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Meeting Minutes - Final Public Works and Services Committee

*Chairman Gregory Holding, Alderman Raymond DeHahn,
Alderman Sandy Weidner, Alderman Jeff Coe, Alderman
Michael D. Shields*

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301

PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS

PRESENT: 5 - Gregory Holding, Raymond DeHahn, Sandy Weidner, Jeff Coe and
Michael Shields

June 8, 2010

5:30 P.M.

Room 205, Council Chambers

PUBLIC WORKS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

6:00 P.M.

Call To Order

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

Also Present: John Rooney, Tom Eeg, Rick Jones, Brian O'Connell, Rob
Weber, Chief Wahlen, Mrs. Lance McClure, Dave Ferderer

Approval of Minutes for the May 25, 2010 Meeting.

1. [10-5188](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Rhino Bar, 1659 N. Main St.,
requesting permission to close High Street between Main and
Chatham on June 19, 2010 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. to hold a
fundraiser.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee
on 6-8-10:** Permission be granted to The Rhino Bar, 1659 N. Main
Street, to close High Street from Main Street to Chatham Street, on
Saturday, June 19, 2010, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., for a fundraiser, 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. No alcoholic beverages will be sold and/or dispensed within the street right-of-way.
- F. Any tents placed on the public right-of-way shall not be anchored by any means to the roadway surface.
- G. 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, in implementing this event.

Tom Eeg read the request and noted the stipulations for liability insurance and a hold harmless agreement needing to be filed, along with the special event fee. Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Weidner to approve the request. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

2. [10-5195](#)

Subject: Communication from Coaster's Pub and Michigan Pub requesting permission to close Hubbard Street from Main Street to Michigan Boulevard on Saturday, July 31, 2010, from noon to 10:00 p.m. for a street festival.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-8-10: Permission be granted to Coaster's Pub and Michigan Pub, to close Hubbard Street from Main Street to Michigan Boulevard, on Saturday, July 31^{ne} 19, 2010, from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m., for a street festival, 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. No alcoholic beverages will be sold and/or dispensed within the street right-of-way.
- F. Any tents placed on the public right-of-way shall not be anchored by any means to the roadway surface.
- G. The sponsor shall pay a \$300.00 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, in implementing this event.

Tom Eeg read the request and noted the stipulations of liability insurance and a hold harmless agreement needing to be filed, along with the special event fee.

Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Weidner to approve the request. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

3. [10-5184](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 6th District submitting the request of Mrs. Lance McClure, 2716 Northwestern Avenue, to the close the sidewalk along the side of her home.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-8-10: That the item be referred to the City Plan Commission.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Weidner noted a petition that was circulated earlier in the year from residents near Neptune Drive that would like to see the sidewalk closed that connects Northwestern Avenue to Neptune.

Alderman DeHahn noted the sidewalk was there as an alternative for students to walk to school as opposed to walking down STH 38.

Several residents appeared before the Committee and spoke in favor of the vacation of the sidewalk and noted the problems with vandalism and litter in the neighborhood.

Alderman Weidner asked for the sidewalk to be vacated and the City pay for the cost for the removal of the sidewalk.

John Rooney noted it is the Public Works and Services Committee to review the request and if there is no need for the public right-of-way for the use of utilities or the need for the transportation of the pedestrians it could be referred to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission could then see if it was in the best interest to proceed with a vacation hearing.

After further discussion, a motion was made by DeHahn, seconded by Weidner to refer the item to the Planning Commission for a preliminary resolution for a public hearing for vacation of the right-of-way. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Further Consideration

4. [10-5237](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Downtown Racine Corporation requesting permission to place artistically decorated clocks on the public sidewalks along Main Street from State Street to 6th Street, and on 6th Street from Main Street to Grand Avenue for the "Hour Town" public art event from May 1 to October 1, 2010.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee

on 6-8-10: That an agreement be executed, in accordance with Wisconsin State Statute 66.0425, Privileges in Streets, to grant permission to the Downtown Racine Corporation, to place decorated clocks on the sidewalks of Main Street from State Street to 7th Street, and 6th Street from Main Street to Grand Avenue, from May 1, 2010 to October 1, 2010, with the stipulation that a minimum of a 5' sidewalk must be maintained at all times and that any damage to the sidewalk be repaired so as to not present a hazard to pedestrians.

