

**STREETS AND SANITATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

*October 25, 2010
6:30 p.m.*

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Soeldner
Jason Sladky
Allan Schema
Nic Levendusky

STAFF PRESENT

Valerie Mellon
Greg Minikel
Sonja Birr

OTHERS

Michael Check
Claire Olson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jim Brey

Approval of the Minutes from 10/11/10

N. Levendusky made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2010 meeting. J. Sladky seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

Request from Roorbachs for Angle Parking on S. 29th Street

G. Minikel reported on his meeting with Claire Olson on-site at Roorbach's to discuss the angle parking options that were presented at the last meeting. The proposed option eliminated the sidewalk leaving customers to park over the sidewalk during the two months of "angle" parking. This would also require these same customers to walk around back of the cars and in the street in order to access her greenhouse.

The original design with curb and sidewalk would increase the cost, but C. Olson said "If we are going to do it, let's do it right." She doesn't want to confuse anyone with the parking going from angle to curb side parallel parking. She is requesting that the Committee to let her determine when funds are available and when the work will be started.

G. Minikel explained that the estimate we received was for the work to be completed this fall. The price may increase or decrease depending on costs when the work will be constructed.

N. Levendusky questioned when the street was reconstructed. The Engineering Dept said 10 years ago. He wasn't in favor of digging into a street that has just been reconstructed. G. Minikel said that there won't be a need to remove concrete, we will be adding curb and sidewalk and angle parking lanes.

D. Soeldner requested the Committee members to give their opinions first on if they are comfortable with moving forward with the project.

Then as a separate issue, if in favor of the project, will the City be willing to cost share this project with Roorbach's.

The majority of the Committee members were in favor of the project.

N. Levendusky would agree if the requesting party would be willing to pay 90-100 percent.

A. Schema was leaning towards 50 percent cost sharing because of past practice by the previous Streets Committee and City Engineer. He feels we owe it to them for removing this angle parking 10 years ago.

J. Sladky agreed with 50 percent cost sharing if the work is done in-house. He isn't comfortable with the contractor adding in extra mobilization costs. G. Minikel explained that DPW is more equipped for maintenance patching; however, they can do the work, just not as quick as a contractor like Vinton would be able to. It could possibly be built into a larger paving project to keep unit costs down. We would actually need to know when this project would take place. It would be C. Olson's ultimate decision to move forward depending on whether the contractor prices were cheaper than in-house DPW construction. We could just not award this portion of the bid, if Claire decided not to move forward.

J. Sladky requested allowing Roorbach's to do the sidewalk on their own.

D. Soeldner questioned if we are setting precedence by authorizing to pay for any part of this project, as this was a design decision that was made by the City Council as part of a former Capital Project.

A. Schema said angle parking was previously there, and there won't be many situations like this again.

G. Minikel explained that there wasn't a cost estimate included in the bid for moving the fence.

Discussion continued between the Committee members.

D. Soeldner made a Motion to approve the project as originally designed to include permanent angle parking with an adjacent sidewalk and the City responsibility of the cost to be 50 percent, but not to exceed \$12,000. The city cost share will not include the sidewalk or removal and replacement of the fence and will be subject to review by the City Attorney. J. Sladky seconded the Motion.

Motion carried 3-1 (1 nay; N. Levendusky).

Claire Olson asked if she doesn't have the money available next year will this still be valid. D. Soeldner explained it will be placed on file unless the Streets Committee determines otherwise. The Committee doesn't see a problem with putting this on a 5-year payment plan.

G. Minikel state that we will also need to have Roorbach's either Quit Claim Deed approximately 13 feet to the city or draft an agreement to have public sidewalk on private property.

Muskrat Trapping

V. Mellon explained that the pond was designed to be low maintenance with wetland plants that are currently being destroyed by muskrats. The City brought in a trapper to set traps. He signed a letter of agreement to accept liability for all the traps being set. He did catch 6 muskrats; however, he believes that there are muskrats at other ponds as well. V. Mellon would like Committee's approval for putting together an official agreement prepared by the City Attorney for the trapper to sign.

J. Sladky is in favor of trapping more than just muskrats. A. Schema requested that the agreement be for other locations throughout the City. He knows that there are other problem areas such as at the zoo.

V. Mellon reminded the Committee that he is trapping at the pond for no charge.

N. Levendusky made a motion for the City Attorney to draft necessary document with the specific trapper for City properties only. J. Sladky seconded the motion.

G. Minikel explained that this may not guarantee free service anymore.

Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

Coastal Management Grant Update - Lakeside Blvd

V. Mellon gave an update to the Committee of previous discussions that were held regarding the erosion of the bluff on Lakeside Blvd. Subsequent to previous conversations, Todd Holschbach contacted V. Mellon to inform her that a number of residents along the bluff are concerned.

They met with the Head of the Coastal Management Program, Mike Friis and Gene Clark, UW Sea Grant Institute, and Jordy Jordahl, DOA. They thought it was a good project and we could be approved for a Coastal Grant. There is a 50 percent match requirement but this could be an in-kind match which would allow the City DPW crews to remove large

trees at the edge of the bluff. We could then plant appropriate low growth plantings, with deeper roots.

V. Mellon is requesting to put together a grant to apply for an updated study and bid documents for long term (retaining) wall construction. Planning is also applying for a separate Coastal Management Grant for the Riverwalk and Maritime Museum; however, V. Mellon doesn't want the 2 grants to work against each other. Mike Friis recommended that she rate the 2 projects in the order of importance and provided there was enough grant money both may be awarded.

We currently have a study from 1989, which includes information about soil borings, water seeps, and the ground water table. The City Engineering Dept is capable of preparing bid plans, but needs additional consultant services to design the retaining wall portion of the project. The Coastal Grant would pay for hiring this design service. V. Mellon explained that the DPW tree removal effort would not be performed without the grant, because we can't count the work as in-kind match before the grant is in place.

N. Levendusky made a motion to authorize V. Mellon to apply for the grant. A. Schema seconded the motion.

A. Schema explained that this type of in-kind match is regularly done with County projects as well.

D. Soeldner said that problem isn't going to go away, and will only get worse before it gets better. G. Minikel said low water levels have helped slow down the erosion, however large rainfalls have caused wash-outs at the top of the slope.

Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

Snow Removal City Parking Lots Update

V. Mellon informed the Committee about the meeting that was held with DPW, Parks and the Mayor. The plowing operation details were discussed at this meeting and in light of not re-filling 2 DPW laborers there is the need for assistance from Parks Dept to plow City parking lots. The Parks Dept has committed the staff to team up with DPW. Snow plowing the streets will remain the priority for DPW. Parks will plow the City lots as their first priority and then will plow their pedways, sidewalks and parks after that.

Future retirements within the Parks Dept. might lead to an alternate plan, but as for now, it will work. The Streets Committee will "cross that bridge" when it happens.

Discussion of Fawn Court Drainage Concern

G. Minikel said one of the adjacent property owners complained of flooding during high rain events. He went out and looked and reported that it isn't draining as he thought it should be. The ditch is silted in and needs to be cleaned out.

G. Minikel would like to allow DPW to do minor ditching with the permission of the property owners. D. Soeldner thought this would be the best solution at this time.

V. Mellon said she was first made aware of this at a recent Council Meeting public hearing discussion regarding the new St. Francis School development.

J. Sladky made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. N. Levendusky seconded the motion.



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