



## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF A BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Regular / Special Meeting: Board of Public Works

Date and Time: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 7:00pm

Location: City Hall, 2000 N. Calhoun Road, Council Chambers

Members Present: Alderman Rick Owen-Chairman, Alderman Chris Blackburn, Alderman Scott Berg (Mayor alt.), Alderman Mike Hallquist, Alderwoman Jenna Meza

Members Excused: Mayor Ponto

Others Present: Director of Public Works Tom Grisa (via teleconference), City Engineer Jeffrey Chase, Alderman Bill Carnell

### 1. Roll Call

Alderman Rick Owen noted a quorum present and called the Board of Public Works meeting to order at 7:08pm.

### 2. Announcements

The Next Regularly Scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:00pm.

### 3. Minutes of the August 11, 2020 meeting

***Motion by Alderman Mike Hallquist, second by Alderman Jenna Meza to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2020 Board of Public Works meeting. Motion carried 5-0.***

### 4. Unfinished Business

None

### 5. New Business

#### a) Award of Corporate Drive Bridge Replacement

Mr. Chase stated that after additional research the low bid is the going rate for this project so the Engineering Department is recommending award of the project even though the bid is substantially over the estimate. Alderman Hallquist asked how many of these bridges are located in Brookfield and the lifespan. Mr. Chase responded there are five bridges with a similar construction. The bridges have a relatively short lifespan. Most bridges built today last around 75 years. The new bridge will have a longer lifespan, low maintenance, and higher quality.

Alderman Blackburn questioned why this bridge failed. Mr. Chase said it is the nature of the product. Most of the bridges were built by developers who have a different investment horizon than a public agency. They go with the lowest upfront cost and prevailing technology at the time. The bridge has not failed yet, but needs to be replaced before it does.

**Motion by Alderman Scott Berg, second by Alderwoman Mike Hallquist to approve the Award of the Corporate Drive Bridge Replacement. Motion carried 5-0.**

- b) Temporary and permanent perpetual path easements – North Hills plat – N. Brookfield Road and North Hills Drive

Alderman Berg commented that this has been in the works for years. Alderman Owen commented that this is a highly cherished project for the residents.

**Motion by Alderman Mike Hallquist, second by Alderman Scott Berg to approve the temporary and permanent perpetual path easements – North Hills plat – N. Brookfield Road and North Hills Drive. Motion carried 5-0.**

- c) Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City of Brookfield and Waukesha County for the Construction and Maintenance of the Fox River Trail, Trailhead and Connector Trail

Mr. Chase confirmed this is an agreement between the City and County to facilitate construction and operation of the trail. The County is taking on all duties to maintain the trail.

**Motion by Alderman Scott Berg, second by Alderman Jenna Meza to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City of Brookfield and Waukesha County for the Construction and Maintenance of the Fox River Trail, Trailhead and Connector Trail. Motion carried 5-0.**

- d) Update to the capital cost and need for retaining walls for the Moorland Road sidewalk

Memo from Jeff Chase, City Engineer, to the Common Council on September 15, 2020:

At its September 8, 2020 meeting the Board of Public Works discussed the potential construction of sidewalk improvements along the west side of Moorland Road from Bluemound Road to Brookfield Square Drive in conjunction with Waukesha County's pavement replacement project scheduled for 2022. Project background for this discussion is contained in the attached memo from the Director of Public Works dated September 3, 2020.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board of Public Works made the following findings:

The proposed Moorland Road sidewalk improvements represent a valid and important part of the City's multi modal transportation plan. Given the adjacent land uses, degree of continuity and lack of alternative design solutions it is a strategic link that would serve this area for a variety of users.

The current estimated cost of \$1,800,000 is likely too high to justify the project moving forward despite the merits of the project.

Waukesha County has indicated that it is willing to make Federal funds available for the sidewalk improvements to the extent they are not otherwise committed to cover the pavement improvement costs. If sufficient Federal funds are made available for the sidewalk improvements to "buy down" the City's cost share, it may be reasonable to move the project forward. In order to determine to what extent Federal funds could be made available it will be necessary for the City to finance a portion of the Moorland Road pavement replacement/sidewalk design process to better understand the likely total project costs relative to the finite

amount of Federal Funds available for the project. It is anticipated that the City's contribution for this purpose would be approximately \$40,000. It should be noted that the City would ultimately have to commit to funding its share of the project without knowing for certain if Federal funds are available, and that the \$40,000 would be a sunk cost in the event the sidewalk portion of the project does not move forward. The Board of Public Works generally supported moving forward with the design process.

Given the magnitude and degree of financial uncertainty of the overall project costs, and the speculative nature of proceeding with design, the Board of Public Works believes it is important for the Common Council to consider additional perspectives from the Plan Commission and input on the financial considerations of this sidewalk prior to making any further commitments with Waukesha County regarding this project.

***Motion by Alderman Chris Blackburn, second by Alderman Scott Berg to send to the Common Council a recommendation to approve the update to the capital improvement plan and need for retaining walls for the Moorland Road sidewalk subject to input from the Plan Commission and updates on financial considerations. Motion carried 5-0.***

## 6. Adjournment

***Motion by Alderman Mike Hallquist, second by Alderman Chris Blackburn to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm. Motion carried 5-0.***

Respectfully Submitted:  
Tom Grisa  
Director of Public Works