

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**

MAY 27, 2009

A Special Meeting of the Board of Local Improvements convened at 4:32 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2009, at City Hall, Room 404, 419 Fulton Street, Peoria, Illinois, and was called to order by President Gene Hewitt.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Board of Local Improvements Members in attendance: President Gene Hewitt, Secretary Randall Ray, Board Member Erle Currie, and Board Member Jeff Smith – 4; Absent: Board Member Amy Benecke-McLaren - 1.

Others in attendance included Project Engineers Scott Reeise, Marvin Shoop, Jim Lancaster, and Tom Zenger, Equal Opportunity Office Director David Watkins, Engineering Division Secretary Ruth Blancaflor, and Contractor representatives.

ITEM NO. 1 BID OPENING: COLUMBIA TERRACE (UNIVERSITY STREET TO NORTH STREET) SIDEWALK AND ORNAMENTAL STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, a total distance of 3926 feet, of which 3926 feet (0.74 miles) are to be improved **and CONSIDERATION of AWARD of a CONTRACT.** *[Council District 2]*

President Hewitt stated the engineer's estimate for the Columbia Terrace (University Street to North Street) Sidewalk and Ornamental Street Lighting Improvement Project was \$1,693,805.75, and he opened and read the following bids:

| | <u>Total Bids, As Read:</u> | <u>(Total Bids, as Corrected:)</u> |
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| Wm. Aupperle & Sons | \$1,517,441.56** | |
| Illinois Civil Contractors, Inc. | \$1,576,278.08 | |
| C&G Concrete Construction | \$1,582,600.00 | \$1,582,590.00 |
| Hein Construction | \$1,635,294.73 | |
| Stark Excavating | \$1,647,039.13 | |
| R.A. Cullinan & Son, Inc. | \$1,695,693.28 | |
| Otto Baum Company | \$1,832,632.35 | |

Board Member Currie moved to approve the apparent low bid of Wm. Aupperle & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$1,517,441.56 and award the contract for the Columbia Terrace (University Street to North Street) Sidewalk and Ornamental Street Lighting Improvement Project, subject to checking by the Engineering Division and clearance through the Equal Opportunity Office; seconded by Board Member Smith.

Approved by viva voce vote.

**Wm. Aupperle & Sons, Inc. has current EOO Certification #00298-100331.

ITEM NO. 2 OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD:

A) Approval of PAY ESTIMATE #5 & FINAL for the TETON DRIVE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (UNIVERSITY TO 120' WEST).

President Hewitt noted the project came in \$13,000 under contract.

Board Member Smith moved to accept the Final Pay Estimate for the Teton Drive Roadway Improvement Project (University to 120' west); seconded by Board Member Currie.

Approved by viva voce vote.

B) 2009 CIP Projected Construction Plan List

Sheridan and Lake Sidewalk Projects

In discussion with President Hewitt, the project engineers explained the work would reconstruct the quadrants for better access for the disabled, and that the sidewalk would be extended to the west entrance to the front parking lot by the city and further west by the Developer. Regarding the retaining wall, they said the fence would be reconstructed.

Holly Hedges/Devereux Drainage Project

Project Engineer Tom Zenger stated the engineering staff continued to work to obtain easements for this project from the property owners. He said there was one homeowner who was reluctant to provide an easement on his property and they would work around his property if necessary.

Wilhelm Road and Bridge – Growth Cell 1A Phase II

Secretary Ray said he was in close contact with the developers' attorney and they were trying to ascertain what the current costs of the project may be and it was a difficult process.

Project Engineer Scott Reeise added that Peoria County's legal department had become involved in the acquisition of easements for the project. He said Peoria County was the lead agency on the project.

Board Member Currie moved to receive and file the 2009 CIP Projected Construction Plan List; seconded by Board Member Smith.

Approved by viva voce vote.

Queens Court and Piccadilly Place Sidewalk Improvement Project

Project Engineer Shoop said he had been working with Mrs. Batton of Horan and Company, which owns a property in the location of the project. He said they want to have their sidewalk replaced but there has been a hold on the Sidewalk Participation Program in this subdivision because of the poor sidewalk conditions. He said she was unable to get a majority of the property owners to sign a petition for the work on Oxford Place, but she did get four properties, in a row, on the west side to sign the petition and they were anxious to have the improvements made.

