

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MINUTES
OF JULY 16, 2012

Meeting called to order by Chairman Feirer at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall Plaza.

PRESENT: Mike Feirer, Tom Buttke, Gary Cummings and Ed Wagner

ABSENT: Robert Workinger

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Meyer; Alderman Earll; City Administrator Barg; Director of Public Works Knoeck; City Engineer Turchi; Assistant City Engineer Cassidy; Street Superintendent Panzer; Wastewater Superintendent Warp; Building Services Pokorny; the media; and others.

PW12-73 Motion by Cummings, second by Buttke to recommend approval of the minutes of the July 2, 2012 Board of Public Works meeting.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

Citizen Comments

Karen Goch, 805 South Cedar Avenue, has lived there 34 years and has a severely disabled daughter who can't walk or talk. She has had a problem with the neighbor parking in front of her house that would conflict with the bus stopping to pick up her daughter. She asked the neighbor not to park there but the neighbor did not cooperate and continued to park in front of her property. Cedar Avenue has plenty of on-street parking that this would not be a hardship. She is very pleased with the no parking signs that have been put in place. The truck owner had his girlfriend go around and get signatures on a petition. Ms. Goch has talked with some neighbors and not all realized what the situation was and what the petition was all about. She would like to see the parking signs stay as they are. They could possibly manage with a loading zone concept, but sometimes the bus comes early on snow days or even late on snow days. We are only talking about a 40' stretch on the road. Most people park in their driveways. She doesn't see that this is causing a parking problem.

Alderman Buttke asked if parking could be allowed on the weekend. She stated there are sometimes pickups on the weekends.

PW12-74 Motion by Wagner, second by Cummings to move item 5 up on the agenda to discuss and vote on it now.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

Lisa Baasch, 800 South Cedar Avenue, spoke for all her neighbors who signed the petition. She felt everyone would agree to a loading zone with a few hours in the morning and a few hours in the afternoon to open up parking during the day and on weekends.

Alderman Feirer feels we need to favor the side of the disabled person. Able bodied folks can walk a few extra feet and someone who is in a wheelchair cannot.

Alderman Buttke does not want to get into the neighborhood feud and agrees that the handicapped individual takes priority.

PW12-75 Motion by Buttke, second by Cummings to recommend no changes to the parking restrictions in the 800 block of South Cedar Avenue.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

City Engineer Turchi presented an Engineering Division construction update. Street Superintendent Panzer presented a Street Division construction update.

PW12-76 Motion by Buttke, second by Cummings to recommend approval of the repairs to the bathrooms on Floor BR of City Hall Plaza at a cost of \$7,000 and further recommend approval of Budget Resolution No. 08-2012, transferring monies from City Hall Electrical Panel Replacement to City Hall Bathroom Remodel – Floor BR, and refer to the Common Council for consideration.

All ‘Ayes’ Motion Carried

Alderman Feirer presented a concept for a military display to be located on an existing concrete platform at 307 East First Street. The display would be done by a local artist and funded through donations. Wagner agreed that the location was appropriate for a veterans display of some sort but he would like to see a much more elaborate monument as opposed to the murals that have been proposed. He suggested a design competition for the site that could possible tap into artists in the greater area. Feirer responded that cost is this issue. The proposal at hand is something that can be funded. A bigger monument will be difficult to raise adequate funding. The Mayor suggested that both approaches could be considered. The murals could be a starting point and the display could be expanded to included monuments as fund raising allows.

PW12-77 Motion by Cummings, second by Buttke to recommend approval of the Veterans Parkway Platform Proposal with the condition that maintenance requirements will be provided by local Veteran’s groups.

All ‘Ayes’ Motion Carried

PW12-78 Motion by Wagner, second by Cummings to recommend approval of the Local Road Maintenance Agreement with the Town of Cameron for USH 10 related Jurisdictional Transfers and authorize execution of the agreement.

All ‘Ayes’ Motion Carried

PW12-79 Motion by Buttke, second by Wagner to recommend approval of widening Fig Avenue at McMillan Street to segregate left turn movements from right turn movements, to request a budget resolution be drafted transferring \$15,000 from contingency to complete the project in 2012, and to refer the budget resolution to the Common Council for consideration. Further recommend that the intersections of Fig at Upham and McMillan be reviewed over the next year to verify that improvements made have achieved the desired effect,

All ‘Ayes’ Motion Carried

Recommended items for future agendas - None

Motion by Buttke, second by Cummings that the meeting be adjourned at 6:43 PM.

All ‘Ayes’ Motion Carried