

CITY OF DARIEN
PUBLIC WORKS WATER/STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES
March 16, 2009
5:30 P.M.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chairman Marchese. Members in attendance: Member Galan, City Administrator Vana and Director Gombac. Member Durkin arrived at 6:35 pm. Chairman Marchese recognized in the audience Alderman John Poteraske and resident Mr. Ray Krusinski.

Establishment of a Quorum:

There was a quorum.

New Business:

Chairman Marchese informed the Committee due to the long agenda that the Committee would entertain Visitors Business prior to the agenda items. Mr. Krusinski resides at 8700 Royal Swan Lane, and provided the Committee pictures of an icing hazard that occurs at the corner of Royal Swan Lane and Black Swan Court. During the winter season an ice buildup occurs throughout the intersection as well as several hundred feet northwest of Royal Swan Lane adjacent to the curb line and within the travel lane. Mr. Krusinski commented that the storm sewer project completed last summer by the City on Royal Swan Lane worked very well. He also recognized Staffs efforts on the salt applications when ice had built up at the intersection. Mr. Krusinski also commented that motorists have lost control of their vehicles and have caused damage to the landscape lighting adjacent to his driveway. Mr. Krusinski commented that the problem is due to the lack of storm sewer structures within the subdivision. Director Gombac informed those in attendance that Staff would review the concern with the resident.

Chairman Marchese introduced the first item-Item A was regarding the approval of a resolution to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of DuPage that authorizes the City of Darien to perform the mowing of certain DuPage County right of ways along 75th Street, Plainfield Road and Cass Avenue. The City of Darien is compensated by DuPage County for performing this mowing along specified DuPage County maintenance jurisdictions. The contract reimbursable amount of \$65,380.00 is the same amount as the last several yearly contracts. John Kos, with DuPage County has been requested to increase the cost per acre for reimbursement to the City. City Staff was informed that they will not entertain any increased costs for reimbursement as their research indicated that the compensation was a fair value for the industry and especially during the recent economic downturn. The Agreement provides for seven (7) cycles of mowing in the DuPage County maintenance jurisdictions. The City of Darien furnishes all equipment, materials, labor and transportation necessary to perform the required mowing.

Member Galan inquired to whether the reimbursement cost covers our time and equipment. Gombac informed the Committee that an analysis study was completed last year and indicated that the reimbursement exceeded our expenses and equipment. Alderman Poteraske inquired to whether the analysis included the equipment over a specified life. Gombac replied that the equipment was calculated over an average of 10-12 years. Chairman Marchese requested for a motion and Member Galan made a motion to recommend the approval of a resolution to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of DuPage which would authorize the City of

Darien to perform the mowing of certain DuPage County right of ways and along certain DuPage County roads. The motion was seconded by Chairman Marchese. The vote was unanimous to recommend this item to the City Council for the April 6, 2009 City Council Meeting.

The next item presented-Item B was a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a contract with Gaffney's Protective Maintenance Inc. for the 2009 Street Light Maintenance Contract.

Gombac informed the Committee on March 10, 2009, Staff had received five sealed bids for the 2009 street light maintenance contract. Presented was a bid tabulation for costs to repair street lights, hourly rates for labor and equipment, lamp costs, purchase and installation of light poles, straightening of concrete light poles, cleaning of lenses and the replacement of lenses.

Staff applied historical quantitative data compiled over the past two years to the bid prices submitted by each vendor to identify the estimated total cost for all programs. Using this analysis the lowest bid was submitted by Gaffney's Property Maintenance Incorporated. Gombac informed the Committee as per the direction of the Administrative Finance Committee-Committee of the Whole-Item 10-Cleaning and Inventory will not be utilized and that Option 11-Removal and Replacement of Lenses would be utilized in the proposed contract.

The Street Light Contract was further bid for 2 additional option years, 2010 and 2011. Upon performance review an extension would be entertained at a future date through the Committee and the City Council. Gombac informed the Committee that references were verified with satisfactory responses.

