Public Works Committee
Thursday, June 18, 2020
(Virtual Meeting from Home Sites)

Members Present: Alderpersons Tom Majewski, Sid Boersma, Fred Hundt and Mayor Swadley

Absent/Excused: Lisa Reeves

Staff: Public Works Director Brett Hebert, Planning Director Rodney Scheel and Vickie Erdahl

Guests: Alders Tim Riley and Jean Ligocki

Call to Order: *Majewski* called the meeting to order @ 6:04 PM

1) Communications: *Hebert* reported:

- Stated that the Lowell Park Playground Structure has been completed
- 180 trees were planted
- TDS Underground boring was shut down until restoration was finished in all sites throughout the city
- Norse Park Trails have been completed. Pulverization of courts will be done the week of June 22- 26. The courts will be painted for multi-use i.e. basketball, tennis, pickle ball

2) Approve May 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes: Motion by Boersma seconded by Hundt to approve the minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Old Business:

5) Discussion and Possible Action on Language Revision to the Sidewalk Policy: *Boersma* had submitted an alternative sidewalk installation policy document for Alder Riley which he presented to the committee stating the current policy was not acceptable and the affected neighborhoods should have a voice in the design process as residents have to pay significant costs for sidewalks, etc.

Much discussion revolved around safety, budgets, costs, volume of foot and vehicle traffic, letting the public know the process in advance what is going to happen and an avenue for residents to review and make suggestions.

The committee does review each neighborhood individually and takes into consideration the unique circumstances and resident concerns.

There should be standards in place to start the process and modify as needed – more transparency and clarity are being developed.

Proposed changes will be reviewed and this subject will be placed on the July agenda.

3) Discussion and Possible Approval to Add E-Waste Collection Curbside Through John's Disposal:

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Hebert stated that Johns Disposal had submitted a *Curbside Electronics Collection Proposal.* This proposal includes two (2) electronic pickups in one (1) year which would be considered as a monthly bulk item pick up.

Hebert will confer with Jamin in Finance as to how this plan could/would be implemented as this would be an amendment to the current contract with Johns Disposal.

Motioned by Boersma, seconded by Hundt to recommend to the Common Council to approve to add E-waste Collection Curbside through Johns Disposal to their current contract@ $6/yr per resident. Motioned carried 3-0.

4) **Discussion and Possible Approval of an Ordinance Change to Allow Certain Plantings in the Right-of-Way:** *Hebert* stated that currently there are two ordinances in place not allowing plantings and would need to be amended if restrictive plantings are allowed. Attorney Dregne would need to review the ordinance(s).
Committee suggested following an outline with approved plantings:
   - No invasive species
   - 30" maximum height restriction on plants and shrubs
   - 1' from curb
   - 4' from driveway
   - No wood planting boxes

Motioned by Boersma, seconded by Hundt to recommend to the Common Council to approve the changes to Ordinance 64-9 to allow plantings in the right-of-way with the City Attorney reviewing the new language. Motion carried 3-0.

New Business:

6) **Council Representatives to the Tree Commission and Cemetery Board:** *Majewski* asked for volunteers for the two committees. The Cemetery Board usually meets once a year and the Tree Commission meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday of the month *Hundt* volunteered for the Tree Commission. Cemetery Board appointment was postponed until the July meeting.

7) **Construction Update:** *Scheel reported:*
   - Parisi is making good head-way on Main St / Hwy 51 Construction – people just need to get used to the limited left turns.
   - Construction on Taft & at Bjoin Park went well and is near completion
   - Grant-Prospect-Sherman construction is progressing well
   - Downtown construction will begin Monday, June20 from Fifth St to City Hall
   - Roby Road – The plan is to close the street on Monday, June 29 from Page St to Johnson St.

8) **Future Agenda Items:** Sidewalk Policy, Cemetery Board Appointment

Moved by Boersma, seconded by Hundt to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. Motion carried 3-0. Respectfully submitted by Vickie Erdahl

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