

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
THE TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL
September 15, 2015

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 9:38 a.m. on this date.

Members Present: Council Members Kevin Reich (Chair), Linea Palmisano; Cam Gordon, Blong Yang, and Lisa Bender

Member Absent: Council Member Elizabeth Glidden

Matters listed below are hereby submitted with the following recommendations; to-wit:

1. Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) Project: Municipal approval of SWLRT Plans ([15-01124](#))

Passage of Resolution approving preliminary design plans for the SWLRT Project submitted to the City by the Metropolitan Council on July 23, 2015, in order to fulfill the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.3994, Subd. 3.

Staff presentation by Paul Miller, Public Works Project Manager, and Jim Alexander, Metropolitan Council.

The public hearing was opened.

The following persons spoke:

- a. Frank Hornstein, State Representative, District 61A
- b. Art Higinbotham, 1800 Graham Avenue, St. Paul
- c. John Shorrock, 3145 Dean Court, Calhoun Isles Condos
- d. Kathleen Standing, 2817 Drew Avenue South, Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association (CIDNA)
- e. Richard Adair, 200 Upton Avenue South
- f. Craig Westgate, 3523 St. Paul Avenue, Minneapolis, CIDNA
- g. Paul Petzschke, 3116 Dean Court, Calhoun Isles Condos
- h. Bob Brockway, 3145 Dean Court, Calhoun Isles Condos
- i. Susu Jeffrey, 1063 Antoinette Avenue, Friends of Coldwater
- j. Doug Peterson, 3315 St. Paul Avenue, Minneapolis
- k. Sarah Brenner, 2526 Upton Avenue South
- l. George Puzak, 1780 Girard Avenue South
- m. Bob "Again" Carney, Jr., 4232 Colfax Avenue South
- n. Steve Cramer, Minneapolis Downtown Council, 81 South 9th Street
- o. Jeanette Colby, 2218 Sheridan Avenue South
- p. Kathy Law, 2001 West Franklin Avenue
- q. Mary Pattock, 2782 Dean Parkway
- r. Patty Schmitz, 2806 Dean Parkway
- s. Barbara Lunde, 2794 Xerxes Avenue South
- t. Alexis Pennie, 3306 Humboldt Avenue North
- u. Rosanne Halloran, 3526 St. Paul Avenue, CIDNA
- v. Lee Munnich, 1149 Cedar View Drive, Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association
- w. Sally Rouse, 620 Oliver Avenue South
- x. La Shella Fernande Sims, 915 Upton Avenue North

y. Maria Meade, 2601 Sunset Boulevard

The public hearing was closed.

The Chair afforded the courtesy of the floor to Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7.

On motion by Reich, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved.

On motion by Bender, carried on voice vote, a resolution entitled "Conveying the City's concerns to the railroad companies and the Metropolitan Council regarding freight rail safety in the Southwest Light Rail Corridor and the City of Minneapolis" was approved.

2. Downtown Business Improvement Special Service District (DID): 2016 assessments ([15-01125](#))

Passage of Resolution:

- a. Approving the operating plan which includes special services and budget cost estimates in the total amount of \$6,038,166 for 2016.
- b. Approving service charges and the lists of service charges (assessments) in the total amount of \$6,038,166 for 2016.
- c. Directing transmittal of the lists of service charges to the Hennepin County Auditor.
- d. Directing the City Engineer to proceed with the work.

Staff presentation by Brette Hjelle, Director, Public Works Administration, and Steve Cramer, President and CEO, Minneapolis Downtown Council.

The public hearing was opened.

The following persons spoke:

- a. Toby Brill, 28 North 4th Street
- b. Gail Dorfman, St. Stephen's Home Services, 2509 Nicollet Avenue
- c. Mike Kjos, Minneapolis Police Department, First Precinct, 19 North 4th Street
- d. Heidi Johnston, Minneapolis City Attorney's Office
- e. Tom Hoch, Hennepin Theatre Trust and DID Board, 615 Hennepin Avenue,
- f. Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

The public hearing was closed.

On motion by Reich, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved.

