



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, May 17, 2023

9:00 AM

City Hall, Room 301-B

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am

1. [230039](#) 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 \$381,975 for a total estimated cost of \$446,200.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Holly Rutenbeck - DPW

1st Aldermanic District

N. 38th St. — W. Rohr Ave. to W. Custer Ave. (ST211230126) Installing traffic calming speed hump(s).

Ms. Rutenbeck said that the alderwoman supports the project based on the results of the post card survey.

Ald. Westmoreland moved approval. There were no objections.

2nd Aldermanic District

W. Marion st. - N. 60th st. to N. 61st st. (ST211230127) Installing traffic calming speed hump(s).

Ms. Rutenbeck said that the alderman supports the project based on the results of the post card survey.

Ald. Zamarripa moved approval. There were no objections.

3rd Aldermanic District

N. Stowell Ave. — E. Locust St. to E. Linnwood Ave. (ST211220245) Installing traffic calming speed hump(s).

Ald. Brostoff requested 2 speed humps instead.

Ms. Rutenbeck said that they will check with the engineers for a suitable evaluation.

Ald. Brostoff moved approval. There were no objections.

5th Aldermanic District

*W. Glendale Ave. - N. 84th st. to N. 87th st. (ST211210198) Asphalt pavement resurfacing, replace curb and gutter, sidewalk and driveway approaches where necessary, sodding (8.0'width of tree border area) and grading
Ald. Westmoreland moved approval. There were no objections.*

14th Aldermanic District

E. Montana St. — S. Pine Ave. to S. Howell Ave. (ST 211210155) Installing traffic calming speed hump(s).

Neighbors in opposition:

Barbara Szymenski - 2776 S Quincy St - said that they have lived there for 47 years and that they have not experienced any traffic issues until a stop sign that was installed few years ago but nothing before. She added that they have 32 school buses driving on the street every single day and that there are only 2 houses on her block.

Barbara Walter - 2781 S Taylor Av - said that she is concerned about the emergency vehicles that use that street a lot.

Neighbors in support:

Gary Hollander - 2779 S Humboldt Av - said that he is the one who started the petition and that besides the 32 school buses that service the high school, there are another 4 schools in the area that also use this street and that it is the way to get to the park as well. He said that it is unsafe to cross the street but that 4 speed humps are a lot and that 2 are welcomed.

Ald. Dimitrijevic said that 4 speed humps are a lot, that she hopes that this request be re-evaluated and that there is a need to slow people down. She added that results of the post card survey are in favor and that she will go with what the majority asked for.

Ms. Rutenbeck said that a total of 12 postcards were mailed out with 5 returned in favor and 2 in opposition.

Ald. Brostoff moved approval. There were no objections.

15th Aldermanic District

N. 15th st. - W. Wright st. to W. Clarke st. (ST211160149) Installing traffic calming speed hump(s).

Ald. Stamper moved approval. There were no objections.

N. 24th Pl. - W. Vine st. to W. Brown st. (ST211220254) Installing traffic calming speed hump(s).

Ald. Stamper moved approval. There were no objections.

N. 33rd St. — W. Wright St. to W. Clarke St. (ST211230129) Installing traffic calming speed hump(s).

Ald. Stamper moved approval. There were no objections.

N. 38th st. - W. Meinecke Ave. to W. Wright st. (ST211220251) Installing traffic calming speed hump(s).

Ald. Stamper moved approval. There were no objections.

N. 49th st. - W. Lloyd st. to W. Garfield Ave. (ST211220238) Installing traffic calming speed hump(s).

Neighbors in opposition:

Jerome Lovelace - 2136 N 49th St - said that the street is so bad that they do need a speed hump. He added that the street need to be fixed first and that he does not want the speed hum in front on his house because he lives in the middle of the street.

Ald. Stamper moved approval. There were no objections.

A motion was made by ALD. WESTMORELAND that this Resolution be

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

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

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

No 0

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- 2. [230040](#) 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 \$20,000 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$235,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Holly Rutenbeck - DPW

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

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

No 0

- 3. [230041](#) 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 \$25,000 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$320,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Holly Rutenbeck - DPW

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

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

No 0

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Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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, Zamarripa, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

4. [230042](#) 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 \$11,350,000 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$12,033,000.

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, Zamarripa, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

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Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

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

No 0

5. [221448](#) Substitute resolution relating to the Clean Water Advisory Council.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Patrick Pauly - Water Works - said that this advisory council was created 30 years ago and that there has been significant technological advances and that this file is basically to reestablish and update the group.

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, Zamarripa, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

6. [230049](#) Resolution directing the Commissioner of Public Works to prepare and present a plan for the improvement of that segment of N. Market St. near City Hall.

