

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Minutes – March 31, 2016

The April 6, 2016 Public Works Committee for the City of Monona meeting was rescheduled for March 31, 2016, and was called to order at 6:30pm by Alderperson Thomas.

Present: Alderperson Thomas, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Stolper, Ms. Busse, Mr. Franklin, Mr. Besch, Mr. Turino, Mr. Podell

Excused: Alderman Speight

Also Present: DPW director Stephany, Monona Residents Rob Kalejta, Nancy Moore and John VanArsdale

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Besch, and seconded by Ms. Busse to approve the Public Works Committee minutes of March 2, 2016, was carried.

### APPEARANCES

Rob Kalejta, 4402 Outlook, spoke before the committee on the upcoming Schluter Park channel dredging project. Mr. Kalejta provided a new handout, different than the handout provided in the packet. Mr. Kalejta stated to the committee that 90% of the sediment to be dredged is not silt runoff, but deposited by park shoreline. Mr. Kalejta feels the benefits to the adjacent property owners will be minimal; however, the benefit to the park will be enormous. Mr. Kalejta would like the committee to consider his proposal where the City would pay \$140,901 of project costs, and the four property owners would pay a total of \$5,464.

Nancy Moore, 4505 Winnequah Road, registered against the assessment for the upcoming Schluter Park channel dredging project. Ms. Moore feels this project should be treated differently than Belle Isle. The last time the channel was dredged was 29 years ago. The City considered dredging the channel in the early 90's, but decided to not complete the dredging. The volume of the material is significant. Ms. Moore believes the property owners benefit is less than zero. When the park is improved, the fence taken down, the channel dredged; there is no question that the public traffic will be much greater than what it is now. These are all benefits to the City.

John VanArsdale, 4507 Winnequah Road, spoke before the committee on the upcoming Schluter Park channel dredging project. Mr. VanArsdale also feels this project is not the same as the Belle Isle project, and feels that he shouldn't be financially burdened with taking care of the discharge coming from the City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

### NEW BUSINESS

6A: Consideration of Special Assessment Schedule for dredging the Schluter Beach channel – This review was sent back to committee at the request of City Council. Director Stephany explained the various assessment scenarios that were provided in the packet. The scenarios were provided so the committee could see the impacts of different ratios. Ms. Busse feels that if the Ordinance split cost scenario is passed on to the City, in addition to the automatic ninety percent allocation, the City is being double-dipped on paying for the dredging expenses.

Mr. Stolper added that as he has been on the committee for some time, an item that needed to be addressed was related to the outfalls, and installing sediment removal boxes. The residents surrounding the cove seem to be in favor of the work. He asked the committee why bother addressing the dredging at all given that one resident feels they have less than zero benefit and another resident does not use the channel. Perhaps the City should focus on installing the sediment removal box and fixing the park shoreline.

Mr. McConnell mentioned that the committee discussed installing steel pilings twenty five years ago, and that maybe we should consider this once again.

A motion was made by Ms. Busse and seconded by Mr. Stolper to recommend the City pay ninety percent of assessable costs, the four property owners pay the remaining ten percent of the assessable costs, and assessments to be based on cost per foot of actual shoreline length for each property was carried.

6B: Consideration of Ordinance 2-16-675 Amending Section 6-1-4 of the Code of Ordinances regarding Sidewalk Assessment – This review was sent back to committee at the request of City Council. Alderperson Thomas explained the draft changes that Attorney Cole made to the Sidewalk Assessment Ordinance. Director Stephany explained the old language of paragraph E was eliminated from the Ordinance, and the Intent paragraph was added in. The draft includes a new paragraph E.

Mr. Stolper, asking the committee to strike two sentences from the new Intent paragraph, said, “The construction and utilization of sidewalks shall be given high priority in all areas of the City where pedestrian traffic is likely. Pedestrian use is to be highly encouraged,” should be removed from the Ordinance.

Mr. Turino and Mr. McConnell stated it is fine the way it is presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Stolper and seconded by Mr. Franklin to recommend removal of the two sentences from the draft version of Section 6-1-4 Sidewalk Ordinances was carried. Mr. Turino and Mr. McConnell opposed the motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Stolper and seconded by Mr. Besch to recommend approval of the newly amended version was carried. Mr. Turino and Mr. McConnell opposed the motion.

6C: Consideration of long term on-street reserved parking request – Director Stephany explained the issue requested by the Wallace Avenue resident. The resident requested a dedicated long term on-street parking spot next to the driveway opening to accommodate parking needs of the in-home caregiver. Daytime parking on Wallace Avenue is limited due to the number of high schoolers parking on the street while at school.

Attorney Cole reviewed this issue and has recommended that we accommodate this request. Mr. Turino asked if the PD could grant a temporary situation, to which Director Stephany replied that the mayor can grant, by ordinance, temporary parking up to 180 days. Mr. Turino and Mr. Franklin stated that we should consider granting a temporary parking request until the end of the school year, when the number of cars on the street will be reduced.

A temporary sign would be installed, with the suggested language by Attorney Cole as “Police Authorized Parking Only.”

A motion was made Mr. Turino and seconded by Ms. Busse to recommend approval of a temporary care giver dedicated parking spot at 4607 Wallace Avenue until the end for school year was carried.

7: Public Works & Utility Operations Report - The public work committee members thanked Alderperson Kathy Thomas for her 34 years dedicated service as a City Alderperson, and member of the public works committee. The public works committee expressed their appreciation for everything Alderperson Thomas has done, and wishes her nothing but the best in her future.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Wednesday, May 4, 2016.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Busse and seconded by Mr. Stolper to adjourn was carried (7:36 pm).

Daniel Stephany  
Director of Public Works