3. Special Service Districts (SSDs): 2016 assessments ([15-01126](#))

Passage of Resolution:

- a. Approving special services and budget cost estimates in the total amount of \$529,300 for 2016 for the following Special Service Districts established under Minnesota Statutes, Section 428A: 50th & France, 54th & Lyndale, Bloomington-Lake, Chicago-Lake, East Lake, Lyndale-Lake, and West Broadway Improvement SSDs.
- b. Approving service charges and the lists of service charges (assessments) in the amount of \$488,632 for 2016.
- c. Approving the 2016 Operating Plan and Budget for the West Broadway Improvement Special Service District.
- d. Directing transmittal of the lists of service charges to the Hennepin County Auditor.
- e. Directing the City Engineer to proceed with the work.

Staff presentation by Andrew Carlson, Public Works Project Manager, and Matt Ides, West Broadway Coalition, 1011 West Broadway.

The public hearing was opened.

There being no persons wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

On motion by Reich, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved.

4. 50th St W & France Ave S Parking Facility: 2016 assessments ([15-01127](#))

Passage of Resolution:

- a. Levying special assessments in the total amount of \$32,920.77 (including interest charges) payable in 2016, 2017, and 2018 for 2014 operation and maintenance costs for the 50th St W and France Ave S Parking Facility (Ewing Municipal Parking Lot).
- b. Adopting the assessment roll.
- c. Directing transmittal of the assessment roll to the Hennepin County Auditor.

Staff presentation by Andrew Carlson, Public Works Project Manager.

The public hearing was opened.

There being no persons wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

On motion by Reich, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved and referred to the Ways & Means Committee.

5. Sidewalk repair and construction assessments: Setting public hearing ([15-01128](#))

Setting a public hearing for October 27, 2015, to consider assessments for sidewalk repair and construction that remain unpaid.

On motion by Reich, carried on voice vote, the public hearing was set for October 27, 2015.

6. Snow and ice removal from public sidewalk assessments: Setting public hearing ([15-01129](#))

Setting a public hearing for October 27, 2015, to consider assessments for snow and ice removal from public sidewalks that remain unpaid.

On motion by Reich, carried on voice vote, the public hearing was set for October 27, 2015.

7. Special Service Districts 2016 assessments: Setting public hearing ([15-01130](#))

Setting a public hearing for October 13, 2015, to consider proposed services and service charges for 2016 for the Uptown, Dinkytown, Central Ave, Stadium Village, Eat Street, Lowry Hill, 48th St E and Chicago Ave S, and Linden Hills Special Service Districts (non-428A Districts).

On motion by Reich, carried on voice vote, the public hearing was set for October 13, 2015.

8. Non-governmental tax exempt parcel street light operation fee assessments: Designation and setting public hearing ([15-01131](#))

Adopting report designating the citywide street light operations assessment against properties exempt from ad valorem taxation and setting a public hearing for October 27, 2015.

On motion by Reich, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved.

9. Non-governmental tax exempt parcel street maintenance assessments: Designation and setting public hearing ([15-01132](#))

Adopting report designating the citywide street maintenance assessment against properties exempt from ad valorem taxation and setting a public hearing for October 27, 2015.

On motion by Reich, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved.

10. Zombie Pub Crawl Block Event ([15-01133](#))

Approving application for a large block event to be held on October 17, 2015, to operate outside the hours permitted under Minneapolis Code of Ordinances Title 17, Section 455.35c1.

On motion by Reich, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved.

11. Clean Water Fund Inflow and Infiltration grant agreement amendment ([15-01134](#))

Authorizing an amendment to Contract C-38406 with the Metropolitan Council for the 2013 Clean Water Fund Inflow and Infiltration Grant Agreement, increasing the contract by \$6,100, for a revised contract total of \$86,493.15, to allow for additional assistance to property owners for repairs to private sewer services.

On motion by Reich, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved and referred to the Ways & Means Committee.