Sponsors: Ald. Bauman

James Washington - DPW

Ald. Bauman said that probably 10 years ago, there a was plan to create a plaza south of the garages entrance on Market St. He added that this file freezes the action going on until we know what the plan is.

James Washington said that they are working with Downtown Bid to create a gathering space without being a significant investment. He added that there is a plan for a mural (BID 21) and that the intention is to make a lively place.

Ald. Bauman said that he does not like to see money being wasted and that we could wait for the plan to be presented.

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, Zamarripa, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

7. [230032](#) Resolution relating to the cost participation and installation of traffic control signal improvements under two Signals and ITS Standalone Program projects at 41 intersections in various Aldermanic Districts at a total estimated cost of \$320,832.91 with an estimated grantor share of \$288,749.62, and an estimated City share of \$32,083.29.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Scott Reinbacher - DPW

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

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

No 0

8. [230061](#) 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 South 72nd Street Bridge over Honey Creek.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Jonathan Thomas - DPW

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, Zamarripa, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

9. [230063](#) Resolution relating to acceptance and funding of a Green Solutions grant

from the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District for the construction of permeable pavers in the alley bounded by West Glendale Avenue, West Ruby Avenue, North 41st Street, and North 42nd Street and authorizing entry into a post installation Maintenance Covenant with MMSD, in the 7th Aldermanic District.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Kurt Sprangers - DPW

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

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

No 0

10. [230064](#)

Resolution relating to acceptance and funding of a Green Solutions grant from the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District for the construction of permeable pavers in the alley bounded by West Euclid Avenue, West Oklahoma Avenue, South 7th Street, and South 8th Street and authorizing entry into a post installation Maintenance Covenant with MMSD, in the 14th Aldermanic District.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Kurt Sprangers - DPW

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

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

No 0

11. [200848](#)

A substitute ordinance relating to excavation and installation permit requirements.

Sponsors: Ald. Dimitrijevic

Ald. Dimitrijevic and James Washington (DPW) were present.

Ald. Dimitrijevic said that the notification to our constituents is done by the contractor and that is not going well. She also said that she did not get the proper communication from the contractor at some work done on her street and that the idea is to improve the communication to make a better situation for everybody.

Ald. Stamper asked if there is a penalty for not notifying the neighbors.

Mr. Washington said that there is a penalty but that he does not know what exactly is.

Ald. Stamper asked if we can have the street repairs on the e-notify.

Ald. Brostoff said that he has experienced the same issues as Ald. Dimitrijevic and

Ald. Stamper. He added that he called the contractor to find out more about the plan and that he went himself to notify the neighbors (specially in the apartment buildings).

Ald. Stamper said that the contractor must also notify if the work is going to be

interrupted and when it is going to resume. He also said that he would like to add it to the ordinance.

Mr. Washington said that it is included in the ordinance that the contractor must notify if there is a major change on the scope of work.

Ald. Dimitrijevic said that some language must be added.

Ald. Stamper said that sometimes is not that the notification comes late but that the notification never comes.

Mr. Washington said that the notification gets documented with a photo evidence and that the most common way is to place it on the door. He added that some contractors use the postal service, certified letters, etc.

Ald. Dimitrijevic said that she would like to move forward as it is now and to work on adding some language about penalties before the Common Council meeting.

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

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

No 0

12. [230091](#)

Appointment of Alderwoman Marina Dimitrijevic to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District by the Mayor.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Ald. Dimitrijevic was present.

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

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

No 0

13. [230092](#)

Appointment of Julia Taylor to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District by the Mayor. (3rd Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Ald. Stamper moved to reconsider the application at 11:57 am. There were no objections.

Ms. Julia H. Taylor was present virtually.

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, Zamarripa, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

14. [230093](#)

Reappointment of Representative Kalan Haywood, II to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District by the Mayor. (6th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Mr. Haywood was not present.

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

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

No 0

15. [230094](#) Reappointment of Alderwoman JoCasta Zamarripa to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District by the Mayor.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

Abstain 1 - Zamarripa

16. [230095](#) Reappointment of Corey Zetts to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District by the Mayor. (3rd Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Mr. Zetts was not present.

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

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

No 0

17. [221970](#) Communication relating to the HomeServe Warranty Service Line Program.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Ald. Stamper said that we have talked about how to improve these mechanisms and invited Brian Davis - National Director of the HomeServe/NLCSLWP and Germaine Reed to start a discussion. Kurt Sprangers and Patrick Pauly were present as well.

Mr. Davis made a power point presentation that was added to the file.

Mr. Pauly said that we have 164,000 water services in the City of Milwaukee and that there are about 600 services failures per year which is a very low percentage (less than 2%) to endorse a service like this.

Ald. Chambers said that according to his experience, this service will take the problem off from the City's end and that this company would be responsible for it.

