

**STREETS AND SANITATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

April 25, 2011  
6:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dave Soeldner  
Jason Sladky  
Jim Brey  
Allan Schema

**STAFF PRESENT**

Greg Minikel  
Kim Lynch  
Mike Huck

**OTHERS**

Mike Check, 9140 Hilltop Rd  
Janis Strattner, 3308 Kimberly Cr  
Larry Strattner, 3308 Kimberly Cr  
Rhonda Neumann, 3301 Kimberly Cr  
Tim Frey, 3302 Kimberly Cr

**Approval of the Minutes from 4/11/11**

J. Sladky made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2011 meeting. A. Schema seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

**Discussion and possible action on a complaint received from property owners on Kimberly Circle regarding the TLC Group Home**

The Strattner's from 3308 Kimberly Circle wrote the city a letter requesting help in correcting violations coming from the TLC Group Home at the corner of Kimberly Circle and Herman Road.

The Strattner's commented that the concept of the home is not their issue. Their complaints with the group home are with littering, parking issues (in front of mailboxes and obstructing approaches), excessive traffic in the neighborhood, and the use of their driveway for turning around. They concluded that lack of management at the group home is the cause for all this.

Tim Frey, representing the group home, spoke about the nature of their business, staffing and management, and their licensure with the State. He said that management has spoke to staff about the Strattner's concerns.

The TLC group home is permitted to do business as they are per local and state laws. The issues the Strattner's have are more with enforcement of local ordinances. The Committee encouraged the Strattner's to call the Police Department for parking violations, and to call the Streets Department for violations to the weed ordinance. The city can not disallow parking on public right-of-way unless there were parking restrictions denoted for an area, which there are none for this area.

In conclusion, the Committee talked about contacting the City Attorney about investigating federal ordinances concerning parking in front of mailboxes and to possibly draft a modification to the local ordinance.

**Discussion and possible action on the inclusion of the replacement and restoration of the Harbor Dockwall on the Northside of the channel and west of the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge**

Mike Huck spoke to the Committee about the necessity to refurbish the dockwall. He spoke of it being ineffective and eroding. He talked about this being an opportune time to move forward with the project. The estimated cost is \$3M with an 80% return from assessment.

The history of this proposed project started back in 2004 when the city wrote the owner, which is Canadian National Railroad, a letter stating that the dockwall will be constructed and an assessment levied. However, there were circumstances with MPU, the city and the RR that put the project on hold.

The Coast Guard is now requiring the swing bridges to be removed and the RR has removed track and sold land that now deems the land abutting the dockwall useless for rail activity.

Pursuing this project would precipitate a letter from the city informing the RR that they would be assessed for the project. Being that the property is not of value to them, they may negotiate a sale to the city. The RR realtor is currently in the area negotiating the sale of other RR property. The city would have a long term benefit for development as already planned for in the comprehensive plan. This would however mean that the city would pay 100% for the project due to it being non-assessable.

The land has had an environmental study showing there are contaminants. There may be an opportunity for Brownfield Grants and potentially other grants that the City could apply for if we own the property.

J Brey made a motion to budget for the project in 2012. J Sladky seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

**Discussion and possible action regarding N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street (Maritime Dr. - York St) possible additional asphalt paving project in conjunction with the Dermatology project**

G. Minikel told the Committee that repaving of the roadways surrounding the DAW project was not part of the TIF agreement between the City and DAW. Therefore, we tried to minimize the amount of pavement removal. However, due to the newly constructed DAW underground parking area being significantly lower than the existing pavement and to avoid having too steep of cross slope, the City had to remove the east half of the street. The construction on the east side of the street will be added to the TIF project, which has an estimated net change order of \$2K-\$3K.

It was noted that the west half the street is in poor condition and should be paved as well. Adding the asphalt resurfacing on the west

side of N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street to our current project would be an additional cost of \$10K-\$15K.

Further discussion of the additional proposed paving work was about special assessments. The east side will be funded by a TIF and the west side would typically be assessed per ordinance.

J Brey made a motion to include the work on the west side of the street to the project, but do not assess the property owner. A Schema seconded the motion. 2-ayes, 2-nayes (D Soeldner, J Sladky) Motion failed.

Further discussion concluded that the Engineering Department should check to see if this additional cost could be added to the TIF that is funding the east side of the street. This street is in the five year plan for full reconstruction in 2015. If this can not be included in the TIF, the street will be reconstructed in about 4-5 years and fully assessed per ordinance to the property owners.

**Discussion and possible action regarding Spring Brush Pick-up - Schedule Update and Discussion**

The Committee felt the Department of Public Works has it under control. The Committee took no action.

**Communication (10-064) from SMI requesting that Streets and Sanitation Committee take action on various issues relating to storm water pond maintenance costs**

Mike Check would like to be placed on the May 9, 2011 agenda. His Attorney will contact the City Attorney and be ready to discuss this issue further.

**Resolution (11-241) authorizing assessments for special decorative Christmas lighting on non-residential properties abutting Eighth St. from Washington St. to Chicago St., on Washington St. from So. 8<sup>th</sup> St. to So. 12<sup>th</sup> St. and in the Harbor Town Center (Dewey Street from N. Rapids Rd. to Calumet Ave. and Harbor Town Ln. from Dewey St. to S. 41<sup>st</sup> St., as detailed therein, for the 2010-11 Christmas season, was referred to Streets & Sanitation Committee.**

J Brey made a motion to place the resolution on file and not assess. J Sladky seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Committee will look into changing the ordinance for the future.

*Motion was made by J. Brey to adjourn at 7:38p.m.  
and seconded by A. Schema.*



Valerie Mellon, P.E.  
Director of Public Works  
and City Engineer