



City of Milwaukee

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Milwaukee, WI 53202

Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

ALD. ROBERT J. BAUMAN, CHAIR

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

Ald. Jose G. Perez, Ald. Mark A. Borkowski, and

Ald. Nikiya Dodd

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Thursday, September 8, 2022

9:00 AM

Committee Room, 301-B

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am

1. [220617](#) 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 \$98,500 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$1,138,500.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Holly Rutenbeck - DPW

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

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Borkowski, and Dodd

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No 0

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Excused 1 - Perez

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Holly Rutenbeck - DPW

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Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Perez

2. [220618](#)

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 \$289,000 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$3,673,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Holly Rutenbeck - DPW

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

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Perez

Holly Rutenbeck - DPW

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

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Perez

3. [220619](#)

Resolution approving construction of nonassessable public improvements at various locations and appropriating funds for these purposes with the City construction cost estimated to be \$310,000 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$410,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Holly Rutenbeck - DPW

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

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Perez

4. [220620](#) Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute a project agreement title “Cost Sharing Memo of Understanding Between the City of Milwaukee and the Village of Shorewood” for the cost sharing of the engineering and construction for the asphalt overlay and corner curb ramp reconstruction of E. Edgewood Avenue in the 3rd Aldermanic District with a total estimated cost of \$630,000, of which the City’s share is \$315,000 and the Village of Shorewood’s share is \$315,000.

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 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Perez

5. [220512](#) An ordinance relating to the recovery rate ratio for placement of new assessable traffic calming improvements.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Holly Rutenbeck and Jerrel Kruschke DPW

Mr. Kruschke said that this ordinance is to bring back the assessable rate at 90% (what it was at 2021).

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

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Perez

6. [220494](#) 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, and construction of West Fond du Lac Avenue (STH 145) from North 19th Street to North 12th Street, and to set up funds for design engineering at an estimated total cost of \$555,900 with an estimated City share of \$138,976 and a grantor share of \$416,924.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

David Tapia - DPW

Ald. Stamper said that this is request from residents and asked if the residents have a say on the design.

Mr. Tapia said that this project will lead to the final scoop work and design. He added that the DOT will be the project leader in coordination with DPW and that it will be

shared with Ald. Stamper and the public as well.

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

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Perez

7. [220497](#) Resolution directing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute a document titled “2nd Revision State/Municipal Agreement for a State-Let Highway Project” with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the programming, design, and construction of North 27th Street with Intersections of Locust, Center, and North.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

David Tapia - DPW

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

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Perez

8. [220498](#) 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, and construction of West Lisbon Avenue from North 100th Street to West Burleigh Street.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

David Tapia - DPW

Said that this is

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

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Perez

9. [220615](#) 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 design oversight of West Vliet Street from North 27th Street to North 12th Street.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

David Tapia - DPW

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

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Perez

10. [220499](#)

Resolution directing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute documents titled "State/Municipal Agreement for a State-Let Local Bridge Project" with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the rehabilitation of the South 16th Street Viaduct Span over the Menomonee Rive and the rehabilitation of the South 72nd Culvert over the Honey Creek; and to set up funds for design engineering at an estimated total cost of \$1,828,812 with an estimated City share of \$380,599 and a grantor share of \$1,448,213.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Jonathan Thomas - DPW - said that this file is for the design phase.

Ald. Borkowski asked if notices have been sent out to the affected homeowners.

Mr. Thomas said that no notices have been sent out for this project in specific and that it is a very small project.

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

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Perez

11. [220560](#)

Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works and Comptroller to execute two State Municipal Agreements with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the installation of traffic signal improvements and to fund preliminary engineering for two projects at 41 intersections in various Aldermanic Districts with a total estimated cost of \$54,400, with an estimated grantor share of \$47,160, and an estimated City share of \$7,240.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Scott Reinbacher - DPW

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

Aye 4 - Bauman, Stamper, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Perez

12. [220520](#) Resolution relating to acceptance, funding and expenditure of a Tourism Capital Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Administration by Port Milwaukee.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Adam Tindall-Schlicht, Jazmine Jurkiewicz, Trade Development Representative at the Port, and Brian Kasprzyk, Harbor Engineer at the Port.

Mr. Tindall-Schlicht said that this ARPA allocation is to move forward with the expansion of the cruise deck on the 14th district.

Ald. Perez joined the meeting at 9:40 am

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

Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Perez, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

13. [220590](#) Resolution granting an easement to the Wisconsin Electric Power Company on City of Milwaukee owned property at 7517 W Oklahoma Avenue (Milwaukee Water Works Oklahoma Pumping Station), and authorizing the proper City officers to execute the easement document.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Karl Rohrbach - DPW

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

Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Perez, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

14. [220612](#) Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to file comments in opposition to Wisconsin Electric Power Company's and Wisconsin Gas LLC's joint application to adjust electric, steam, and natural gas rates.

Sponsors: Ald. Bauman

Atty. Tom Miller - COA - said that this resolution is needed to file objections for the increasing cost of gas (10.7%) and electricity (8.4%) effective January 2023.