Chairman Marchese requested for a motion and Member Galan made a motion to recommend the approval of a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a contract with Gaffney's Protective Maintenance Inc. for the 2009 Street Light Maintenance Contract per the schedule of prices. The motion was seconded by Chairman Marchese. The vote was unanimous to recommend this item to City Council for the April 6, 2009 City Council Meeting.

The next item-Item C was a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a contract with Spring Green Lawn Care for five (5) various fertilizer applications, and one (1) tree fertilizer application in an amount not to exceed \$23,521.00, for the 2009 Landscape Fertilization Services at Roadside Rights of Way and Medians of 75th Street, and a certain segment of Plainfield Road. Included also are City owned facilities such as the Water Plant grounds, the Public Works facility and the City Hall grounds.

On March 05, 2009 Staff received three bids for the proposed 2009 fertilization services. The fertilization program will allow the City to eradicate noxious weeds and provide uniform aesthetically pleasing turf throughout certain right of ways and City owned facilities for a total of approximately 33 acres. The contract also entertained fertilization services for the City maintained median trees along 75th Street. The scope of work includes fertilizing 250 trees along 75th Street from Clarendon Hills Road west to Lemont Road.

The contract specifications included up to six (6) various fertilizer applications if required throughout the year. Staff is requesting that Applications 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 for a total of five (5) applications be implemented for the 2009 Program. The contract entertains two additional

contract extension options for 2010 and 2011. Staff will forward a recommendation upon evaluation of the 2009 Fertilization Program. Spring Green was the awarded vendor for the 2008 Fertilization Program.

Chairman Galan inquired to why the City fertilizes County right of ways and does the County reimburse us for the expense. Gombac informed the Committee that the fertilization is City Council driven as it provides an aesthetically pleasing turf area through our main corridor. The County does not and will not reimburse the City of Darien for the Fertilization Program.

Chairman Marchese requested for a motion and Member Galan made a motion to recommend the approval of a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a contract with Spring Green Lawn Care for five (5) various fertilizer applications, and one (1) tree fertilizer application in an amount not to exceed \$23,521.00, for the 2009 Landscape Fertilization Services at Roadside Rights of Way and Medians of 75th Street, and a certain segment of Plainfield Road. Included also are City owned facilities such as the Water Plant grounds, the Public Works facility and the City Hall grounds. The motion was seconded by Chairman Marchese. The vote was unanimous to recommend this item to the City Council for the April 6, 2009 City Council Meeting.

The next items-Items D-K were regarding the 2009 Drainage Projects. Chairman Marchese requested of Director Gombac to present a summary of Items D-K since they were all similar in nature regarding drainage projects.

Gombac informed the Committee that the abovementioned items require an approval of a motion authorizing City Staff to proceed with Project A-Leonard Drive 67th Street to Chestnut Lane, Project F-Juniper Lane, Project H-Linden Avenue, Project J-Eleanor Place-Janet Avenue to Elm Street, Project W-Adams Street-Plainfield Road South to Dead End, Project Y-Western Avenue, 67th Street to Chestnut Lane, Project N-Grant Street and Project O-Howdy Lane in an amount not to exceed \$855,500.00.

Gombac summarized the following neighborhood drainage projects:

Project A-Leonard Drive is related to the deficient storm water ditch conveyance on Leonard Drive-67th Street to Chestnut Lane. The existing conditions on Leonard Drive within the eastern and western right of way do not allow the conveyance of storm water from the summit to the Chestnut Lane/67th Street ditches. The proposed project would include the removal and replacement of deteriorated culverts, installation of inlets as required, the enclosure of ditches as necessary, and approximately 2,000 lineal feet of ditch regrading. The project goal is to allow storm water to flow to 67th Street and Chestnut Lane.

Project F-Juniper Lane is related to the deficient storm water ditch conveyance between Warwick Avenue and Stratford Place. The existing conditions within the southern and northern right of ways do not allow the conveyance of storm water to flow from Warwick Avenue to the mid block of Juniper Lane. The proposed project would include the removal and replacement of deteriorated culverts, removal and installation of inlets as required, the enclosure of ditches as necessary, and approximately 500 lineal feet of ditch regrading. The project goal is to allow storm water to flow from Warwick Avenue to Stratford Place.

