

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
CITY OF WISCONSIN DELLS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING-300 LA CROSSE STREET
AUGUST 8, 2016

Chairperson Mor called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 Holzem, City Planner Chris Tollaksen, Asst. City Attorney Joseph Hasler, DPW Office Clerk Monica Dorow-Leis, City Clerk/Coordinator Nancy Holzem, Police Chief Jody Ward, Ald. Ed Fox, Kevin Ruhland w/MSA, Jason Hallowell, Becca Frederiksen and Ed Legge from the Dells Events

2. Motion by Ald. Wojnicz seconded by Ald. Holzem, to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

3. Ald. Mor invited Kevin Ruhland from MSA to the meeting to talk more about traffic studies and plans for downtown and one of the areas is attempting to get four stoplights. He presented an update to the original Scope of Services Update for Traffic Analysis and Improvements for the Downtown and Exit 87 areas. Kevin said there was around \$25,000 from the original scope that could be repurposed for this and used towards this. Kevin presented alternatives where some things are similar from the original scope, but now more defined. Kevin said their original contact has retired, so the La Crosse DOT office will be overseeing the Downtown Dells/Exit 87 area. Kevin said the first task is to assess the alternatives in the Scope of Services Update, which included Task A. Traffic Operational Analysis Update

- Alternative 1- Maintain existing 2-way accessibility on River/Superior Street & Elm Street. This includes alternative 1A, 1B, and 1C to address the pedestrian street situation at River Road and Superior vs. vehicle traffic.
- Alternative 2- Original One-Way Conversion of River/Superior Street and Elm Street. This alternative includes working with DOT and refining the original one-way alternative.
- Alternative 3- This alternative came up in discussion and identified the limits from Wisconsin to Washington Streets and tried to shorten it up not going across the ravine as in the original scope. The Plaza is in place on Oak Street, where in the original 3 alternatives included the plan where the Plaza was on Eddy Street, closing it.

Kevin said the first thing to do would be to meet here with himself, WiDOT representatives, and city representatives to get questions answered on traffic flows and if they would allow additional stoplights and how many. Dar said they do not want to push anymore traffic down River Road and would like the traffic flow to go through downtown to the east intersection. Dar thought with the original (2) 1-way pairs alternative, it would probably encourage traffic flow to the east intersection. Kevin said it may with the inbound traffic going into town, but River Road would be 1-way southbound and may push more left turn traffic onto Elm. Ald. Mor commented on the following:

- If they city were to make Eddy Street 1-way with a stoplight at that location with 2 lanes entering Broadway heading out of town, this would alleviate the traffic on Superior.
- He is not sure whether or not Superior or River Rd. would need to become 1-way, but logically it would seem Eddy Street would become 1-way.
- He said to keep in mind the possibility of closing the driveway between Dairy Queen and Wizard Quest.

Mayor Landers understands the goal is to reduce traffic on River Road going to Chula Vista and Woodside area. With that in mind, he likes the 1-way to ease the congestion on the 800 Block of River Rd, but as far as taking it to the north, asked if it would it make more sense to add lighting at Church Street so local traffic can cross Broadway at a traffic light, while pushing more tourist traffic to the east intersection. Chief Ward wanted them to keep in mind that when Broadway is closed for Wo-Zha-Wa parade, emergency vehicles use the driveway by Dairy Queen and Eddy

Street and the area is a huge component with emergency traffic. He also wanted to make sure the stoplights are in sync to keep traffic more efficient. Ald. Holzem said before any decisions are made on some of the options presented, they would need to know how many stoplights the DOT would permit and would like to see a map to review. Ald. Mor directed MSA to schedule with DOT to meet with them. This item was discussion only.

4. RiverWalk-They are making good process. There may be some closure when the railing on the barrier is put on the River Road Bridge. Tentative schedule for the closure on the access to the marina is during the week of August 22.
Capital Street-Is almost done and hopefully final paving Thursday or Friday, depending on the weather.
This item was updated information only.
5. Dar suggested adding a line on the application for the applicants email information. Motion by Mayor Landers and seconded by Ald. Wojnicz for David Holzem to work with Hasler on updating the Utility Installation Permit Application and proceed as directed. Motion carried.
6. Item for referral to next meeting: One street project construction scheduled with Local Roads and Improvement Project (LRIP) money is Bauer and David will try to get a list of roads together for the September meeting.
7. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 12, 2016 at 5:45pm.
8. Motion by Ald. Holzem and seconded by Ald. Wojnicz to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.

Monica Dorow-Leis
Public Works Office Clerk