

PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Members Present:

Jantzer, Podrygula, Schuler, Shomento, Straight, Berg

Members Absent:

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Others Present:

City Clerk, Acting City Manager, City Attorney, HR Director, City Treasurer, City Engineer, City Engineer, City Engineer (Asst.), Planning Director, Building Official, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Public Works Director, Public Works Dir. (Asst.), Public Information Officer, Alderman Hedberg, Alderman Lehner, Alderman Olson, Alderman Sipma, Josh Wolsky, Jill Schramm

To the Honorable Mayor and All Aldermen:

Following are the recommendations of the **Public Works and Safety Committee** meeting called to order at 4:15 p.m. on November 30, 2016:

1. The City Council approve plans and specifications and authorize a call for bids for the 16th St and 31st Ave SW Intersection Modification. (4125)

The above motion by Alderman Podrygula, seconded by Alderman Jantzer, and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Berg, Jantzer, Podrygula, Schuler, Straight. nays: none.

2. The City Council authorize staff to donate the 1999 Elgin sweeper to the Park District to help with their operations instead of selling the unit at auction.

The above motion by Alderman Podrygula, seconded by Alderman Jantzer, and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Berg, Jantzer, Podrygula, Schuler, Straight. nays: none.

3. The City Council concur with the bid submitted by Lunda Construction Company in the amount of \$20,751,823.63 for Broadway Viaduct Replacement. (3979)

The above motion by Alderman Podrygula, seconded by Alderman Jantzer, and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Berg, Jantzer, Podrygula, Schuler, Straight. nays: none.

4. The City Council ratify the Fire Chief’s acceptance of the 2016 Homeland Security Grants.

The above motion by Alderman Podrygula, seconded by Alderman Jantzer, and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Berg, Jantzer, Podrygula, Schuler, Straight. nays: none.

5. The City Council approve the 2017 Committee and Council schedule.

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The above motion by Alderman Podrygula, seconded by Alderman Jantzer, and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Berg, Jantzer, Podrygula, Schuler, Straight. nays: none.

6. The City Council place and pass the following ordinances on second reading:

- a. **Ordinance No. 5127 – Amend the 2016 Annual Budget- Auditorium Lighting (REC025)**
- b. **Ordinance No. 5128 – Amend the 2016 Annual Budget- Chief Resilience Officer Position**
- c. **Ordinance No. 5129 – Amend the 2016 Annual Budget- Flail Mower (STR043)**
- d. **Ordinance No. 5130 – Amend the 2016 Annual Budget- Library Renovation (LIB024)**
- e. **Ordinance No. 5131 – Amend the 2016 Annual Budget- Internet Crimes Against Children Equipment Grant (PD0126)**

The above motion by Alderman Podrygula, seconded by Alderman Jantzer, and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Berg, Jantzer, Podrygula, Schuler, Straight. nays: none.

7. The City Council adopt a resolution to approve the plans and specifications for Downtown Infrastructure Improvements, Phase III and authorize a call for bids. (3608, 3630, 4073)

The above motion by Alderman Podrygula, seconded by Alderman Jantzer.

Alderman Shomento entered the meeting at 4:17 pm.

Alderman Podrygula mentioned his concerns about the safety issues associated with LED lighting. He asked the City Engineer if the studies on the issue were considered when designing the project downtown.

The City Engineer explained, the design requirement is determined by the amount of traffic. A residential neighborhood, for example, will be less bright than a commercial area. The report that was done by the American Medical Association stated, long exposure to light higher than 3,000 lumens could potentially lead to problems. Downtown Minot uses 4,000 lumens but the new LEDs have more focused light so that a majority aims toward the street, there will be partial light on the sidewalk but the light will not spill into resident’s houses. He said the DOT is looking into the issue and the City will follow their lead if they feel a change is necessary.

Alderman Straight asked for details regarding the funding coming from sales tax for flood control, to which the Interim City Manager stated, those funds will be used for the upsizing of the sewer system to control flooding.

Whereupon a vote was taken on the motion by Alderman Podrygula, seconded by Alderman Jantzer and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Berg, Jantzer, Podrygula, Schuler, Shomento, Straight. nays: none.

8. The City Council pass the attached three ordinances to incorporate the 2015 Edition of the International Building Code into the City of Minot Code of Ordinances.

The above motion by Alderman Podrygula, seconded by Alderman Straight.

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Alderman Straight asked about the changes regarding daycares and the amount of people permitted. Fire Chief Flermoen stated, the 18 people the code references is referring to 18 children and the State regulates the age range.

Alderman Jantzer stated, he was the chairman of the ad hoc committee that discussed daycare regulations and their intention was to bring the City Code in line with State law. He added, the number of children permitted is based on the square footage of the building and a numerical basis of caregivers per child.

Upon questioning by Alderman Jantzer, the Fire Chief stated, the code goes into effect in January, 2017. She said, staff met with zoning and planning to ensure there are no conflicts between the codes.