Ald. Bauman said that the conversation will continue for exploring other options of

services.

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, Zamarripa, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

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

She said that they are in the midst of the Spring Activities - Spring Clean:

-Street sweeping is happening

-Clean and Green is going on at districts 11th, 13th, 8th and 14th and it will happen on the East side next week.

-"No Mow May" has been successful with 1,847 participants and gave a reminder to registered people that the program ends on June 1st and that regular inspections will start as well.

Ms. Rodriguez said that one of the DPW workers was hit by a car while standing on the back of the truck and reminded the residents to slow down when they see a DPW truck or work.

She added that they still have hiring challenges and that it is very difficult to compete but that they are working very close with the Department of Employee Relations.

Potholes:

-They have had 2 overtime Saturdays and that they are going to continue it until they catch up and that 9-10 crews are out per day with 2 vehicles each.

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, Zamarripa, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

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

Kate Riordan - Senior Transportation Planner DPW - said that no major updates since the last meeting:

-The 2023 advertisement: they are finalizing the contract with the lower bid for those 9 additional projects and that they will work on the construction schedule after.

-The Safe Routes to School project will happen once the school year ends.

-TID 42 Midtown Construction got some media news coverage.

-Two another TID projects are in design phase and that they will have a public meeting for the Van Buren project (May 23rd) to show the two design alternatives and available online as well. The other project is the Michigan St. to redesign the bike lane and that they are meeting with the consultant.

-For infrastructure projects (federal jobs) she said that many are under construction or in design phase.

She added that 2 big updates are:

- Interim Plaza Program - she said that they have developed the permit and have also released the grant opportunities to make sure that those plazas are available to community groups throughout the city and that they have received 4 applications. She added that the applications will be reviewed on May 24th.

-Speed Limit Reduction Initiative - she said that they are working on finalizing the contract with the selected consultant and that hopefully it will be announced at the next meeting once the contract is signed. She added that another component will be safe speeds in general to respond to what the committee and residents have been asking for.

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

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

No 0

20. [230084](#)

Communication from the Department of Public Works relating to community-oriented solutions for problems of infrastructure and public sanitation.

Sponsors: Ald. Brostoff

Ald. Brostoff thanked DPW and the committee for allowing him to have this file because as a new alderperson, there are things that he is learning and that it is convenient to hear directly from the department in order to make the communication easier on both ends.

Danielle Rodriguez (DPW Operations), Rick Meyers, Jeffrey Smith, Jon Paul Colorez (Sanitation Department) were present.

Ms. Rodriguez thanked the committee for having this file and that she hopes that this type of communication will cut down the number of complaints, enhance understanding and shows us as collaborative. She added that some one from her team will reach out to every council member to schedule ride alongs and that the crews are always happy and eager to show what they do.

*Ald. Stamper suggested to explain the property line between DPW and DNS:
Mr. Smith said that the first step is to call unified call center and that it will be referred to the proper department after an inspection.*

*Ald. Bauman asked for garbage dumpsters specially in apartment buildings.
Mr. Smith said that it depends if it's serviced by private companies but that they are not allowed on the public right of way unless it is the collection day and that they must be properly locked or secured. He added that DNS is in charge of enforcing this.*

Ald. Brostoff asked if garbage needs to be bagged.

Mr. Smith said that residents are supposed to bag the garbage to avoid any garbage flying all over the place.

Ms. Rodriguez said that residents should not throw plastic bags in the recycling cart at all and to make sure to follow the guidelines because recycling carts get disqualified for contamination.

Ms. Rodriguez shared a one page document " Tips and information for elected officials to share with residents and community members supporting DPW Sanitation for clean Milwaukee neighborhoods" that has been added to the file.

Mr. Meyers said that one of the challenges is the way that the workforce is used to address all the needs, that they are tight to a schedule.

The communication will continue.

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, Zamarripa, Brostoff, and Westmoreland

No 0

21. [221742](#)

Motion relating to the recommendations of the Public Works Committee relating to licenses.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

12 COLLINS, Derek D, Agent for "Milwaukee Pedal Tavern LLC", Pedicab Owner's License Applications for "Milwaukee Pedal Tavern" at 820 S Water St.

The applicant was present.

Individuals also present:

Mr. Cooney said that the applicant filed 6 new pedal tavern applications. He added that they used to have a license that it lapsed because the certificate of insurance was never turned in.

Ald. Bauman said that the applicant is an outstanding business owner.

Ald. Westmoreland said that he does not know him personally but that they have common acquaintances with very good references about him.

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

A motion was made by ALD. ZAMARRIPA that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Zamarripa, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 1 - Brostoff

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

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Zamarripa, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 1 - Brostoff

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm.

*Yadira Melendez
Staff Assistant.*

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