12. Mississippi Watershed Management Organization grant agreement ([15-01135](#))

- a. Authorizing an agreement with the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) to accept a \$100,000 grant for increased stormwater facilities in conjunction with the 24th St E and Snelling Ave Paving Project.
- b. Passage of Resolution approving appropriation.

On motion by Reich, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved and referred to the Ways & Means Committee.

13. Municipal parking system contract ([15-01136](#))

Authorizing contract with ABM Parking Services, Inc. for an estimated contract value of \$21,400,000, for a three-year term beginning October 1, 2015, with two possible one-year renewals, for the operation of the municipal parking system.

On motion by Reich, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved and referred to the Ways & Means Committee.

14. Washington Ave Street Reconstruction Project (Hennepin Ave to 5th Ave S): Designation, cost estimate, set public hearing, cooperative agreement, and parking restrictions ([15-01137](#))

- a. Passage of resolution designating the location, streets, and improvements proposed to be made in the project.
- b. Receiving the cost estimate of \$13,540,000 and directing the preparation of proposed special assessments against the list of benefited properties for the street reconstruction project.
- c. Receiving the cost estimate of \$220,000 and directing the preparation of proposed special assessments against the list of benefited properties for a proposed streetscape project.
- d. Setting a public hearing for October 27, 2015, to consider the street reconstruction project, streetscape project, and abandonment and removal of areaways in conflict with the project.
- e. Authorizing negotiation of a Construction Cooperative Agreement with Hennepin County to be brought before council for ratification upon review by the City Attorney's Office.
- f. Passage of resolution ordering the installation of parking restrictions on Washington Ave between Hennepin Ave and 5th Ave S per the approved layout.

On motion by Reich, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved.

15. Downtown East pedestrian realm improvements agreement ([15-01138](#))

Authorizing an agreement to reimburse Ryan Companies up to \$50,000 for construction of city infrastructure according to the terms identified for Block 70 of the Downtown East Planned Unit Development.

On motion by Reich, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved.

16. Bid for Snelling Ave and 24th St E Street Reconstruction Project ([15-01139](#))

Accepting low bid of Meyer Contracting, Inc. (OP No. 8137) for an estimated expenditure of \$1,160,776.50 to furnish and deliver all labor, materials, and incidentals necessary for the Snelling Ave and 24th St E Street Reconstruction Project, and authorizing a contract for the project.

On motion by Reich, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved and referred to the Ways & Means Committee.

17. Bid for Minneapolis Intelligent Traffic Signal Enhancements ([15-01140](#))

Accepting single bid of Egan Company (OP No. 8157) for an estimated expenditure of \$1,983,959 to furnish and deliver all labor, materials, and incidentals necessary for Minneapolis Intelligent Traffic Signal Enhancements, and authorizing a contract for the project.

On motion by Reich, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved and referred to the Ways & Means Committee.

18. Bid for Pump Station Five Roof Slab Replacement ([15-01141](#))

Accepting low bid of L S Black Constructors, Inc. (OP No. 8160) for an estimated expenditure of \$146,000 to furnish and deliver all labor, materials, and incidentals necessary for Pump Station Five Roof Slab Replacement, and authorizing a contract for the project.

On motion by Reich, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved and referred to the Ways & Means Committee.

Referred from Zoning & Planning Committee

19. University Avenue Innovation District redevelopment ([15-00954](#))

Passage of Resolution supporting the redevelopment of the University Avenue Innovation District.

Action Taken by ZP: Sent forward without recommendation to CDRS and TPW Committees.

Action Taken by CDRS: Postponed to the Sept. 15, 2015. Approved direction to staff.

Action Taken by TPW: Postponed to Sept. 29, 2015.

No action was taken.

20. Bid for Nicollet Mall Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project Phase One ([15-01171](#))

Accepting low bid of Minger Construction (OP No. 8169) for an estimated expenditure of \$5,835,626 to furnish and deliver all labor, materials, and incidentals necessary for the Nicollet Mall Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project, and authorizing a contract for the project. **(Refer to W&M)**

On motion by Reich, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved and referred to the Ways & Means Committee.

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Reported by Peggy Menshek, Committee Coordinator