

: BOARD OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROCEEDINGS :

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

City Hall, Room 404, Peoria, Illinois, November 5, 2007, a Special Meeting of the Board of Local Improvements was held this date at 6:02 P.M., with President Gene Hewitt presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following Board Members were physically present: Hewitt, Ray, Currie, and Zinkhon – 4; Absent: None.

Others present included contractor representatives, Project Engineers Scott Reeise and Mike Taylor, and Administrative Specialist Ruth Blancaflor.

MINUTES

Board Member Zinkhon moved to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Local Improvements held on August 9, 2007, as printed; seconded by Board Member Currie.

Approved by viva voce vote.

ITEM NO. 1 BID OPENING:

MELBOURNE AVENUE ORNAMENTAL LIGHTING PROJECT (Between Sheridan Road and 278 feet to the East of Bootz Street) and CONSIDERATION of AWARD of CONTRACT [Council District 5];

President Hewitt stated the plans and estimate for this project had been modified, and he stated the Engineer's Estimate was \$113,186.70 and he opened and read the following bids:

	<u>Total Bids, As Read:</u>	<u>Total Bids, as Corrected:</u>
Advanced Electric Company	\$84,967.01**	
Laser Electric, Inc.	\$116,824.33	\$113,477.08

Board Member Currie moved to approve the apparent low bid in the amount of \$84,967.01 for the Melbourne Avenue Ornamental Lighting Improvement Project (between Sheridan Road and 278 feet to the east of Bootz Street) and award the contract to Advanced Electric Company, subject to checking by the Engineering Division and clearance through the Equal Opportunity Office; seconded by Board Member Zinkhon.

Approved by viva voce vote.

**Note: Advanced Electric Company has current EOO Certification #02742-081231.

REQUEST TO MOVE AGENDA ITEM

Secretary Ray moved to move the consideration of Agenda Item #6 forward on the Board's Agenda so this item could be discussed at this time; seconded by Board Member Currie.

Approved by viva voce vote.

ITEM NO. 6 OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD:

- A) Approval of ESTIMATE #4 & FINAL (REVISED) for the MACHIN AVE ORNAMENTAL LIGHTING & ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (Columbia Terrace to Chester Street);
- B) Approval of ESTIMATE #3 & FINAL for THE ALLEYS BETWEEN INSTITUTE PLACE & GLENWOOD AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT;
- C) Approval of ESTIMATE #10 & FINAL for RADNOR/WILHELM ROADS, PHASE I.

Board Member Currie moved to approve the Engineer's Final Pay Estimates, as outlined; seconded by Board Member Zinkhon.

Approved by viva voce vote.

ITEM NO. 2 PUBLIC HEARING – Regarding the Construction of the Proposed Improvement Known as the AVALON PLACE ROADWAY AND ORNAMENTAL LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT (HUDSON STREET TO ALBANY AVENUE), the net length of 625 feet or 0.12 mile; (PCC combination curb-sidewalk and an ornamental lighting system). [Council District 2].

At 6:20 p.m., President Hewitt announced the Public Hearing regarding the construction of the Avalon Place Roadway and Ornamental Street Lighting Improvement Project. He stated that, since the mailing of the Notices of Public Hearing, his office had received one letter in favor of the project.

One (1) property was represented at the Public Hearing.

Issues and concerns addressed by citizens included:

Mr. Tom Kirchgessner, resident of 3203 North Avalon Place, Peoria, stated his approval of the project.

In discussion with Board Member Zinkhon, President Hewitt stated there was a 61.08 percent majority of the property owners signing the petition, and he gave the Board a brief overview of the history of the project to-date. He said the project estimate was \$202,000 and that the City of Peoria would pay 83 percent of the cost of the roadway and 50 percent of the cost of the ornamental street lighting.

There being no further discussion, President Hewitt closed the Public Hearing regarding the Avalon Place Roadway and Ornamental Lighting Improvement at 6:23 p.m.

REQUEST TO MOVE AGENDA ITEM

Board Member Currie moved to move the consideration of Agenda Item #4 forward on the Board's Agenda so this item could be discussed at this time; seconded by Board Member Zinkhon.

Approved by viva voce vote.

ITEM NO. 4 CONSIDERATION of RECOMMENDATION of ORDINANCE Concerning the Proposed Public Improvement of the AVALON PLACE ROADWAY AND ORNAMENTAL LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT (HUDSON STREET TO ALBANY AVENUE) to the PEORIA CITY COUNCIL for APPROVAL.

Secretary Ray moved for the recommendation of an Ordinance concerning the proposed public improvement of The Avalon Place Roadway and Ornamental Lighting Improvement Project (Hudson Street to Albany Avenue) to the Peoria City Council for approval; seconded by Board Member Zinkhon.

