



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, October 18, 2023

9:00 AM

City Hall, Room 301-B

The meeting was called to order at 9:16 am

1. [230866](#) 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 \$666,330 for a total estimated cost of \$1,305,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Holly Rutenbeck - DPW

7th Aldermanic District

Alley betw. W. Capitol Dr., W. Melvina st., N. 52nd st., N. 53rd St. (ST212230101)

Concrete alley pavement reconstruction, replace some abutting walk or driveway approaches, grading, storm drainage facilities, and permeable pavement as necessary.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Rainey said that according to survey, 2 owners are against of the project and 2 in favor and that it depends on how many neighbors are present to testify.

There were no neighbors present.

Ald. Stamper moved approval. There were no objections.

8th Aldermanic District

Alley betw. W. Burnnam st., W. Rogers st., S. 19th St. S. 20th St. (s 1212220111)

Concrete alley pavement reconstruction, replace some abutting walk or driveway approaches, grading, storm drainage facilities, and permeable pavement as necessary.

Ms. Rutenbeck said that Ald. Zamarripa is in support.

Ald. Westmoreland moved approval. There were no objections.

9th Aldermanic District

N. Hastings St. — W. Acacia St. to W. Denver Av. (ST211210225) Asphalt pavement resurfacing, replace curb and gutter, sidewalk and driveway approaches where necessary, sodding (8' width of tree border area), and grading.

Ms. Rutenbeck said that the survey was favorable but that Ald. Taylor does not support the project.

Ald. Westmoreland moved withdrawal. There were no objections.

10th Aldermanic District

*Alley betw. W. Galena st., W. Vliet st., N. 51st st., N. 52nd St. (ST212220117)
Concrete alley pavement reconstruction, replace some abutting walk or driveway approaches, grading, storm drainage facilities, and permeable pavement as necessary.
Ms. Rutenbeck said that the survey was favorable and that Ald. Murphy supports the project.*

Ald. Westmoreland moved approval. There were no objections.

14th Aldermanic District

*Alley betw. S. Graham St., E. Homer St., S. Kinnickinnic Ave., E. Otjen St. (ST212180105)
Concrete alley pavement reconstruction, replace some abutting walk or driveway approaches, grading, storm drainage facilities, and permeable pavement as necessary.*

Neighbors in support:

Adam Molitor - 522 E Otjen St. - said that it is needed but that he wishes that those who requested or filed permits for mayor capital improvements pay for it.

Ellen and Tim Quale - 600 E Otjen St.

Gene Seidler - 606 E Otjen St.

Individuals also present:

Ms. Rutenbeck said that 32 properties were surveyed: 5 in favor and 2 in opposition.

Ald. Westmoreland move approval. There were no objections.

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

Aye 3 - Bauman, Stamper, and Westmoreland

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No 0

No 0

Excused 2 - Zamarripa, and Brostoff

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2. [230867](#)

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 \$500,000.

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 3 - Bauman, Stamper, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 2 - Zamarripa, and Brostoff

3. [230868](#) 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 \$50,000 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$1,350,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Holly Rutenbeck - DPW

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

Aye 3 - Bauman, Stamper, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 2 - Zamarripa, and Brostoff

4. [230869](#) 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 \$782,000 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$1,259,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Holly Rutenbeck

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

Aye 3 - Bauman, Stamper, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 2 - Zamarripa, and Brostoff

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Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Item 16. was heard right after.

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

Aye 3 - Bauman, Stamper, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 2 - Zamarripa, and Brostoff

5. [230846](#) 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 design of North Lake Drive between East Newberry Boulevard and East Edgewood Avenue in the 3rd Aldermanic district with a total estimated cost increase for the projects of \$400,000, with an estimated Grantor share of \$0, and an estimated City share of \$400,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

David Tapia - DPW

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

Aye 3 - Bauman, Stamper, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 2 - Zamarripa, and Brostoff

6. [230827](#) Resolution releasing a No Vehicular Access Restriction from the South limits of South 26th Street to Parcel 2, approximately 172 feet south of West Whitaker Avenue, in the 13th Aldermanic District.

Sponsors: Ald. Spiker

James Washington - DPW

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

Aye 3 - Bauman, Stamper, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 2 - Zamarripa, and Brostoff

7. [230832](#) Resolution approving a Fifth Amendment to Lease Agreement between the City and Verizon Wireless Personal Communications, LP, for placement of personal communications services (PCS) antennas at the City's fire station at 5600 W. Oklahoma Ave.

Sponsors: Ald. Borkowski

Jordan Schettel - OCA and Serry Prochaska - LAS for Ald. Borkowski

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

Aye 3 - Bauman, Stamper, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 2 - Zamarripa, and Brostoff

8. [230833](#) 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 rehabilitation of the South 72nd Street Bridge over Honey Creek in Aldermanic District 11 with a total cost increase for the project of \$66,507, with a grantor share of \$16,507 and a City share of \$50,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Jonathan Thomas - DPW

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

Aye 3 - Bauman, Stamper, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 2 - Zamarripa, and Brostoff

9. [230844](#) 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 for the West Grange Avenue Bridge over Canadian Pacific Railway in Aldermanic District 13.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Jonathan Thomas - DPW

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

Aye 3 - Bauman, Stamper, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 2 - Zamarripa, and Brostoff

10. [230854](#) Resolution authorizing the City of Milwaukee to approve the Milwaukee Estuary Dredged Material Management Facility Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District for the Milwaukee Estuary Area of Concern.