Project H-Linden Avenue is related to the deficient storm water ditch conveyance on Linden Avenue. The existing conditions on Linden Avenue within the western and eastern right of way ditch do not allow the conveyance of storm water to flow from Janet Avenue to 79th Street. The proposed project would include the removal and replacement of deteriorated culverts, installation of inlets as required, the enclosure of ditches as necessary or existing, and approximately 2,000 lineal feet of ditch line regrading. The project goal is to allow storm water to flow from the summit of Linden Avenue to Janet Avenue or 79th Street.

Project J-Eleanor Place is related to the deficient storm water ditch conveyance on Eleanor Place-Janet Avenue to Elm Street. The existing conditions on Eleanor Place within the eastern and western right of way do not allow the conveyance of storm water to the Elm Street ditch. The proposed project would include the removal and replacement of deteriorated culverts, installation of inlets as required, the enclosure of ditches as necessary, and approximately 2,000 lineal feet of ditch regrading. The project goal is to allow storm water to flow at the optimal level to Elm Street.

Project W-Adams Street is related to the deficient storm water ditch conveyance on Adams Street, south of Plainfield Road. The existing conditions on Adams Street within the western and eastern right of way ditch do not allow the conveyance of storm water to the southern downstream limits. The proposed project would include the removal and replacement of deteriorated culverts, installation of inlets as required, the enclosure of ditches as necessary, and approximately 2,000 lineal feet of ditch regrading. The project goal is to allow storm water to flow from Plainfield Road to the southern limits.

Project Y-Western Avenue is related to the deficient storm water ditch conveyance on Western Avenue-67th Street to Chestnut Lane. The existing conditions on Western Avenue within the eastern and western right of way do not allow the conveyance of storm water from the summit to the Chestnut Lane/67th Street ditches. The proposed project would include the removal and replacement of deteriorated culverts, installation of inlets as required, the enclosure of ditches as necessary, and approximately 1,500 lineal feet of ditch regrading. The project goal is to allow storm water to flow at the optimal level to Chestnut Lane and 67th Street.

The following projects are to be completed by Staff with selective portions to be outsourced:

Project N-Grant Street relates to the deficient storm water conveyance within the 7900 block of Grant Street and Sleepy Hollow. Residents have contacted City Staff regarding the frequent ice build ups adjacent to the northern curb line and lack of surface drainage structures. The topography of the existing properties calls for storm water to sheet flow from the rear yards of Grant Street and Sleepy Hollow towards the frontages of Grant Street and Sleepy Hollow. Through the years residents have installed under drains adjacent to the curb line to discharge side yard swales sump-pumps and gutter downspouts. During winter months the storm water or snow that melts begins to flow during thawing conditions and refreezes as the temperatures drop. As the temperatures drop, the curb line accumulates ice fronting several homes. Regardless of the placement of the under drain discharges, the storm water would flow to Grant Street and create ongoing drainage concerns throughout the year and especially the ice buildups during the winter.

Staff has determined that an additional 140 feet of storm sewer and curb inlets should be installed adjacent to Grant Street. The project would include excavation for storm sewer, installation of curb inlets, garden inlet boxes, curb and gutter replacement, asphalt and landscape

restoration. Staff would be completing all of the work with the exception of asphalt and landscape restoration.

Project O-Howdy Lane relates to the deficient storm water conveyance within the frontage of 1800 block of Howdy Lane. Residents have contacted City Staff regarding the frequent ice build ups adjacent to 1806 and 1810 Howdy Lane. The existing topography indicates that storm water is channeled from the rear yards fronting the 1800 block of Howdy Lane. Storm water is then channeled through a side yard located at 1806. The existing infrastructure is a 6-inch pipe and is unable to carry flow from the rear yards. The block also lacks surface drainage structures. Through the years residents have installed under drains adjacent to the curb line to discharge rear and side yard swales sump-pumps and gutter downspouts. During winter months the storm water or snow that melts begins to flow during thawing conditions and refreezes as the temperatures drop. As the temperatures drop, the curb line accumulates ice fronting several homes. Regardless of the placement of the under drain discharges, the storm water would flow to Howdy Lane and create ongoing drainage concerns throughout the year and especially the ice buildups during the winter.