Fiscal Note: N/A

John Rooney noted Devin Sutherland could not attend the meeting.

Tom Eeg explained the request and noted it was similar to other public art projects held over previous years in the Downtown area.

Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Weidner to approve subject to the usual stipulations. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

5. [10-5241](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Dave Ferderer, requesting permission to install a projecting sign over city right-of-way at 1816 Sixteenth Street.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee

on 6-8-10: The property owner of 1816 Sixteenth Street be granted permission to install a stationary, projecting sign, 2 awnings and the existing mansard, as requested, with the stipulation that a hold harmless agreement be executed, in accordance with State Statute 66.0425, Privileges in Streets.

Further recommends that the property owner be charged a \$50.00 fee to cover administrative costs associated with filing this item with the Register of Deeds office.

Fiscal Note: There will be no cost to the City of Racine.

Dave Ferderer explained his request to install projecting signs over the City right-of-way at Dino's Restaurant at 1816 Sixteenth Street.

Tom Eeg noted the Chief Building Inspector had no objections to the work and noted the usual stipulations for approval.

Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Weidner to approve the request. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

6. [10-5213](#)

Subject: Communication from the Director of City Development

requesting an amendment to the previously approved agreement with K. Singh and Associates for Walker Site PECFA Reimbursement.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-8-10: That Amendment No. 1 to the contract to apply for PECFA reimbursement for the Walker Manufacturing Site, K. Singh & Associates, Inc., consultant, as submitted, be approved in the amount of \$2,100.00.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of these professional services be appropriated from Account 974.000.5610, TIF No. 14.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Brian O'Connell appeared before the Committee and asked for an amendment to a previously approved agreement with K. Singh and Associates. He noted there were some barrels of contaminant that needed to be removed from the site. He noted the cost of the amendment was \$2,100.00.

After further discussion, a motion was made by DeHahn, seconded by Weidner to approve the amendment as described. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

7. [10-5185](#)

Subject: Communication from the Aldermen of the 1st and 2nd Districts requesting that bricks found during public construction projects be retained by the Department of Public Works for future repairs/maintenance of brick streets within the City.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-8-10: That the item be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Marcus appeared before the Committee and inquired about the City requiring contractors to save bricks for future use on street projects. He noted he has seen several projects under construction where the bricks were taken away and thought they may be reused on streets such as College Avenue, Beebe Court or Yout Street.

Rick Jones noted the Engineering Department contacted a contractor and received a quote of approximately \$0.50 per brick to clean, palletize and shrink-wrap brick salvage from contract. He noted the amount of bricks needed to replace the streets previously mentioned, and indicated costs would be approximately \$200,000.00. He noted he had no objections with the request, but indicated the Common Council needs to provide funding for this endeavor.

Alderman Shields wasn't sure if spending the money on future road projects which were not even certain how they would proceed was a good decision.

John Rooney noted that costs also does not include delivery of those bricks to City

property and the cost to store and keep those bricks until a future road project is started.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Shields, seconded by DeHahn to refer this item to the Committee of the Whole.

Recommended For Further Consideration

8. [10-5231](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Chief of Police requesting to place cameras on street light poles.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-8-10: The Chief of Police be granted permission to place cameras on street light poles, in a manner as approved by the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer.

Further recommends that funding for the electrical feed to the cameras be appropriated from Account 403.990.5030, Surveillance Cameras.

Fiscal Note: All costs associated with installing these cameras shall be borne by the Police Department. Funding for the operation of these cameras is available as herein delineated.

Chief Wahlen appeared before the Committee and asked permission to install two cameras in the Downtown area. He noted one would be located on Sixth Street and the other on Park Avenue. He noted there have been several problems in the area and the cameras would be very useful because the area is consuming too much Police Department resources. Chief Wahlen believes the cameras would normally help in solving crimes that occur in the area, and also would help prevent crimes as well.

Tom Eeg noted the cameras would have to match the color of the light poles, as to blend in with the streetscape work and that power was available.