Whereupon a vote was taken on the motion by Alderman Podrygula, seconded by Alderman Straight and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Berg, Jantzer, Podrygula, Schuler, Shomento, Straight. nays: none.

9. The City Council direct Dan Jonasson to request the Souris River Joint Board make an engineering amendment to the flood protection plan to reduce the size of the Broadway entrance from 56ft. to 24ft. with an 8ft. opening on each side and to add an 8ft opening at the Anne Street Bridge.

Alderman Straight expressed his gratitude toward city staff and the Souris River Joint Board for their effort designing the flood plan. He then presented his recommendation to modify the current plan for the future flood wall to include an opening at the Anne Street Bridge and reduce the size of the opening for the main entrance at Broadway from 56 ft. wide to 24 ft. wide with an 8 ft. opening on either side. He explained, the reason behind the modification is to accommodate public input and offer a solution to keeps costs minimal. He said, the City is building a downtown gathering space and the additional opening will provide better pedestrian access to downtown.

The Public Works Director, who represents the City on the Souris River Joint Board, briefly explained the process behind the flood wall design. He said the preliminary report showed a route with two road closures but the engineering firms suggested shifting the wall. During the design phase, the former City Manager requested a riverfront entrance feature which was placed near the Broadway Bridge. Mr. Jonasson stated, the opening must be wide enough to easily move equipment through. He added, when SRF Consulting conducted their greenway studies, they researched walkability in the entire area, not just the neighborhood in question. He said, the suggested opening is two blocks from Victoria Street Bridge and about five blocks from the 3rd Street Bridge, both of which provide pedestrian access downtown. He asked the committee to consider whether an additional opening is worth the integrity of the flood wall whose purpose is to protect the lives and safety of the city as a whole. He added, each additional opening will require more personnel and equipment to place the stop logs in case of a flood emergency. He said, he will take the request to the Souris River Joint Board if that is what the Council decides but he believes there should be as few openings as possible.

Upon questioning by Alderman Schuler regarding breeches with flood wall openings, the Public Works Director stated, the design will get final approval by the US Army Corps of Engineers so it should be structurally sound but a log will be more vulnerable than thick concrete. He added, the openings will also require extra time and effort installing and testing the stop logs.

The Public Works Director then demonstrated on a map the location of the wall the potential entrances and discussed the path system in the design.

Josh Wolsky came forward and stated, he uses the Anne Street Bridge daily and he agrees with Alderman Straight's proposal.

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The Planning Director came forward upon questioning by Alderman Straight, to share the perspective with regards to the Planning Department. He said, because of the upcoming gathering space that will be implemented downtown with the Resiliency Grant, he would encourage a link to downtown and especially an increase in pedestrian traffic. He also said, he understands the constraints and practical consideration of Public Works.

Alderman Straight made a motion to direct Dan Jonasson to request an engineering amendment from the Souris River Joint Board to reduce the size of the Broadway entrance from 56ft. to 24ft. with an 8ft. opening on each side and to add an 8ft opening at the Anne Street Bridge. Motion seconded by Alderman Podrygula.

Mr. Jonasson pointed out, an 8ft. opening at Anne Street may not meet ADA requirements.

There was a discussion of potential costs but an accurate figure is not available. There would be a considerable amount of groundwork, an increase in the amount of concrete and foundation costs, and an estimated increase of another \$100,000 to \$150,000 to add another opening.

Alderman Olson asked about the future of the Anne Street Bridge and the likelihood it will last much longer. The City Engineer stated, when considering future projects they look at a cost benefit analysis. Within the next 10-15 years, the bridge may require an estimated \$3 million to be replaced and be brought up to the standards required by the railroad and the ADA. He also said, there is currently an easement with the railroad which specifies that it is for the current bridge only. If the bridge were to be replaced, there is no guarantee the railroad would agree to a new easement.

Upon questioning by Alderman Podrygula, the Public Works Director stated, the plans have already been sent to the Corps of Engineers but changes can also be sent for review.

Whereupon a vote was taken on the motion by Alderman Straight, seconded by Alderman Podrygula and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Berg, Jantzer, Podrygula, Straight. nays: Schuler, Shomento.

10. Discussion- Renaissance Parking Ramp

Alderman Berg questioned the City Engineer about the crane and construction materials still located downtown at the parking ramps. Mr. Meyer replied by saying, it is technically still an active construction site so as long as there are no safety concerns, it is allowed to stay. He continued by saying, if the materials on the roof become a nuisance then they will be taken care of accordingly.

In an update about the commercial space, the City Engineer stated, he spoke with the developer and reminded them the drainage for the top of the structure needs to be addressed before commercial space can be added. He has not seen any architectural plans yet.

Upon questioning by Alderman Podrygula, the City Engineer explained, the alleys will be rebid for construction next spring since no bids were received on the initial attempt. The next phase of the downtown infrastructure project will replace the underground sewer system and the sidewalks around the structure.

There being no further business, the Public Works and Safety Committee meeting was adjourned at 5:28 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Matalka,
City Clerk