

REVISED

Public Services Committee Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2010

Chairman Kohlenberg called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

Members Present: Aldermen Kohlenberg, Miller and Hall

Staff Present: Mayor Daley, Gard, Kitsemel, Frye, Beguhn, Gallo, Lamp, Bednarski, Kelliher, Duffy and Coenen

Others present: Ald. Larsen, Slattery, Morgan and Cochrane and Atty. Chapman and Stan Sugden

2. Consider/recommend Renaming City Beach Band Shell

Kelliher reported the Park and Recreation Board approved the American Legions request to name the band shell the Rhodee Memorial Band Shell. Per the City Policy and Procedure Manual for Public Property Facility Naming, the Legion is required to provide three proposals/renderings. It is their intent to bring these to Public Services and Council for approval on June 1st. The Committee asked who is responsible for the cost. Kelliher stated that all costs associated with the naming shall be paid by the person submitting the request. However, Council could authorize the City to absorb the cost, although the Legion has not requested that at this time. The Committee also inquired about sign approval by the Architectural Commission. Gallo stated that this request is not for a sign, but rather informational lettering and that does not require sign approval.

Motion by Miller to recommend the City Beach Band Shell be named Rhodee Memorial Band Shell; second by Hall. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Consider/recommend Sidewalk Extensions on Chaffee Road and Blain Street

Frye reported that currently there are no sidewalks on the east side of Chaffee Road and Blain Street. Staff is recommending the installation of sidewalk on the east side of the streets as part of the Wisconsin Avenue project and to provide pedestrian access to the parks. (A picture was displayed on the projection screen of both areas.) Because the elevations will be changing at the intersections of both streets, it was better to wait and include the sidewalks as part of the reconstruction project. There is a cost to the property owners; however the corner lots on both streets will realize a cost savings as the Department of Transportation will pay 80% of the cost within their project area. The remaining 20% is the responsibility of the abutting property owner. Because this is an infill project, the City allows for an assessment over 10 years, interest free. The cost to the property owners will vary due to the length of the lots. Staff has met with the four property owners to discuss the work and their financial responsibility. Property owners on Blain Street, Christianson and Woodard were present and do not support the sidewalks on their properties. They stated the sidewalks are not necessary because people drive to the tennis courts and suggested the sidewalks would be better placed to connect to the park on Chestnut St. The Committee inquired why sidewalks are not being proposed on Chestnut St. and if there were any property owner objections on Chaffee Rd. Frye stated that the two corner lots on Chestnut would need extensive grading. Sugden stated that staff picked the shortest possible route to the park, the decision was made in the best interest of the City and the areas proposed offered the lowest cost for the property owners. One property owner on Chaffee has concerns about parking in their driveway if a sidewalk is installed. The Committee further discussed getting a better understanding of this issue and asked staff to gather a list of property owners affected in the surrounding areas, the financial impact for property owners and to send out a letter to residents scheduling a meeting with staff and the Committee to further review this issue. No action was taken and by Committee request, this item will be brought back in two weeks.

4. Consider/recommend Change Order to Add Forest Street to 2010 Street Maintenance Program

Frye reported the 2010 Street Maintenance Program budgeted \$100,000 for streetscaping on South Main Street and Silver Lake Plaza which the City has decided to put off until 2011 because of the Wisconsin Avenue

reconstruction. This change order will allow us to do maintenance on another street that was planned for 2011. Staff is recommending that Forest Street, from Summit Avenue to the High School main entrance, be added to the program. (A picture was displayed on the projection screen of the area.) Payne and Dolan provided a cost of \$137,812 to replace curb and resurface the street. The Committee asked if the change order exceeded 15% of the contract and if the money for the streetscaping will be used to cover the cost. Frye responded that the change order is under 15%, the money for the streetscaping will be carried over to 2011 and money from the 2010 program will be used to cover the costs.

Motion by Hall to recommend the change order to add Forest Street to the 2010 Street Maintenance Program; second by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

5. Consider/recommend Change Order to Add Main Street Railroad Crossing to 2010 Street Maintenance Program

Frye reported the 2010 Street Maintenance Program budgeted \$170,000 for railroad safety improvements to allow for the implementation of a quiet zone. The City has been able to modify our original plan to remove the 4 quadrant gates and use channelization because of the proposed high speed rail. This change saves significant dollars while still allowing us to obtain the quiet zone. The changes are at the intersection of Main Street/Summit Avenue/Second Street which will need to be reconfigured on the south side of the tracks. Payne and Dolan provided an estimated cost of \$83,025 to reconfigure the intersection. The crossing will be closed for one week for the quiet zone work and also the replacement of the concrete roadway damaged from a watermain break. The total cost for the quiet zone project is now \$124,025.

Motion by Hall to recommend the change order to add Main Street Railroad Crossing to the 2010 Street Maintenance Program; second by Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Discuss 2010 Street Maintenance Change Orders

Frye explained that issues occur during the course of construction that necessitates timely decisions to prevent costly delays. Many of the items are due to conflicts with buried infrastructure because the depth is not known at the time of design. Frye briefly went over the change orders listed on the Change Order No. 2 sheet included in the packet and the reasons for them. He noted that Item No. 9 is a situation where we actually saved money by using a product called Geogrid. When we determined that the depth of the excavation below sub-grade (EBS) was at least two feet, it was suggested that we utilize Geogrid. The use of Geogrid allows us to reduce the depth of the EBS by one foot on these streets. The net savings is \$2.81 per square yard between the cost of one foot of EBS and the Geogrid product. Based on 7,500 square yards, there is an overall savings of \$21,075. In addition, there will also be \$16,900 of sanitary sewer repairs in Main Street and Luther Avenue. The Committee asked if any of the change orders constituted 15% or more of the original budgeted project. Frye stated no. Next Frye discussed drainage problems in some of the areas of this year's projects. He stated that the problems were due to existing land and structure elevations that do not allow for drainage and will result in puddles or ponding. The City tries to address drainage issues when surfacing streets, but in this case our cost would go from \$30,000 to \$90,000 for storm sewer or pervious pavements. Based upon this sizable increase, Frye indicated we would go with our original plan which is to remove and replace a few inches of existing surface and do what we can during the surfacing process for drainage. Frye wanted the Committee to know, in case issues come up after the work has been completed, that there will be unavoidable puddles/ponding.

Motion by Miller to adjourn; second by Hall. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Minutes taken by
Diane Coenen, City Clerk
Ald. Larsen, Secretary