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

Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Perez, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

15. [220631](#) Resolution authorizing an easement with Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District on City of Milwaukee property at 415 East Bay Street, 515 East Bay Street, 615 East Bay Street and 715 East Bay Street, in the 14th Aldermanic District.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

David Misky - DPW

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

Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Perez, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

16. [220635](#) Substitute resolution relative to acceptance and funding of an Urban Sustainability Directors Network grant in support of the Environmental Collaboration Office’s home energy efficiency work.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Erick Shambarger - Director of Environmental Sustainability, DOA - Said that it is a small grant of \$60,000

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

Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Perez, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

17. [220647](#) Resolution authorizing the City of Milwaukee entry into Green Infrastructure Ten-Year Maintenance Covenants with Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District at various locations in the 1st, 5th, 9th, 10th, and 14th Aldermanic Districts.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Salomon Bekele - 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, Perez, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

18. [220649](#) Resolution approving a lease agreement with Riverworks Development

Corporation for the Beerline Trail between North Bremen Street on the south and the City limits on the north, in the 1st and 6th Aldermanic Districts.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

James Washington - DPW

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

Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Perez, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

19. [220686](#)

Resolution relative to acceptance and funding of a 2023 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry grant - Milwaukee Urban Forestry Workforce Development and Training.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Randy Krouse - Forestry Services Manager, DPW-OPS-FORESTRY - said that this a \$11,000 grant that will be used for staff training and industry certifications required for the employees.

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, Perez, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

20. [220695](#)

Communication from water works regarding the resiliency of water distribution system from hazards such as floods, heavy rain events and power outages.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Patrick Pauli - Water Works Superintendent.

Ald. Bauman said that this file has been introduced regarding the issue that just happened in Jackson, Mississippi and asked Mr. Pauli about our resiliency and where we stand.

Mr. Pauli said that he just read an article about the poor infrastructure and systemic neglect in Jackson, Mi; and that we have a significant resiliency and great systemic maintenance. He added that the back up power generators are in order to maintain the service during a major power outage and that the flooding risk is barely low based on the 2010 rain records. He added that cyber security is a top priority and that a 2 week audit was conducted by a national consultant under the wing of the Homeland Security with good results. Mr. Pauli said that his major concern is that Water Works is operating at a 20% vacancy rate and that they are doing an outstanding job despite the vacancies.

Ald. Bauman said that Mr. Pauli showed great commandment and invited him to anticipate to any new threats.

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

Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Perez, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

21. [220111](#)

Communication from the Department of Public Works relating to the progress of street lighting circuitry replacement funded by the American Rescue Plan Act.

Sponsors: Ald. Zamarripa

Mr. Krushcke said that this is an update:

Funds were allocated early 2022.

Hired 2 Consultants firms.

Design process - circuit design

Goal - start having infrastructure by 2023

This is the first time that the City leases the service and that it has been a learning experience.

He added that it will take up to 40 years to replace the entire city street lighting according the current funding rates answering Ald. Bauman's question.

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

Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Perez, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

22. [220698](#)

Communication from the Department of Public Works regarding the recent death on the Kilbourn Ave bridge.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Jerrel Kruschke - DPW - said that there is an internal investigation with DPW and MPD and that they don't have information yet. He added that no recording video is available but that the cameras are working. He added that the bridge is operated remotely with the video available from the monitors at the current moment. Mr. Kruschke said that the safety team responded immediately but that he has not talked to the operator yet.

Karen Forlenza - Bridge Operator Supervisor and Nicholas J Goodwin - Bridge Maintenance Manager said that pedestrian and traffic gates are visible 100% and that there are 2 cameras above the bridge and 2 cameras under the bridge.

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

Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Perez, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

23. [191930](#)

Communication from the Department of Public Works relating to the status of current and future operations.

Sponsors: Ald. Bauman

Jerrel Kruschke - DPW - said that the potholes staff have been working 10 hours per day to catch up with the requests and that the complaints are still coming today but

that the back log has been taken care of. He added that the street lights have been working well and that they are at 24 hours response now.

Ms. Rodriguez said that we are still on the high of the summer operations and that the crew is using the weekends to catch up with the rest of the operations. She added that there is a 25% vacancy rate and that a lot of planning is going on for the upcoming operations (fall and winter), considering that the vacancy rate will continue as it is. She also said that they have been eliminating components (like the written part of the exam) and that they are not requiring a CDL but willing to train in order to obtain the CDL eventually. They both said that they are trying to get the people through the door by approaching the candidates asking them what kind of barriers are stopping them from continue with the process. They added that they are facing issues like the applicant don't even hold a valid driver's license, the rate pay, or the back ground check and tickets on the record.

Ms. Rodriguez said that they have 3 positions open (critical) and that she will share it with the board to be shared with constituents.

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

Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Perez, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

24. [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

Jerrel Kruschke - DPW - the report will be added to the file.

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

Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Perez, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

25. [211916](#)

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

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

GRIFFIN, Asia L, Public Passenger Vehicle Driver's License Renewal Application. (Expired 12-20-20)

The applicant was present who said that she took care of the pending fine this morning.

Individuals also present:

Mr. Cooney confirmed that a proof of satisfactions has been received.

Ald. Perez moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

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

Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Perez, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

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

Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Perez, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

REQUESTED TO BE PLACED ON FILE:

26. [190464](#) Resolution assigning the official street name "Dr. Finlayson Avenue" to 20th Street from Olive Street to Wells Street in the 1st, 6th, 15th and 4th Aldermanic Districts

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Bauman, Stamper, Perez, Borkowski, and Dodd

No 0

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 am

*Yadira Melendez
Staff Assistant*

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