



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Public Works and Services Committee

*Chairman Alderman Sandy Weidner
Vice Chairman Raymond DeHahn
Michael Shields
Eric Marcus
Jim Morgenroth*

Tuesday, August 30, 2011

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: 4 - Sandy Weidner, Michael Shields, Eric Marcus and James Morgenroth

EXCUSED: 1 - Raymond DeHahn

*Also present: Mark Yehlen, Tom Eeg, John Rooney, Al Stanek, Brian O'Connell,
Matt Sadowski, Tom Karkow-WRJN, Jerrylyn Bradley, Aubrey Sakowicz,*

Approval of Minutes for the August 9, 2011 Meeting.

The minutes of August 9, 2011 were approved as printed.

Motion made by Marcus, seconded by Morgenroth. Passed unanimously.

1. [11-6839](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit and Parking Manager requesting permission to apply for a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant for the replacement of 1997 Transit Vehicles.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 8-30-11: That the Parking and Transit System Manager be authorized and directed to submit a grant application to the State of Wisconsin Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funding program for the replacement of 1997 Transit Vehicles.

Fiscal Note: Estimated cost is \$5,950,000.00 with minimum amount of 80% up to 100% to be funded by the State of Wisconsin and the maximum local share being \$1,190,000.00.

Al Stanek appeared before the committee and explained the CMAQ opportunity with the withdrawal of the KRM Rail Project. He noted approximately \$15 million dollars in CMAQ funds are available and requested permission to apply for approximately \$6 million dollars in funds for bus replacement. He noted the high cost of maintenance to perform work on the existing fleet of buses that are upwards of sixteen years old. Alderman Morgenroth inquired whether there was a market to sell the old buses. Alderman Marcus wondered if CMAQ funds could be used for planning of different

routes. Al Stanek responded to both questions. He noted that there is a market for the old buses and that planning is underway for routes in the City as part of the budgeting process. He noted that CMAQ funding that was being applied for was not being used for planning purposes.

Motion made by Marcus, seconded by Morgenroth to authorize the Parking and Transit System Manager to apply for CMAQ grants. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

2. [11-6764](#)

Subject: Communication from St. Edward's Parish requesting to close 15th Street between West Boulevard and Grove Avenue for their church festival on Saturday, September 24, 2011.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 8-30-11: That St. Edward Parish be granted permission to close 15th Street and the alley bounded by 15th Street, 16th Street, West Boulevard and Grove Avenue, from 3:00 p.m. Friday, September 23, 2011, through Sunday, September 25, 2011, for a Fall Fun Festival.

Further recommends that permission be granted with the following stipulations:

- A. A hold harmless agreement be executed.
- B. A liability insurance certificate be filed prior to this event.
- C. Any overtime costs incurred by any City department be charged to the sponsor.
- D. The sponsor shall notify all abutting property owners seventy-two (72) hours in advance of this event.
- E. The sponsor shall pay a \$250.00 special event fee.

Further recommends that the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer and Chief of Police provide limited assistance, in the interest of public safety, to implement this event.

Fiscal Note: There will be nominal costs to various City departments, on a regular shift basis, to assist in implementing this event.

Matt Sadowski appeared before the committee and asked that 15th Street between West Boulevard and Grove Avenue along with the alley south of 15th Street be closed for their Church Festival on Saturday, September 24, 2011. Tom Eeg noted the usual \$250.00 fee and the usual stipulations.

Motion made by Marcus, seconded Morgenroth. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

3. [11-6744](#)

Subject: Communication from Jerrlyn Bradley (1967 Taylor Ave.) requesting a public hearing for paving of the alley bounded by Jerome Blvd. to 20th St.; Taylor Ave. to Kearney Ave.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 8-30-11: That the prayer of the petitioner be granted and that a preliminary resolution be introduced for the paving of the alley bounded by Jerome Boulevard, 20th Street, Taylor Avenue and Kearney Avenue.

Fiscal Note: This is an assessable alley project and, therefore, all costs will be paid for by the abutting property owners.

