

MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC SERVICES COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Monday, October 28th, 2024
City of West Des Moines Training Room

In Attendance:

Council Member – Matthew McKinney

Council Member – Kevin Trevillyan

Assistant City Attorney – Larry Dempsey

Finance Director – Tim Stiles

Community & Economic Development Director – Ryan

Moffatt

Public Services Superintendent – Gary Rank

Deputy Public Services Director – Joe Cory

Principal Engineer – Ben McAlister

Transportation Engineer – Eric Petersen

Parks & Recreation Director – Ryan Penning

Park Superintendent – Marco Alvarez

Guests in Attendance:

None

Meeting was called to order at 11:34 AM by Principal Engineer, Ben McAlister.

1. Review of Items for Council Meeting (November 4th, 2024)

ENGINEERING COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS:

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution – Ordering Construction Bids 11-20-24 *Eng Est: \$434,005.00*

- **2024 Sewer Pipe Rehabilitation Program**
(0510-007-2024) AECOM Technical Services, Inc. 640.000.000.5250.490 *Sanitary Sewer Fees*

Resolution – Ordering Construction Bids 11-20-24 *Eng Est: \$9,741,856.57*

- **Grand Avenue Reconstruction, I-35 to South 60th Street**
(0510-035-2022) Kirkham Michael & Associates 500.000.000.5250.490 *Mills Urban Renewal Area TIF*

Resolution – Ordering Construction Bids 11-20-24 *Eng Est: \$402,392.00*

- **2024 Parking Lot Repair Program**
(0510-010-2024) I+S Group, Inc. 500.000.000.5250.490 *General Obligation Bonds*

Resolution – Ordering Construction Bids 11-20-24 *Eng Est: \$801,097.00*

- **2025 PCC Patching Program, Phase 2**
(0510-005-2025) I+S Group, Inc. 500.000.000.5250.490 *General Obligation Bonds and Road Use Tax*

Resolution – Accepting Work – Legal handling

- **MidAmerican Energy RecPlex, General Construction BP4**
(0510-055-2018) ATO Builders 692.400.700.5250.490 *Local Options Sales Tax Revenue, Grants, and Construction*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Resolution – Approving Vacation of Right-of-Way – 1st Reading

- **Cascade Avenue**
(VAC-006640-2024)

Resolution – Awarding Contract \$2,938,361.50

- **Mills Civic Parkway Widening, South 81st Street to South 88th Street**
(0510-035-2023) All Star Concrete 500.000.000.5250.490 *Coachlight Drive Urban Renewal Area and 8300 Mills Civic Parkway Urban Renewal Area*

Resolution – Awarding Contract \$138,292.06

- **2024 Sewer Cleaning & Televising Program**
(0510-008-2024) Visu-Sewer, LLC 640.000.000.5250.490 *Sanitary Sewer Fees*

PUBLIC SERVICES COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS:

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution – Approving Public Services Snow and Ice Control Policy Manual 2024

PARKS & RECREATION COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Resolution – Awarding Contract \$342,667.70

- **Scenic Valley Park Courts and Trail Project**
(0510-058-2024) Des Moines Asphalt & Paving, Inc 500.000.000.5250.490 General Obligation Bonds

2. Staff Updates:

Principal Engineer Ben McAlister informed committee members Staff would be meeting with Shive-Hattery on Friday, November 1st to discuss the schedule of the Ashworth Road project. Members of the committee requested that residents who signed up for updates be notified if any Ashworth Road PSCC discussion items require a decision.

3. Other Matters:

Councilmember Matthew McKinney inquired about the status of the turn-by-turn snowplow software that had been discussed previously. Public Services Director Gary Rank stated Staff are moving forward with the software and are completing some tests to ensure all of the turns are accurate for each plow zone. Mr. Rank also discussed automated salting which has the potential to save the City 25% on salt usage. The automated salting equipment and software has been installed on one of the City's trucks and Staff will run test routes to see if it is viable.

Councilmember Matthew McKinney asked Staff for updates on the conduit network and a plan to ensure future developments have conduit installed. Principal Engineer Ben McAlister responded Staff met recently and are completing some fact finding regarding the financing going forward for those expansions. Finance Director Tim Stiles added the main questions being discussed are timing and funding. He stated the only

realistic source of funding is general obligation bonds, which affects the debt service levy and timing of bond issuance.

Mr. Stiles asked committee members if they agreed that developers should not be responsible for installing conduit in new developments. Mr. McKinney responded it depends on how collaborative developers are throughout the process. If they are willing to work with the City to allow the conduit to be installed with other utilities which is more cost effective than installing conduit after the homes are built, utilities are in, and streets have been paved.

Councilmember Kevin Trevillyan would like the installation of conduit to be a requirement of the design process with new projects. Mr. McAlister responded that the target is to install conduit and vaults around the same time as MidAmerican Energy is installing gas main.

Staff will provide updates to the committee as Staff continues to determine a process for ensuring conduit is installed with new developments.

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm. The next Public Services Council Committee meeting is scheduled for November 11th, 2024.

A recording was made. Respectfully submitted by Juanita Greer, Executive Assistant to Director.