Chief Wahlen also noted the DRC is paying for one of the cameras.

After further discussion, a motion was made by DeHahn, seconded by Weidner to approve the installation of the cameras. Passed unanimously.

Closed Session:

Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Weidner to enter into closed session. Passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Members voting aye: Weidner, DeHahn, Shields, Coe

Members voting nay: No one

Recommended For Approval

IT IS INTENDED THAT THE PUBLIC WORKS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 19.85(1)(D) OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES TO CONSIDER STRATEGY FOR CRIME DETECTION OR PREVENTION.

9. [10-5227](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Chief of Police requesting a closed session conference pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(d) to consider strategy for crime detection or prevention.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-8-10: Exempt pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(d).

Fiscal Note: N/A

After discussion for a strategy for crime detection and prevention by the Chief of Police and the City Attorney, a motion made by Shields, seconded Weidner to receive and file the communication. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by DeHahn, seconded by Weidner to reconvene into open session.

Members voting aye: DeHahn, Weidner, Shields, Coe

Members voting nay: No one

Recommended to be Received and Filed

THE COMMITTEE INTENDS TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM.

10. [10-5176](#) **Subject:** Resolution 10-2052, of June 1, 2010, relating to street improvements:

PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE PAVING

Spring Valley Drive from Vista Drive to Frances Drive

Harrington Drive from North Osborne Blvd. to Vista Drive

Harrington Drive from Vista Drive to Frances Drive

Alley from Shoreland Drive to South Street; Charles Street to Eighth Avenue

Alley from Shoreland Drive to North Street; Charles Street to Eighth Avenue

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-8-10: That Resolution No. 10-2052, of June 1, 2010, be amended to delete:

PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE PAVING

Spring Valley Drive from Vista Drive to Frances Drive

Harrington Drive from North Osborne Blvd. to Vista Drive

Alley from Shoreland Drive to South Street; Charles Street to Eighth Avenue

and, as amended , Resolution No. 10-2052, of June 1, 2010, be adopted.

Fiscal Note: Funds will be appropriated in the 2011 C.I.P. for these

street improvements, and special assessments will be paid by the abutting property owners for the street improvements.

John Rooney read the summary of Public Hearing No. 365 from May 25, 2010.

A motion was made by Weidner, seconded by Shields to delete Spring Valley Drive from Vista Drive to Francis Drive.

On a roll call vote, members voting aye: Weidner, Shields, DeHahn

Members voting nay: Coe

Motion to delete passed 3:1

A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Weidner to approve Harrington Drive from North Osborne Blvd. to Vista Drive.

On a roll call vote, members voting aye: Coe

Members voting nay: Weidner, Shields, DeHahn

Motion failed 1:3

Motion made by Weidner, seconded by Shields to delete Harrington Drive from North Osborne Blvd. to Vista Drive.

On a roll call vote, members voting aye: Weidner, Shields, DeHahn

Members voting nay: Coe

Motion to delete passed 3:1

A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Shields to approve Harrington Drive from Vista Drive to Frances Drive.

On a roll call vote, members voting aye: Coe, Shields, Weidner

Members voting nay: DeHahn

Motion to approve passed 3:1

A motion was made by DeHahn, seconded by Weidner to delete the alley from Shoreland Drive to South Street; Charles Street to Eighth Avenue.

On a roll call vote, members voting aye: DeHahn, Weidner, Shields, Coe

Members voting nay: No one

Motion to delete passed 4:0

A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Weidner to approve the alley from Shoreland Drive to North Street; Charles Street to Eighth Avenue.