Approved by viva voce vote.

ITEM NO. 3 PUBLIC HEARING – Regarding the Construction of the Proposed Improvement known as the W. TOMAR COURT ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (SOUTH OF W. CLAREWOOD AVENUE), the net length of 887 feet or 0.17 mile; (combination curb-sidewalk, driveway approaches, storm sewer system, and pavement overlay). [Council District 4].

At 6:32 p.m., President Hewitt announced the Public Hearing regarding the construction of the West Tomar Court Roadway Improvement Project. He stated that, since the mailing of the Notices of Public Hearing, his office had received two phone calls of a general nature regarding the project.

President Hewitt made the attached presentation and then opened the floor for questions concerning the project. Four (4) properties were represented at the Public Hearing.

Issues and concerns addressed by citizens included:

Mr. Norman Derrickson, resident of 1414 West Tomar Court, Peoria, said he fully supported the project. He questioned whether the new sidewalk and driveway materials would be reinforced concrete. He said there were places in his sidewalk that cracked when it got wet and then froze, and he believed reinforced concrete avoided cracking for a long time.

President Hewitt stated the project included combination curb and sidewalk that included reinforcing fibers. He said the gutter flag would be tied to the curb.

Mr. Taylor explained the reinforcing fibers were small plastic filaments and they would take care of any cracking problems.

Mr. Ray Keithley, resident of 1404 West Tomar Court, Peoria, said he also fully supported the project. He questioned how much the construction of the project would impact access to their homes.

President Hewitt explained there would be a period of time when the driveways were under construction and the property owners would be impacted for about two to three weeks. He stated the residents should coordinate any emergency issues with the Resident Engineer from the City of Peoria who would be assigned to the project. He said many contractors had been very creative in the past in giving residents access to their driveways. He said it would be necessary for the residents to park on the opposite side of the street from the construction and then they would move over once the construction on the other side of the street was completed.

Mr. Ed Schraeder, resident of 1400 West Tomar Court, Peoria, said his house was at the end of the cul-de-sac and there currently was no sidewalk. He said he preferred not having sidewalk, due to the traffic on a dead end street off of a dead end street being a good number of vehicles turning and circling around. He said he considered it a safety issue.

President Hewitt said he also considered it a safety issue, but as a benefit to the safety of pedestrians.

Mr. Schraeder questioned how many square feet would be taken away in the turning radius, and President Hewitt stated the sidewalk would be constructed within the right-of-way area so that nothing would be taken away.

Mr. Schraeder also expressed concern about protection for the trees during the construction process.

President Hewitt stated the contractor would be careful around trees, but he didn't think they would be affected. He said that issue was an example of the daily concerns that could be handled with the city's Resident Engineer on the project. However, he said, if something extra needed to be done to protect the roots of trees, it would be done. He said the new sidewalk would extend from the face of the existing curb back 5 ½ feet.

Mrs. Dorothy York, resident of 1409 West Tomar Court, Peoria, said she also supported the project. She said she was happy to see the project extended to Tomar Avenue. She said she was interested in having her driveway replaced and so she would be interested in knowing the contractor.

President Hewitt explained the Project Newsletter process and the information the Newsletter would contain. He said the Resident Engineer would work with the residents and the city's contractor to coordinate any private property work desired. He said the residents were not limited to use only the city's contractor but that, sometimes, they could be more affordable since they were already on site and didn't have to mobilize their crews and equipment. Either way, he said the Resident Engineer would coordinate any private work and the city's construction project.

Mrs. York and Mr. Keithley expressed concern that the neighborhood had waited four years for the improvement and they questioned whether the project's funding was sure.

President Hewitt explained the staff and funding reductions during 2002 and 2003 which caused a backlog in projects moving forward to construction. He assured them that the Tomar project was fully funded.

There being no further discussion, Board Member Zinkhon moved to close the Public Hearing regarding the West Tomar Court Roadway Improvement Project; seconded by Board Member Currie.

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:55 p.m.

ITEM NO. 5 CONSIDERATION of RECOMMENDATION of ORDINANCE Concerning the Proposed Public Improvement of the W. TOMAR COURT ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (SOUTH OF W. CLAREWOOD AVENUE to the PEORIA CITY COUNCIL for APPROVAL.

Board Member Currie moved to approve the Recommendation of an Ordinance concerning the proposed public improvement of the West Tomar Court Roadway Improvement Project (south of West Clarewood Avenue) to the Peoria City Council for approval; seconded by Board Member Zinkhon.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 6:57 p.m., Secretary Ray moved to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Local Improvements; seconded by Board Member Zinkhon.

Approved by viva voce vote.

Gene Hewitt, President

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Attachments