

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND STREET MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: March 10, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Members Present: Rasmussen, Gisselman, Kellbach, Abitz, Mielke

Also Present: Oberbeck, Lindman, Wesolowski, Lenz

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and received by the *Wausau Daily Herald* in the proper manner.

Noting the presence of a quorum, at approximately 5:30 p.m. Chairperson Rasmussen called the meeting to order.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve minutes of the February 11, 2016 and February 23, 2016 meetings

B. Action on a Stormwater Maintenance Agreement for the Wausau School District at 4303 Troy Street (Riverview Elementary School)

C. Action on a Sanitary Sewer Easement at 1201 Westwood Drive

Mielke moved to approve the consent agenda items. Gisselman seconded and the motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on compiling information on electrical usage to provide to a solar energy expert

Lindman stated the Electrical Department has started to work with WPS to gather the number of meters as well as additional information. Rasmussen indicated the analysis of the solar capabilities is free. She recalled that for years through the CIP process DPW has been looking for a storage building for equipment that is currently stored outside. However, the idea of building a large facility has not ranked as high as other priorities. There have been very introductory discussions about the possibility of using a solar component on a carport-type structure to house equipment. Depending upon where the analysis goes, we may be able to find some alternatives or relief in some of the CIP requests as we move forward into 2017 talks.

Pat Peckham, 1618 Emerson Street, stated the carport idea was mentioned to him by Ric Mohelnitzky as there are Street Department vehicles that are parked outside during the winter. He mentioned the shelter at RedEye that is generating solar energy. He has also seen pictures of similar parking shelters in the southwest. The thought was if something is going to be built it could have photovoltaic panels on it. Abitz stated the Madison Fire Department has a solar panel and had suggested to Chief Buchberger to take that into consideration when the new fire station is built on the west side. Rasmussen believes that depending upon what comes out of the analysis we could uncover all sorts of new possibilities as we expand. She added that some communities have worked with developers to offer incentives for new projects to consider alternative energy as either a companion source or as a sole source.

Lindman stated staff will continue to gather information and an update will be provided at a later date.

Oberbeck indicated this was of his interest in school when he obtained a Bachelor in Environmental Design. He noted low slope roofs. On flat slopes the snow sticks and zero energy buildings will require maintenance and the placement of solar units needs to be considered. Sometimes they are located on the ground so penetrations are not made in the roof. There is a need to be careful when supporting these types of units as far as water leaks on roof systems.

Discussion and possible action on the proposed bump out in front of the CVA along North 4th Street

Lindman stated that staff had met with the CVA on site in December to discuss the proposed plan. A cost estimate has now been received for the proposed bump out.

Neil Slamka stated he is the Building Chair for the Grand Theater Foundation. Through their renovation project, it has occurred to them that it would be very helpful and appropriate to have a bump out. This would be on the north end of 4th Street at Scott Street. They began the renovation project with budget numbers but unfortunately once they got into tearing the building apart the project has gone considerably over the budget. He feels they are giving a lot back to Wausau. As you drive down Scott Street the first thing you see is the deplorable building and the mess behind it of the old Foster Building, which has been torn down. That site will be turned into a beautiful green space and parking area with fencing around the HVAC unit. He feels the bump out will not only be nice to have but it is also a safety concern. He noted that the parking spots lost on 4th Street would be gained on Scott Street as they will be closing off a drive. When the Grand Theater lets out there is a frenzy of people running up and down 4th Street. The angle of the sidewalk near the CVA building is severe and the fiber optic cover is sticking up higher than the sidewalk causing a trip hazard. Pedestrians forget as they go by the CVA building that there is nothing there but 4' of sidewalk and then Scott Street. He hasn't seen anyone get hit, but has seen vehicles have to stop on a dime to avoid an accident.

Randy Williams, Holster Construction, 2808 East Franklin Street, stated Holster is the construction manager for this project. He noted that during the design process of the bump out, they met with Grand Theater staff and questioned if the bump out would preclude closing of the street when children and buses are present. The staff indicated they would prefer to have this additional space to provide a buffer area for the children. Williams indicated there were a lot of unforeseen and unsafe issues inside of the building. Flammable material (wood framing) has been removed and will be replaced with fireproof materials. The deteriorated stone on the outside has been cleaned and repaired. A new roof and trim will be installed and the building has been stabilized with new concrete. Granite will be installed along the bottom portion of the building.

Mike Moore, REI, 4080 North 20th Avenue, explained the existing sidewalk in front of the CVA has a cross slope from the building towards the street of 6% to 6½%. Standard practice is approximately 2%. By bumping out the sidewalk an extra 9½ feet away from the building, the slope will be between 1½% and 2%. This will be flatter, which is something to consider in the winter when it is icy. Two parking stalls would be eliminated on 4th Street, but two stalls will be gained on Scott Street by closing off an alley.