Project Engineer Lancaster stated that the sidewalks had settled four to six inches in almost the entire subdivision, and President Hewitt confirmed that the city would not participate with individual property owners because of that.

Project Engineer Shoop requested leave of the Board to send those property owners Consents to Default and Confirmation since, if they would sign that for the same assessment rate as the original project, the General Contractor, C&G Concrete Construction, had agreed to honor their unit prices for this additional work, as well. In trying to accommodate the four properties including Horan's, he said this was the only means by which to accomplish the request at the current time.

There was a discussion regarding the process to be followed and the gap to be left by the frontage of the properties which were not going to be improved. Engineer Shoop stated the additional work would only be for sidewalk, since an overlay is only done when both sides of a street are being improved. While the original project was receiving a street overlay, he said the City paid that cost anyway.

In discussion with Project Engineers Shoop and Reeise, the Board determined the approximate cost would be \$50,000, which would require City Council approval, and that the use of those additional funds from the Special Assessment program would mean the definite delay of the Gale Avenue project to 2010.

As a result of the discussion, the Board concurred to authorize the offer of Consents to Default and Confirmation to the four properties on Oxford Place in order to be added to the Queens Court Road and Piccadilly Place Sidewalk Improvement Project. Further, they directed Project Engineer Shoop that all of the properties discussed had to be willing to enter into the Consents and then the matter would be placed on the first available date for City Council approval.

ITEM NO. 3 PUBLIC HEARING – Regarding the Construction of the Proposed Improvement Known as the W. WAGNER LANE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (STERLING AVENUE TO DONNA LANE), THE NET LENGTH OF 1134.6 FEET OR 0.23 MILE (P.C.C. COMBINATION CURB AND SIDEWALK. [Council District 4]

At 5:18 p.m., President Hewitt announced the Public Hearing regarding the construction of the West Wagner Lane Roadway Improvement Project (Sterling Avenue to Donna Lane). He stated that, since the mailing of the Notices of Public Hearing, the City Engineer's office had received one letter in opposition to the project and one phone call of a general nature.

President Hewitt made the attached presentation and then opened the floor for questions concerning the Project. One (1) property was represented at the Public Hearing.

Issues and concerns addressed by citizens included:

Mr. Todd Prentiss, resident of 2319 West Wagner Lane, Peoria, spoke in support of the project. He had circulated the Petitions for the project and he said he had kept up with its status by occasionally checking with city staff. He said most of the residents wanted the project, had been anticipating it, and were anxious for it to be done.

Mr. Prentiss said he had been in contact with one person who wanted to get her driveway redone and had been waiting for the contract.

President Hewitt explained that the residents would receive a Newsletter prior to the project's beginning and it would explain that they could contact the city's Resident Engineer to coordinate their private work.

In discussion with Mr. Prentiss regarding his request for School Speed Limit signs to be placed near the playground there, Project Engineer Reeise stated city staff would review it and would determine whether or not a School Speed Zone was warranted.

Mr. Prentiss also requested additional street lighting near the playground area and President Hewitt advised that he could begin that process by putting the request in writing to the Public Works Department. He explained they were AmerenCILCO's lights and there was certain criteria that had to be met.

In further discussion with Project Engineer Reeise, Mr. Prentiss was advised that the overlay plans included the removal of the hump in the street, near Sterling Avenue, which should make entrance onto Sterling much easier for motorists.

There being no further discussion, Board Secretary Ray moved to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Board Member Currie.

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Public Hearing regarding the West Wagner Lane Roadway Improvement Project (Sterling Avenue to Donna Lane) closed at 5:40 p.m.

ITEM NO. 4 CONSIDERATION of RECOMMENDATION of ORDINANCE Concerning the Proposed Public Improvement of the W. WAGNER LANE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (STERLING AVENUE TO DONNA LANE), to the PEORIA CITY COUNCIL for APPROVAL.

Board Member Currie moved for approval of the Recommendation of an Ordinance concerning the proposed public improvement of the West Wagner Lane Roadway Improvement Project (Sterling Avenue to Donna Lane) to the Peoria City Council for approval; seconded by Board Secretary Ray.

Approved by viva voce vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Smith moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Board Member Currie.

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Special Meeting of the Board of Local Improvements adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Gene Hewitt, President

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Attachment