

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING HELD AT GREENFIELD CITY HALL, COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 100, ON TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016 AT 6:30 P.M.

1. Ald. Lubotsky called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm

Meeting called to order

Roll Call: Ald. Pam Akers Present
 Ald. Bruce Bailey Present
 Mr. Richard Kasza Present
 Ald. Linda Lubotsky Excused
 Mr. Richard Mrochinski Present
 Atty Roger Pyzyk Excused

Also Present: Mr. Jeff Katz, Interim Director of Neighborhood Services
 Mr. Dan Ewert, Superintendent of Public Works

2. Approval of the January 26, 2016 Meeting Minutes

**Approval of the
01/26/16 Meeting
Minutes**

**It was moved by Mr. Kasza, seconded by Ald. Bailey to approve the
January 26, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously**

3. Citizen Commentary

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None

4. Discussion and decision regarding parking in the Shirley Crest neighborhood. (Public Works)

**Overnight Parking in
the Shirley Crest
Neighborhood
TABLED**

Mr. Ewert stated that Public Works is asking that parking in the Shirley Crest neighborhood be restricted in the evening to odd and even side parking like the rest of the city. There are currently no parking regulations in this area day or night. The only restrictions are during a snow emergency. During snow events the plows are only able to make one pass through the streets and not clean curb to curb because of vehicles parked on both sides. Residents will phone stating cars have moved and want the plow to come back through. When the street cannot be plowed effectively this causes an issue for the postal carriers as well because they cannot get to the mailboxes. There is also a concern with emergency vehicles being able to get through the neighborhood with cars parked on both sides of the street.

Ald. Akers commented that there are homes in this area that do not have off street parking access. Mr. Ewert added that there are other neighborhoods with alleys and smaller lots that have to abide by the city's parking regulations.

**It was moved by Ald. Bailey, seconded by Ald. Akers to table this
discussion to the June meeting in order to gather more information.
Motion carried unanimously**

5. Discussion and decision to install two stop signs on South 38th Street at West Mangold Avenue. (Ald. Saryan)

**Install Two Stop Signs
on S 38th St at W
Mangold Ave
COMMON COUNCIL**

Mr. Katz noted that he received this request from Ald. Saryan that a resident contacted her to request stop signs on South 38th Street at West Mangold Avenue. Right now there is a yield sign on each side of South 38th Street to yield to traffic on West Mangold Avenue. Normally stop signs are not installed for

speed control, but in this case there are yield signs there because in the past there was a safety concern. Staff feels it is reasonable to switch the yield signs out for stop signs for this location.

It was moved by Ald. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Kasza to approve installation of stop signs on South 38th Street at West Mangold Avenue. Motion carried unanimously

6. Discussion and decision to provide a No Parking Zone in front of the property at 4303 South 89th Street. (Ald. Bailey)

**No Parking Zone at
4303 S 89th St
COMMON COUNCIL**

Ald. Bailey stated that he was contacted by the resident regarding parking concerns in his area.

Jim Panasuk of 4303 South 89th Street read a statement requesting a No Parking Zone in front of his home. Mr. Panasuk noted numerous safety concerns with vehicles parked and blocking the view of cars and bicycles coming down the street and provided photos showing same.

It was moved by Ald. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Kasza to approve a No Parking Zone in front of the property at 4303 South 89th Street. Motion carried unanimously

7. Discussion regarding water drainage concerns at 8215 West Whitaker Avenue. (Ald. Bailey)

**Water Drainage
Concerns at 8215 W
Whitaker Ave**

Ald. Bailey noted that he received a call from the resident at 8215 West Whitaker Avenue with water drainage concerns. The residents have lived there for over 50 years and until recently owned the vacant lot to their east. Whitaker Avenue has a small downhill grade going east to west. The lot was sold in 2014 and a home built in 2015.

Janet Klusman of 8215 W Whitaker Ave approached the Board stating that they sold the property to Magnum Excavating who put a house up and the house is higher than their house. The grade of the house is pitched towards the west and is causing a lot of water in the front of our property. We don't understand how the city could possibly approve for this to be built up higher than what our house is.

Mr. Katz commented that he was out at the property a few times. The Klusman's originally owned a large lot with their house on one side of the lot. They decided to split the lot and sell it and the person that bought the lot built a house. The reason the house is higher is because as Ald. Bailey stated, the street goes up to the east so the house to the east is going to be a little higher and the next house a little higher still. In order to put a house on an in-fill lot like this someone has to do some reshaping of the land so it drains. There is no swale in between the two houses and that is where the problem comes in.