Lindman stated back in December a 50-50 cost share was proposed and now it appears the request is for the City to cover the entire cost. Slamka stated the project is completely out of cash. He further stated this is the City's sidewalk and feels it is the responsibility of the City to install a proper sidewalk. If the City does not want to install a bump out, he believes the sidewalk should be flat without the fiber optic cover sticking up. Lindman questioned if REI would be completing the engineering design and if the Grand Theater Foundation would be hiring a contractor for the work. Slamka confirmed REI would complete the design but expected the City to hire a contractor. Rasmussen questioned if the City could do the bump out cheaper than the estimate provided due to the volume of materials the City purchases during a season. Lindman will check to see if the work can be done in-house. Rasmussen stated there has been some feedback received regarding pedestrian staging at 4th Street and Scott Street during events at the Grand. Crowd management and pedestrian crossing during 400 Block events has also been talked about at Public Health and Safety. The bump out would make the cross between streets shorter for pedestrians. In the interest of safety, this does seem safer than what is there today as there is not a lot of room between

the corner of the building and the intersection. Abitz stated the intersection was looked at by Parking and Traffic. She believes the bump out would push the cars out further and allow a better site view down the street. Rasmussen said in the grand scheme of things the estimate provided by REI is not shocking in terms of projects but using our own resources and bulk purchasing could possibly get the project done for less.

Oberbeck indicated he began working with the CVA about a year and a half ago when they started formulating a series of projects within the Grand Theater. REI was brought on for civil engineering of the project. There are quite a few improvements that will happen alongside the building. He stated it is his project, but he is not trying to influence the committee. A lot of money has been spent on the exterior and will soon be unveiled once the granite is installed. Gisselman questioned if the red granite is from Marathon County and Williams confirmed. He stated the PAF office building also has red granite and they are trying to tie the two corners together aesthetically.

Mielke moved to approve the plan in concept and direct staff to work on a means of participation in the work, funding or both, and forward a recommendation to Finance. Abitz seconded and the motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on resolutions approving 2016-2020 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) projects

Lenz explained there are three separate resolutions for the three applications prepared for TAP funding from the DOT. Applications were submitted for three projects, which are the Riveredge Parkway on Bridge Street to West Wausau Avenue, Stettin Drive from Brockmeyer Park to Stettin Elementary School, and the Business Campus Trail from Packer Drive underneath the Hwy. 29 overpass on 72nd Avenue to Highland Drive. These are projects that are for multiuse transportation such as bikes, pedestrians and other non-motorized vehicles. He reminded the committee that TAP funding is an 80% grant with the DOT paying for 80% of the cost and the remaining 20% would be the City's responsibility. The committee previously approved applying for the funding. The next step in the process is to approve resolutions of support. The resolutions do not include a budgetary commitment because we do not know yet if the grants will be received and this would not be for this budget year but for a future year.

Mielke moved to approve the three resolutions approving 2016-2020 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) projects. Kellbach seconded.

Abitz questioned where we would stand if the grant is not received. Lenz indicated a funding source has not been identified for any of the projects. Rasmussen stated that assuming a grant was not received, Safe Routes to Schools may be an option for the project on Stettin Drive. Lenz explained that Safe Routes is part of this grant program. If the City was to apply specifically for Safe Routes funding, often a Safe Routes Plan is to be completed first along with other requirements. Gisselman questioned if negotiations have begun regarding easements on the Riveredge Trail. Lenz replied for this particular section there is one property owner and there have been preliminary discussions. This would also give momentum for other sections of the trail.

There being a motion and a second, motion to approve the three resolutions approving 2016-2020 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) projects carried unanimously 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on the updated Fourth Revision to the State/Municipal Agreement for State Project ID 6999-03-09, 28, 59, 79, 80, 81, STH 52 (Stewart Avenue)

Wesolowski explained that the fourth revision provided by the DOT was before the committee last month and was not accurate as the DOT had not included several design amendments. An update revision has been provided with a new cost share of \$295,841.

Abitz moved to approve the updated Fourth Revision to the State/Municipal Agreement for State Project ID 6999-03-09, 28, 59, 79, 80, 81, STH 52 (Stewart Avenue.) Mielke seconded and the motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on petition for annexation from the Town of Maine: Niemeyer (petitioner) – Territory bounded by W. Cassidy Drive, N. 4th Avenue and Decator Drive

Lindman provided an updated map showing the proposed parcel in relation to previous annexations. Abitz questioned how several small parcels shown on the map fit in. Lindman stated those are parcels owned by others that are not annexed. Lenz further explained that the annexations to date have been direct unanimous annexations. Those parcels are owned by people who have not petitioned to be in the City. How those parcels will be served with utilities in the future is up for debate as they are not within the City. Rasmussen said this committee has been clear on the fact that we have not gone out soliciting for annexations but rather reacted when people came to us.

Gisselman moved to approve the petition for annexation from Niemeyer for territory bounded by West Cassidy Drive, North 4th Avenue and Decator Drive. Kellbach seconded.

Gisselman asked if an update will be received regarding the recent annexations. Rasmussen stated a legal update will be provided by the City Attorney at a future Council meeting.

There being a motion and a second, motion to approve the petition for annexation from Niemeyer for territory bounded by West Cassidy Drive, North 4th Avenue and Decator Drive carried unanimously 5-0.

Future agenda items for consideration

Because of CISM and Parking and Traffic merging, Abitz noted that Parking and Traffic will meet prior to the next Council meeting to take care of housekeeping items. Rasmussen added that the City Attorney's Office is working on a joint resolution and the code revisions. Gisselman questioned if an April meeting will be held. Rasmussen replied there will be one more CISM meeting of this group in April.

Adjourn

Mielke moved to adjourn the meeting. Abitz seconded and the motion carried unanimously 5-0. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:10 p.m.