Staff has determined that the existing storm sewer be replaced, extended and additional storm sewer and curb inlets should be installed. The project would include excavation for storm sewer, installation of curb inlets, garden inlet boxes, curb and gutter replacement, asphalt and landscape restoration. City Staff would be completing all of the work with the exception of asphalt and landscape restoration.

Chairman Marchese requested for a motion and Member Galan made a motion to recommend the approval a motion authorizing City Staff to proceed with Project A-Leonard Drive 67th Street to Chestnut Lane, Project F-Juniper Lane, Project H-Linden Avenue, Project J-Eleanor Place-Janet Avenue to Elm Street, Project W-Adams Street-Plainfield Road South to Dead End, Project Y-Western Avenue, 67th Street to Chestnut Lane, Project N-Grant Street and Project O-Howdy Lane in an amount not to exceed \$855,500.00. The vote was unanimous to recommend this item to the City Council for the April 6, 2009 City Council Meeting.

The next item-Item L requested approval of a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a contract for the 2009 neighborhood drainage improvements for Project A-Leonard Drive 67th Street to Chestnut Lane, Project F-Juniper Lane, Project H-Linden Avenue, Project J-Eleanor Place Janet Avenue to Elm Street, Project W-Adams Street Plainfield Road South to Dead End, Project Y-Western Avenue 67th Street to Chestnut Lane, between the City of Darien and Century Contractors Incorporated in an amount not to exceed \$276,845.00.

The proposed contract with Century Contractors Incorporated includes the following:

- A. Field Layout
- B. Ditch Regrading
- C. Removal and Placement of Deteriorated Pipes
- D. Removal and Placement of Inlets, Catch Basins and Grates

The contract is based on an equipment and labor unit cost. Each project has been allocated a cost estimate by Staff and includes field layout, ditch regrading, removal and replacement of pipes, and placement of inlets, catch basins, and grates as required.

Chairman Marchese requested for a motion and Member Galan made a motion to recommend the approval of a motion authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a contract for the 2009 neighborhood drainage improvements for Project A-Leonard Drive 67th Street to Chestnut Lane, Project F-Juniper Lane, Project H-Linden Avenue, Project J-Eleanor Place Janet Avenue to Elm Street, Project W-Adams Street Plainfield Road South to Dead End, Project Y-Western Avenue 67th Street to Chestnut Lane, between the City of Darien and Century Contractors Incorporated in an amount not to exceed \$276,845.00.

The next items-Items M-V were regarding various resolutions for materials utilized by the Street and Water Divisions throughout the year. These items are also designated for the 2009 Drainage Projects. Chairman Marchese requested of Director Gombac to present a summary of Items M-V since they were all similar in nature regarding materials and services.

Gombac informed the Committee that since the department utilizes various materials and services throughout the year that it would be beneficial to quote those items based on our fiscal budget year. This would allow the department to utilize the awarded competitive vendor at the competitively quoted prices. Throughout the year small projects require materials ranging from \$50.00 to \$1,000.00 and due to timing constraints are purchased without a competitive quote. The proposed resolutions would allow the department to continue saving money by having vendors in place at the proposed competitive pricing throughout the fiscal budget year.

The abovementioned items are Resolutions to accept proposals from the following:

Item M-Resolution - Accepting a proposal from E. D. Siebert Trucking Service, Inc. to provide trucking services for Public Works projects at an hourly rate.

Item N-Resolution - Accepting a proposal from Kieft Brothers Inc. for Culvert Metal Pipes, Metal Bands and Metal Flared End Sections and fittings per the schedule of prices. Competitive quotes were requested for the pipes, and Staff received four competitive quotes, of which one was non-responsive. Norwalk Tank had submitted a quote and restricted pricing to May. The request for proposals requested pricing to be from May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010. Staff confirmed that Norwalk would not quote more than 30 days in advance since their supplier would not guarantee pricing. Gombac informed the Committee that he contacted Kieft Brothers Inc, the second lowest competitive quote and re-negotiated pricing comparable to Norwalk Tank. Kieft Brothers resubmitted the quote and guaranteed pricing from May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010.

