bauman

Ald. Bauman said that this file was triggered by the fire that just happened last week. Jerrel Krushcke, Danielle Rodriguez and Rick Meyers were present.

Mr. Kruschke said that the fire occurred on May 31st and that this facility is shared with Waukesha County and operated by a third party. He added that there's no other facility like this one around except for Watertown, Madison and Chicago. He said that these fires are caused for the lithium batteries that are disposed in the recycling bins but that he does not have the final report yet and that there is a significant damage Mr. Kruschke said that the fire is not going to stop the process but that there is a lot of pieces to move around and that all the recycling materials are going to be hauled to the other facilities.

Rick Meyers - said that there are about 100 tons hauled away everyday and ask the residents to continue pulling their recycling bins out.

Mr. Kruschke said that they are looking for new location and talking about 15-20 Million investment.

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

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

No 0

18. [221855](#)

Motion relating to the recommendations of the Public Works Committee

relating to licenses.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Jim Cooney - License Division - said that the list of alarm licenses will be added to the file before the council's date.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

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

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 am.

*Yadira Melendez
Staff Assistant*

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