On a roll call vote, members voting aye: Coe, Weidner, Shields

Members voting nay: DeHahn

Motion to approve passed 3:1

Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Weidner to approve Resolution 10-2052 of June 1, 2010, as amended. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

11. [10-5128](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting bid results on Contract 32-10 (K0-040), Storm and Sanitary Sewer Relining.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-8-10: That Contract 32-10 (K0-040), Storm and Sanitary Sewer Relining, be awarded to Musson Brothers, Inc., Rhinelander, WI, at their bid price of \$390,172.85, they being the only responsible bidder.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this public works project be appropriated from the following accounts:

\$ 93,202.85 - Account 287.988.5310, Sanitary Sewer, Misc. Loc.
\$ 57,000.00 - Account 287.989.5310, Sanitary Sewer, Var. Loc.
\$230,000.00 - Account 287.990.5310, Sanitary Sewer, Var. Loc.
\$ 9,970.00 - Account 104.990.5420, 10th St.Sewer Project
\$390,172.85 - Total

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Tom Eeg submitted bid results on Contract 32-10.

Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Weidner to approve the lowest responsible bidder. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Award of Bid

12. [10-5129](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting bid results on Contract 34-10 (K0-042), City Hall and Memorial Hall Restoration (R1).

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-8-10: Defer

Tom Eeg asked that this item be deferred.

Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Weidner to defer. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

13. [10-5104](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations submitting Change Order No. 3 on Contract 52-09 (K9-053), Window Replacement at City Hall Annex, Softer Lite Window Company, contractor.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-8-10: That Change Order No. 3 on Contract 52-09 (K9-053), Window Replacement at City Hall Annex, Softer Lite Window Company, contractor, be approved in the amount of \$3,780.00.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this change order be appropriated from Account 105.900.5010, BUS Capital Projects.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Tom Eeg submitted Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$3,780.00 for the installation of a handicap door opening device at the Racine Transit Center.

Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Shields to approve. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

14. [10-5222](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations submitting Change Order No. 2 to Contract 2-10 (K0-002), Incinerator Building Structural Slab Repair, Seater Construction Co., Inc., contractor.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-8-10: That Change Order No. 2 on Contract 2-10 (K0-002), Incinerator Building Structural Slab Repair, Seater Construction Co., Inc., contractor, be approved in the amount of \$6,233.00.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this change order be appropriated from Account 990.220.5030, CHP-Structural Repairs.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Tom Eeg submitted Change Order No. 2 on Contract 2-10 for repairs and new revisions to the work for the incinerator building structural slab repair. He noted the change order was in the amount of \$6,233.00 and funds were available.

Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Weidner to approve. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

15. [10-5189](#)

Subject: Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting a request to accept an incentive check in the amount of \$28,122.00 from Focus On Energy for Grant Application No. 17061.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-8-10: That the communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

John Rooney noted that nearly 900 high-pressure sodium lights were retrofitted with LED street light fixtures through a Focus On Energy Grant. He noted that grant received an incentive payback check of \$28,122.00. He asked the Committee to accept the incentive check and deposit it in the appropriate account to purchase more LED street lights.

Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Weidner to approve. Passed unanimously.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

16. [10-5196](#)

Subject: Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting an Intergovernmental Agreement for the design, construction and maintenance of the Stewart-McBride Pond Retrofit Project between the Village of Mount Pleasant and the City of Racine.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee

on 6-8-10: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement for the design, construction and maintenance of the Stewart-McBride Pond Retrofit Project between the Village of Mount Pleasant and the City of Racine with the City's share of the cost to participate in the intergovernmental agreement being \$287,594.00.

Further recommends that funding for the City's share of this capital project and subsequent maintenance cost for the pond be placed in the 2011 Storm Water Utility budget.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

John Rooney noted the City of Racine and the Village of Mount Pleasant are working on joint project to retrofit a pond in the Village limits next to the Stewart-McBride Park. He noted the Village is designing the pond for flood capacity and the City of Racine is interested in having them do additional work to capture Total Suspended Solid (TSS) as required by the cities NPDES permit with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. He noted the agreement would include the City of Racine paying for those costs in the pond that were associated TSS reduction and the agreement would also include pond maintenance for TSS as well. He noted there are some shared costs between the City of Racine and the Village of Mt. Pleasant. He noted the village would serve as the lead agency for the project. He also noted this project would net approximately 30 tons of TSS reduction towards the City's permit. He noted the cost of this project would be placed in the 2011 Storm Water Utility budget, as well as the maintenance costs.

Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Shields to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a Municipal Agreement with the Village of Mount Pleasant. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Acceptance as a Professional Services Agreement

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

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