Item O-Resolution - Accepting a proposal from Land and Lakes Company to provide tipping and transfer services for Public Works projects per the schedule of prices.

Item P-Resolution - Accepting a proposal from Vulcan Materials to purchase stone for Public Works projects per the schedule of prices.

Item Q-Resolution - Accepting a proposal from Kieft Brothers Inc. for Storm Sewer Structures, iron grates and concrete adjusting rings per the schedule of prices.

Item R- Resolution - Accepting a proposal from B. V. Santiago Construction for the removal and replacement of bituminous aprons and road patches per the schedule of prices.

Item S- Resolution - Accepting a proposal from DuPage Topsoil Inc. for the purchase of topsoil per the schedule of prices.

Item T-Resolution - Accepting a proposal from Beary Landscaping for placement of topsoil and for the purchase and placement of sod per the schedule of prices

Item U- Resolution - Accepting a proposal from Advanced Drainage Systems Inc for High Density Polyethylene Pipes, Bands, Flared End Sections and fittings per the schedule of prices.

Item V-Resolution - Accepting a proposal from E. D. Siebert Trucking to provide stone and delivery per the schedule of prices.

Chairman Marchese requested for a motion and Member Galan made a motion to recommend forwarding for City Council consideration the approval of the resolutions authorizing the Mayor to accept the resolutions as presented. The motion was seconded by Chairman Marchese. The vote was unanimous to recommend this item to the City Council for the April 6, 2009 City Council Meeting.

The next item presented was a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract agreement with Suburban Concrete, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$341,600.00 for the 2009 Sidewalk, Apron and Curb and Gutter Removal and Replacement Program and to waive the \$75.00 permit fee application.

The Sidewalk and Curb and Gutter Removal and Replacement Program calls for the removal and replacement of deficient rated sidewalk and curb and gutter. The FY 09/10 Budget allocated for the removal and replacement of all the identified sidewalks with current ratings of 4 and 5, deficient curb and gutter as it relates to the proposed road resurfacing project and quantities for the repair of concrete following main break restoration and street department repairs. The program also allows for resident call-ins when deficient sidewalks and curb and gutter are identified.

The contract also offers residents at a pass through cost the opportunity to remove and replace their deficient concrete aprons, and the curb and gutter fronting their apron. This again allows the City to remove and replace deficient sidewalk slabs fronting a deficient apron and would allow a resident to participate in the concrete replacement program to correct the apron deficiency. Staff is further requesting that the \$75.00 permit fee be waived to residents that participate in the concrete program with the proposed vendor since the City will be inspecting the work.

Staff received nine (9) bids with the lowest bidder being Suburban Concrete Inc. Staff has completed reference checks for Suburban Concrete Inc. with favorable responses. Funds allocated for the project were presented.

Chairman Marchese made a motion to recommend forwarding for City Council consideration a contract authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract agreement with Suburban Concrete Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$341,600.00 for the 2009 Sidewalk, Apron and Curb and Gutter

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Removal and Replacement Program and to waive the \$75.00 permit fee. Member Galan seconded the motion. Member Durkin arrived at 6:35, and also recommended the motion. The vote was unanimous to recommend this item to City Council for the April 6, 2009 City Council Meeting.

The minutes from the February 17, 2009 Public Works Streets and Water Committee were approved.

Directors Report:

Gombac informed the Committee in respect to all the agenda items presented that in many instances the unit pricing was the lowest pricing seen, in some cases from 10 years prior.

Chairman Marchese announced that the next scheduled meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2009. Chairman Marchese made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM, and was seconded by Member Galan.

Respectfully submitted,

Alderman Joseph Marchese, Chairman

Alderman Bill Durkin, Member

Alderman John Galan, Member

CC: Mayor Kathleen Weaver

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