

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 4, 2010
Municipal Service Bldg., Training Rm., 2026 New Jersey Ave.
4:30 p.m.

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Ald. Present: J. Dekker, M. Hanna, J. VanderWeele, V. Vue
Ald. Excused: J. Kittelson
Staff Present: B. Bittner, D. Biebel, D. Doerr, R. Sazama
Others Present: Harold Biebel, Marge Mattern

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Introduction of Committee Members/Chairperson Comments/Public Input.
 - No public input was made.
4. Approval of minutes from the February 18, 2010 meeting.
 - M. Hanna/J. VanderWeele motioned to approve. Vote 4-0, motion carried.
5. **Com. 82-09-10** Communication from Mike Short, 1729 N. 25th St., regarding his concerns over
Council No. 23-14 special assessment procedures.
 - HOLD
6. **R.O. 445-09-10** Communication from Keith Brunner, 430 New York Ave., requesting that the signs
Council No. 23-18 at the east corners of 5th St. and New York Ave. be replaced due to the safety
concerns in the at area.
 - M. Hanna/J. VanderWeele motioned to accept and file the R.O. Vote 4-0,
motion carried. Signage will be reinstalled when weather permits.
7. **R.O. 446-09-10** Submitting bids and authorizing the Purchase Agent to enter into contract for the
Council No. 23-22 purchase of two (2) 2010 Model Regenerative Air, Truck Mounted Street Sweepers
Res. 195-09-10 with trade-in as per Bid No. 1854-10.
Council No. 23-26
 - M. Hanna/J. VanderWeele motioned to accept and file the R.O. and approve the
Res. Vote 4-0, motion carried.
8. **R.O. 438-09-10** Submitting a report related to the manufacturer and purchase of (38) new
Council No. 23-23 decorative street lamps, lamp posts and accessories for installation on N. 5th St.
between Pennsylvania Ave. and Wisconsin Ave. and N. 6th St. between Niagara
Ave. and Wisconsin Ave. and Superior Ave. from N. 9th St. to N. 14th St.
 - J. VanderWeele/M. Hanna motioned to accept and file the R.O. Vote 4-0,
motion carried.
9. **Res. 194-09-10** Resolution directing that various Committees/Commissions be merged, eliminated
Council No. 23-24 or reassigned at the end of the current Council year (April 2010).
 - HOLD~~M. Hanna/J. VanderWeele agree with the merger/elimination of the
committees named with the exception of the Board of Park & Forestry.

10. **R.O. 447-09-10** Submitting bids and authorizing the Purchasing Agent to enter into contract for the purchase of two (2) asphalt patching trailer(s) for the Motor Vehicle Division.
Council No. 23-43
Res. 196-09-10
Council No. 23-44
 - M. Hanna/J. VanderWeele motioned to accept and file the R.O. and approve the Res. Vote 4-0, motion carried. Staff recommends the 2nd low bidder due to the low bidder not meeting the specs/design for its intended function due to past experience.

11. **R.O. 448-09-10** Communication from the Department of Natural Resources stating that they believe the City was in violation of its municipal storm water permit when it failed to immediately investigate potential illicit discharges at a facility in the City between December 2008 and December 2009.
Council No. 23-45
 - M. Hanna/J. VanderWeele motioned to accept and file the R.O. Vote 4-0, motion carried. Staff meeting with Plenco and the DNR next week on this issue.

PREVIOUS MATTERS HELD OVER FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

1. **Res.184-09-10** Resolution empowering its citizens/property owners the ability of trimming City-owned trees in the area generally located between the sidewalk and the curbing and at the front, side or back of properties.
Council No. 21-41
 - HOLD

2. **R.O. 422-09-10** Communication from Harold Biebel, 2442 Cross Creek Dr., requesting permission to place an Antique Popcorn Wagon in Fountain Park for the months of May through September.
Council No. 22-22
 - M. Hanna/J. VanderWeele motioned to accept and file the R.O. and approve the permit drafted by staff. Vote 4-0, motion carried. Ald. Hanna stated the Farmer's Market questioned the operation fee. Staff stated the cart would be out everyday, part of a daily operation which enhances the use of the park. Farmer's Market does not pay a park fee to use the park, neither would Mr. Biebel.

REPORTS OF STAFF

1. Report from Director Department Update.
 - Ald. Hanna questioned if staff has looked at establishing an off-site shuttle for 4th of July parking. Staff stated parking and transit has discussed this due to them having the buses available.
 - Ald. Hanna questioned the coordination of the traffic lights on Calumet/North Ave. The challenge is while heading west on North Ave. and making a left turn onto Calumet Ave. The left turn arrow signal is quick and there is an issue when North High School lets out at the end of day. Staff will look into this.
 - Ald. Hanna questioned if there is a schedule for sewer inspection and if so how much was inspected in 2009? 2010? Staff is working with limited crews. Staff prioritizes inspections by 1) backups 2) sewer condition. Are these employees available for grass cutting? No, but they were available for snow plowing. They are also available for emergency situations.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, March 18
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