

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
CITY OF WISCONSIN DELLS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING-300 LA CROSSE STREET
AUGUST 10, 2015

Chairperson Mor called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Notice of the meeting was provided to the Dells Events, WNNO Radio, and posted in accordance with State Statutes.

1. Present: Ald. Dar Mor, Mayor Landers, Ald. Ed Wojnicz and Ald. Brian Holzem
Others: Public Works Director David W. Holzem, City Planner Chris Tollaksen, Asst. City Attorney Joseph Hasler, DPW Office Clerk Monica Dorow-Leis, City Clerk Nancy R. Holzem, Ald. Freel, Ald. Fox, and Ed Legge from the Dells Events
2. Motion by Ald. Wojnicz, seconded by Ald. Holzem to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.
3. WiDOT denied the request to change the project concept of the Highway Safety Improvement Project (HSIP) from a cul-de-sac of 9th Avenue to a 90 degree tee intersection (Option C). David said they asked General Engineering for options that keep 9th Avenue open. David suggested obtaining a small portion of property owned by Waubeek and square up the intersection around the high point. Some of the designs parameters are with the design speed limit of 25mph. The other option would be to explore original HSIP funding option, but does not know how that coordinates time wise with Woodside Way and everything else. The question comes up about whether this is something that needs to be budgeted for in 2016 or not. It was agreed they liked Option A better, with minimal cost differences with the numbers presented. David said they talked about doing, as part of the design, comprehensive work now for the future pedestrian pathway and prep for potential development in the future, making it wider and setting up ditches. General Engineering said they could incorporate this into the design of the road. David Holzem said Option A would involve Easter Seals and they were very receptive to this when these options were originally presented. Attorney Hasler said they would probably go through an ordinary condemnation process if they go through with this. David Holzem will try to fit into priority list for budgeting purposes. This item was discussion only at this time.
4. Discussion on the RiverWalk included the following:
 - 1) Contract Amendment: Chris said he and David had conversation with WiDOT and they had suggestions reducing time logged by Vierbicher and MSA for time spent on the project. They are waiting on a letter showing the reduction for Mor and Landers to review. Chris was directed to check with Vierbicher, essentially with MSA being the sub-contractor and move forward with them for engineering for construction. This is ongoing, but making progress.
 - 2) Final Plan Specifications and Estimates: The final plans have been submitted and the WiDOT had some comments. The main thing is they created an overlook bump out at the end of the RiverWalk. WiDOT is saying the engineering for that structure was not complete. It was in the original MSA contract to do that and after speaking to Chuck Bongard, they agreed to do it, but right now Vierbicher is actually dealing with WiDOT to see what is required. They will do it, but there is a process to get the report generated and submitted to Bureau of Structures for approval. The question is how long the process is. Chris said it could get bid out this year, but probably not, unless a winter with great weather. Chris said the construction and administration contract will come back to the committee for a decision.
 - 3) Tollaksen said the current budget is \$144,000. If they can negotiate to reduce that, and then when they get the construction bids, that is where the overage is on a \$400,000 engineering contract. Right now they are looking at approximately \$100,000-\$150,000 needed. They will work with the state to reduce this amount.This was discussion and updated information only.

5. Chris Tollaksen was hoping to receive an official letter about the intersection not being of four stoplights at this point. He said he did receive some information with ways to control the intersection until such time it gets a fully controlled intersection. When reviewing it with WiDOT, they looked at other existing similar facilities, WiDOT did not feel the need of a round-a-bout or a stoplight intersection was justified. Chris said his interpretation is they consider this intersection based on obtaining construction credits, this one in the range of 1-2 Million dollars. The issue is balancing the WiDOT process, and remaining eligible getting a 50% construction credit from the WiDOT in the future against the speed of which the intersection can be approved. If we do not follow the WiDOT process, but designed and approved by the WiDOT, it could potentially be built by 2016. If we follow the WiDOT process, it will not be built by 2016. Chris suggested talking to General Engineering and MSA about a cost estimate to build what the WiDOT was recommending that may cost less.

Mayor Landers spoke about the speed study being done this week, not a traffic count study. Mor added that in order to get state credits, Woodside Way would have to be a city public street and a thru street. Chris said if the city is going to get any WiDOT money for the intersection, Woodside Way is going to have to be a public thru street. Chris' understanding is if the city builds the intersection because the city or Woodside wants it, then it would be a 50/50 split. If the city builds it to be a stop controlled intersection with Woodside Way a thru street, then WiDOT comes back in 6 or 7 years and say it is part of their project to improve it, the WiDOT may take more of the financial burden. This item was discussion only.

6. The alley next to the Police Department and Oak Street are paved and they will be paving Business Park Road. The street construction projects will primarily be completed, except some restoration work.
7. The city is expecting results on the downtown traffic study from MSA this Fall.
8. The Operating and Capital Budget will be on the next Public Works agenda.
9. Scheduled is the next Public Works meeting Monday, September 14, 2015 at 5:30pm.
10. Motion by Ald. Holzem, seconded by Mayor Landers to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Monica Dorow-Leis, Public Works Office Clerk