Mr. Katz stated that he and Craig Skala met with the Klusman's at their home and suggested that the homeowners create a shallow swale between their home and their lot line to move water to the back of the property where the land drops off considerably. It was also suggested for the homeowner to direct their downspouts to the back yard as that is also contributing to the water pooling in the front yard.

Mr. Ewert stated that he had looked at topographic photos and that in selling this lot and building a house the natural flow of water was blocked. In order for the new home to have a level driveway the property needed to be built up to be at

road level. What needed to be done at the time that the Klusman's sold the lot was to put in a drainage swale or a French drain along the side to take water to the back.

Mr. Klusman asked why they can't put a sewer in front of the house. Mr. Katz stated that there is no storm sewer on West Whitaker Avenue, that the inlet that is there is an old culvert system, so there is no true storm sewer system. Water should be directed to the backyard because of the way the slope falls.

8. Discussion and decision to sign an agreement with Milwaukee County to operate and maintain traffic signals on West Layton Avenue at both South 51st Street and South 57th Street. (Engineering)

**Sign Agreement with Milwaukee County to Operate and Maintain Traffic Signals on W Layton Ave
COMMON COUNCIL**

Mr. Katz informed the Board that as part of the City Center project on West Layton Avenue there are going to be two new signalized intersections. There will be a traffic signal installed at the new South 57th Street to control traffic exiting the high school and Meijer's. On South 51st Street a pedestrian cross walk will be installed. Because West Layton Avenue is a county highway, an agreement needs to be made with Milwaukee County stating that Greenfield will operate and maintain these two signals.

It was moved by Ald. Akers, seconded by Mr. Kasza to approve the signing of the agreement with Milwaukee County to operate and maintain traffic signals on West Layton Avenue at both South 51st Street and South 57th Street. Motion carried unanimously

9. Discussion and decision to sign an amendment to an agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to reconstruct West Edgerton Avenue from West Loomis Road to South 27th Street. Engineering)

**Sign Amendment with WisDOT to Reconstruct W Edgerton Ave
COMMON COUNCIL**

Mr. Katz noted that next year the city will be reconstructing West Edgerton Avenue from West Loomis Road to South 27th Street. The state is giving us about \$5M in funding for this project. The expenses for obtaining real-estate is costing more than expected so an amendment needs to be made to the original contract to make the financial changes.

It was moved by Mr. Kasza, seconded by Ald. Bailey to approve the signing of an amendment to the agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to reconstruct West Edgerton Avenue from West Loomis Road to South 27th Street. Motion carried unanimously

10. Director of Neighborhood Services Report

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Mr. Katz stated that Neighborhood Services has never been busier. There are currently many road projects underway; West Layton Avenue, South 60th Street, South 43rd Street, West Howard Avenue as well as finishing up West Lynndale Avenue from last year. The area of South 36th Street and West Allerton Avenue will be under construction soon. There are also many developments in progress.

Mr. Katz addressed a concern with the changes that were made at the Drop Off Center (DOC) in February. Key tags were mailed to those residents who pay for trash collection through the city. The majority of condo associations hire their own service for trash pick-up however, they would still like to have access to the DOC.

In speaking with Johns Disposal it was determined that we could provide passes for purchase to those residents who are not part of the city's solid water disposal

program. A one day pass would cost \$15 or \$45 for a yearly pass. This would be a cost per household/address.

11. Superintendent of Public Works Report

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Public Works Report**

Mr. Ewert informed the Board that the work on the amphitheater, except for electrical hook-ups, is being done by our own Public Works crews. The crew should be commended as it is quite an undertaking and they are doing a fabulous job. Those that are not working on the amphitheater also deserve credit for picking up the work load of those at the amphitheater.

Mr. Ewert reminded everyone that grass clippings are not to be blown into the street or into the gutters. They are to be kept on your property or bagged. If you blow them in the street, you will receive a warning letter, and if you continue to violate the ordinance, you will get a fine from the city.

Public Works has been putting up the LED solar flashing stop signs at some locations. One of our stop signs was stolen from South 68th Street and West Cold Spring Road on the northeast corner. There is a cost of \$1,600 to replace that sign. If the public has any information on our stolen stop sign, you can drop it off at Public Works with no questions asked, or if you know who stole it please notify the police department.

12. Other topics for future agendas

**Other Topics for
Future Agendas**

Letter to County in support to reconstruct West Layton Avenue

13. Adjournment

Meeting Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Mrochinski, seconded by Mr. Kasza to adjourn the Board of Public Works meeting at 8:13 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Young
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Department of Neighborhood Services

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