

UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING

January 17, 2012

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Board Vice President Roberts called the regular meeting of the Utilities Service Board to order at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Utilities Service Board room at the City of Bloomington Utilities Department Administrative Building in Bloomington, Indiana.

Board members present: Julie Roberts, Jeff Ehman, Sam Frank, Pedro Roman, John Whikehart, and ex-officio member Tim Mayer. Staff members present: John Langley, Michael Horstman, Tom Axsom, Jon Callahan, Mike Hicks, and Mike Bengtson. Others present: Sue Mayer.

MINUTES

Board member Ehman moved and Board member Roman seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January 3rd meeting. Motion carried, 4 ayes, 3 members absent, (Banach, Swafford and Whikehart).

CLAIMS

Board member Roman moved and Board member Ehman seconded the motion to approve the ACH payments as follows:

Vendor invoices that will be submitted to the controller's Office on January 12th included \$220,882.00 from the Water Utility; \$0.00 from the Wastewater Utility; and 0.00 from the Wastewater/Storm water Utility. Total Claims approved, \$220,822.00.

Motion carried, 4 ayes, 3 members absent, (Banach, Swafford, and Whikehart).

Board member Frank moved and Board member Ehman seconded the motion to approve the claims as follows:

Vendor invoices submitted to the controller's Office on January 11th included \$66,369.18 from the Water Utility; \$129,484.89 from the Wastewater Utility; and \$2,867.50 from the Wastewater/Storm water Utility. Total Claims approved, 198,721.57.

Motion carried, 5 ayes, 2 members absent, (Banach and Swafford).

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no subcommittee meetings.

STAFF REPORTS:

Assistant Director of Engineering Bengtson gave an update on the Spanker's Branch project. He said this project will replace the storm tunnel from Arby's to the Chocolate Moose to the west. This storm tunnel also contains part of the Jordan River.

In 2005 bonds were authorized in the amount of \$3,853,190.00. A contract was signed with Donohue in 2007 to do the design work. Soon after that the City's department of Public Works decided to create a new street scape along Walnut St. in coordination with Utilities' project. Public Works used the same designer, Donohue, and the projects were combined. This project was put out to bid in early December, and the bids were opened on January 12th. Dave O'Mara had the low bid of \$5,487,000.00. This project will require a lot of easements to be acquired. So far \$426,000 has been paid for easements.

The cost of this project will exceed the amount of the bond, but the Redevelopment Commission has agreed to provide the extra sums needed in the amount of \$1,261,749.00.

Public Works will award the contract and a Memorandum of Understanding between Utilities and Public Works will be brought to the USB for their approval on January 30th.

Utilities staff will be inspecting the pipeline and the storm tunnel.

Mr. Bengtson said the current tunnel is 4.5 feet high and 13 feet wide. The new tunnel will be considerably larger at 5 feet high and 16 feet wide.

Board member Roberts asked where the digging around Arby's will take place. Mr. Bengtson said half the street, the east side, will be closed.

Board member Ehman asked about which locations along the Jordan River still need to be rehabilitated. Mr. Bengtson said the segment starting at the Snow Lion and running past the Fire Station, through the Third Street Park, ending at The Rise still needs work. There is one more segment on Campus going to Franklin Hall that needs to be updated.

Mr. Ehman asked if the bond was for about \$3.8 million. Mr. Bengtson said it was for \$3,853,200.

Board member Roman asked why there had been an increase in the price of the project. Mr. Bengtson said it was because the original price given was just an estimate, and also a different path was chosen after the bonds had been secured.

Board member Roman asked why the path had been changed. Mr. Bengtson said it was because the storm tunnel currently runs right under The Player's Pub. It is much better to have it located along Walnut where it would be more accessible if repairs were needed.

Mr. Roman asked if there was some advantage in coordinating with Public Works. Mr. Bengtson explained that if the projects were done separately Utilities would have to repair the

street once the projects are done, then Public Works would have to dig it up again for their project. This way Utilities will not have to pay for repairing the street.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no petitions or communications.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

L. Thomas Swafford, President