Sponsors: Ald. Borkowski

Brian Kasprzyk, David Misky and Sherry Prochaska were present.

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

Aye 3 - Bauman, Stamper, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 2 - Zamarripa, and Brostoff

11. [230893](#) Resolution authorizing acceptance of a City-owned utility easement in vacated North Hopkins Street from approximately 150' North of West Douglas Avenue to the Union Pacific (formerly Chicago & Northwestern) Railroad, in the 9th Aldermanic District.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Robert Seleen - DPW

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

Aye 3 - Bauman, Stamper, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 2 - Zamarripa, and Brostoff

12. [230805](#) Resolution authorizing the Village of Menomonee Falls to provide water service to a property in the City of Milwaukee.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Jane Islo - MWW

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

Aye 3 - Bauman, Stamper, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 2 - Zamarripa, and Brostoff

13. [230872](#) Resolution authorizing the City of Milwaukee's Department of Public Works - Milwaukee Water Works ("MWW") to execute an intergovernmental cooperation agreement between the City of Milwaukee and the Milwaukee Public Schools ("MPS") regarding MWW's participation as a host job site to students enrolled in the MPS School-to-Work Transition Program for a period of three years from 2024 - 2027.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Jane Islo (MWW) and Pamela Lippert (MPS)

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

Aye 3 - Bauman, Stamper, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 2 - Zamarripa, and Brostoff

14. [230882](#) Resolution extending the Active Streets for Businesses Program.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

James Washington - DPW - said that this is the extension of the program for the winter months from November 16, 2023 to March 14, 2024.

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

Aye 3 - Bauman, Stamper, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 2 - Zamarripa, and Brostoff

15. [230405](#) Communication from the Infrastructure Services Division relating to a Statement of Mid-Year Review for Financial Condition of the Sewer Maintenance Fund.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Kurt Sprangers - DPW

A motion was made by ALD. STAMPER that this Communication be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 3 - Bauman, Stamper, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 2 - Zamarripa, and Brostoff

16. [230870](#) Communication from the Department of Public Works, Infrastructure Services Division transmitting the 2024 Assessment Rates Report.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Holly Rutenbeck - DPW

A motion was made by ALD. WESTMORELAND that this Communication be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 3 - Bauman, Stamper, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 2 - Zamarripa, and Brostoff

17. [191930](#) Communication from the Department of Public Works relating to the status of current and future operations.

Sponsors: Ald. Bauman

Danielle Rodriguez - DPW Operations

Responding to Ald. Bauman's question, she said that they still enforcing overnight (odd/even) parking with some staffing challenges (20% vacancy rate). She added that parking restrictions were lifted during the pandemic and that it is not easy to get people back into the habit. She also said that they are hiring in groups because there are a lot rules and ordinances to learn.

Ms. Rodriguez recommended to enter all parking requests online (most efficient way) and that the team will handle or direct the requests.

Announcements:

-The Garbage and Recycling annual flyer will be arriving in the mail soon.

-They are working on Fall Leaf Collection which ends on Nov 15 (could be extended).

-Snow plowing looks better than last year, the equipment is ready to go, staffing is recovering and they have 11 retirees lined up.

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

Aye 3 - Bauman, Stamper, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 2 - Zamarripa, and Brostoff

18. [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

Ald. Bauman said that following up with Capital Improvements asked Mr. Muhs if there is a list of funded and unfunded projects for budget amendments because some of the council members would like to put more money on these on the assumption that the funds will be used.

Mr. Muhs said that they are working on an actual estimate and what would be the dictating factor of the capacity to utilize the funds at any given calendar year. He added that traffic calming needs are strong citywide. He said that they are going to get an estimate of additional funds that could be utilized based on staffing, consulting and contractor capacity.

Ald. Bauman said that the deadline is tomorrow. He also said that 5 year backlog for sidewalks makes the city looks bad.

Traffic Calming Update:

-Near the end of the construction season.

Rapid Implementation Projects:

- Almost all concrete and striping pavement marking works are done.
- Still working on installing signage on Burleigh, on the Sherman Park area and around UWM campus. He added that those orange barrels will stay out until the signage is up.

ARPA Funded Projects:

- Nearing the end of the city funds that went for reckless driving initiative for physical infrastructure.
- Concrete is done except for the W Galena project that will be done next week.
- Pavement marking done and working on signage or plastic delineators (depending on the project).
- There is one ARPA project (last one) that will let for construction on 2024 (reduction lanes and protected bike lanes) on Highland Av between 35th St and 20th St.

Safe Routes to School:

- That work is largely complete and just as the other projects, still working on signage.

TID Work:

- There is only one work outstanding on construction on the Brewers Hill area.
- The neighborhood traffic calming is complete.
- Working right now on Walnut St between 10th and Phillips and; on 6th St between Walnut and Brown (it will be done by December 1st).
- Some other works that are on design for construction next year: Van Buren, Michigan St, downtown west of the river (2024-2025 construction), by the stadium (west side of the city) and N 60th between Mill and Bradley.
- There are other TIDS that design has not started yet but there is funding for those.

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

Aye 3 - Bauman, Stamper, and Westmoreland

No 0

Excused 2 - Zamarripa, and Brostoff

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am

*Yadira Melendez
Staff Assistant*

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