Jerrylyn Bradley of 1967 Taylor Avenue requested a Public Hearing for paving of the alley bounded by Jerome Boulevard. to 20th Street. ; Taylor Avenue to Kearney Avenue. She noted this was turned down at Public Hearing earlier this year but would like it to be reconsidered. John Rooney noted it was brought up for Public Hearing by staff but since this is a request from a citizen it would be up to the committee if they would want to approve a preliminary resolution to hear the alley again. He noted that residents may have a change of opinion next Spring or a different Alderman may have a change of opinion on whether to approve the alley for paving. He noted that there is very little funding proposed in the 2012 Budget for street maintenance and alleys were something that the City could no longer provide maintenance on. Alderman Shields said that he supported the request.

Motion made by Marcus, seconded by Weidner to approve a preliminary resolution for the Alley Paving Project for a Public Hearing. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

4. [11-6762](#)

Subject: Communication from Douglas Hudson of Norwood Commercial Contractors, Inc. requesting to purchase 1846 Racine Street.

(Also refer to City Plan Commission)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 8-30-11: Recieve and File.

Recommendation of the City Plan Commission on 8-31-11: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Aubrey Sakowicz and Brian O'Connell appeared before the committee requesting to purchase 1846 Racine Street. Brian O'Connell noted that 1846 Racine Street had been City owned property and that had been recently dedicated as public right-of-way as part of the Racine Street STH 32 Paving Project. Brian O'Connell noted that the portion of the right-of-way would need to be vacated for use of this property for development. John Rooney noted that the developer doesn't own the property that abutts the right-of-way. He noted that if a vacation of that right-of-way were to happen that property would go to the abutting property owner and the property owner would have to agree with said vacation. John Rooney noted that he believes the request is premature and believes the property should be acquired by the developer and than the developer should come back to the committee to request vacation of portion of the right-of-way along Racine Street and in addition to vacation of the alley that is in between Clark and Racine Street.

Motion by Marcus, seconded by Shields to receive and file. Passed unanimously.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

5. [11-6769](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting bid results on Contract 49-11 (K1-054), Bus Storage Garage-Lighting Upgrades.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 8-30-11: Defer.

Tom Eeg noted that the Transit and Parking Manager was seeking some additional Federal funds for items on this contract. Tom Eeg asked that these bids be deferred until the next meeting.

Motion made by Marcus, seconded by Shields to defer. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

6. [11-6790](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations, requesting to waive formal bidding for two-way radio upgrades.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 8-30-11: That the request of the Purchasing Agent to waive formal bidding procedures be approved in accordance with State Statutes that allow for the waiving of public bids for the purpose of maintaining uniformity of equipment and services.

Further recommends that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Milwaukee 2-Way, Inc., West Allis, WI, to upgrade two-way radios to meet the new FCC narrow-banding radio requirements, for the not-to-exceed price of \$9,000.00.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this public works project be appropriated from Account 991.630.5020, Street Maintenance Radio Repeater.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Tom Eeg explained the request to waive formal bidding for the two-way radio upgrades. He noted that this has been done in the past.

Motion made by Marcus, seconded by Shields. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

7. [11-6804](#) **Subject:** ((Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting Change Order No.1 on Contract 24-11 (K1-024), Spring Street Bridge Restoration,

Lunda Construction Company, contractor.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 8-30-11: That Change Order No. 1 on Contract 24-11 (K1-024), Spring Street Bridge Restoration, Lunda Construction Company, contractor, be approved in the amount of \$98,855.40.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this change order be appropriated from the following Account 991.520.5010, Spring Street Bridge Mill/Overlay.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

John Rooney submitted change order No. 1 on Contract 24-11. He noted the amount of the change order is nearly double the original contract price. He noted however, there were major problems with the Spring Street Bridge deck after the original milling was performed. John Rooney showed photographs of the failures beneath the mill surface of the bridge and the reinforcing steel that needed to be replaced. He noted that in some areas a full depth replacement of the bridge deck had to be performed before the bridge could be overlaid.

Motion made by Marcus, seconded by Shields. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 P.M.

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