

UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING

September 22nd, 2014

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Board President Swafford 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 Administrative Building in Bloomington, Indiana.

Board members present: Tom Swafford, Julie Roberts, Jim Sims, Sam Frank, Jeff Ehman, Jason Banach, Tim Mayer, Ex-Officio, and Tom Micuda, Ex-Officio. Staff members present: Patrick Murphy, Michael Horstman, John Langley, Tom Axsom, Mike Bengtson, Nolan Hendon, Greg Small, Tamara Roberts, Lisa Abbott, Phil Peden, Joe Collins, Jon Callahan, and Mike Hicks.

MINUTES

Board Member Roberts moved and Board Member Ehman seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 8th meeting. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (Roman).

CLAIMS

Board Member Roberts moved and Board Member Ehman seconded the motion to approve the claims as follows:

Vendor invoices submitted to the Controller's Office on September 26th include \$513,831.26 from the Water Utility; \$936,829.79 from the Wastewater Utility; and \$55,969.13 from the Stormwater Utility. Total Claims approved, \$1,506,630.18.

Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (Roman).

President Swafford inquired about claims to Everett J. Prescott, Inc., including one 8" Omni F2 for IU and a 3" Omni C2 meter for Ivy Tech. Assistant Director of T&D informed that two were new meters for residential and the 3" ones would be reimbursed through connection fees.

Board Member Roberts moved and Board Member Ehman seconded the motion to approve a special check run as follows:

Special check submitted to the Controller's Office on September 8th \$1,740.00 from the Wastewater Utility. Total Claims approved, \$1,740.00.

Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (Roman).

Board Member Roberts 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 September 22nd included \$200,502.00 from the Water Utility. Total Claims approved, \$200,502.00.

Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (Roman).

Board Member Roberts moved and Board Member Ehman seconded the motion to approve the Utility payments as follows:

Vendor invoices that will be submitted to the Controller's Office on September 9th include \$86,690.34 from the Water Utility; and \$71,746.35 from the Wastewater Utility. Total Claims approved, \$158,436.69.

Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (Roman).

Wire transfers and fees for the month of August:

Board Member Roberts moved and Board Member Ehman seconded the motion to approve the wire transfers and fees for the month of August in the amount of \$375,698.12.

Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (Roman).

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON UTILITIES:

Assistant Director of Engineering Bengtson introduced this item and began by offering historical examples of inter-departmental cooperation on public projects. In 1997, the southwest interceptor sewer project included close work with Parks and Recreation to acquire property to build an adjacent recreational path. In 2000, the "Big Dig" on Kirkwood Ave involved working with Parks and Recreation and Public Works to rebuild the Jordan Culvert and replace sewer and water lines, as well as streetscape work and People's Park. In 2012, City Hall's initiative to assure we had adequate sewer lines on College between 2nd and 3rd Street led to cooperation with other departments. In 2013, the renewal and enlargement of the Spankers Branch Culvert between 1st and Smith on Walnut involved working in partnership with Public Works, who created the streetscape. Before the board tonight is a proposal for another joint venture. Mr. Bengtson introduced Tom Micuda, Director of Planning and Transportation.

Mr. Micuda explained that one of his responsibilities in his new role is to oversee the design and construction of capital projects, so periodically he may be before the board when projects including partnerships are being proposed. The current one is along Rockport Road, from Countryside Lane to slightly south of Graham Drive. The genesis for the project goes back to many years ago when the Broadview Neighborhood created a neighborhood improvement plan. One of the biggest issues raised by the neighborhood is the lack of sidewalk and bicycle connections to their neighborhood. Over the years, many improvements have been made, such as a new side path on the north side of Country Club, a new side path and reconstructed road along Rogers St. This is really the last piece of

the puzzle. Rockport Road is a challenging one because of the terrain and the topography, as well as the relatively poor condition of the roadway.

The proposed project has three objectives:

- 1) Sidewalk installation on the west side of Rockport Road, where it is more feasible than the east side.
- 2) Road reconstruction, particularly in the area of Coolidge, where there is substandard sight distance. Driver have a difficult time seeing, and there is a lot of pedestrian activity.
- 3) Stormwater improvements, as it is an opportunity to do a comprehensive stormwater drainage system where it is lacking and where we have had challenges.

The idea is to seize an opportunity to bring the stormwater component into an existing project, which is funded entirely through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) at over \$982,000. Work has already begun with a contractor they had chosen. However, with a federally-funded project, inspection requirements are much more rigorous. An outside inspector can ensure that all improvements are inspected, all paperwork with the federal government is completed, etc. A competitive process was utilized to hire an inspector and the city has chosen Clark Dietz, who was also involved with the project design and therefore familiar. Through the course of discussions with CBU, it was determined that Mr. Micuda will come before the board to ask for approval of funding of the inspection process. Mr. Micuda will have an internal project inspector to assist. The stormwater improvements component is estimated to be around \$266,000, which will be funded by federal dollars, so there is a lot of benefit to the utilities. The MOU has been reviewed by City Legal, Planning and Transportation and Utilities.

Board Member Ehman asked if the city was making any other monetary or in-kind contributions to the project. Mr. Micuda replied that their contributions are only in-kind. There may be other projects in which the roles are reversed and the city contributes the larger share of the funding.

Director Murphy noted that in the Evergreen Village Project, in cooperation with Housing and Neighborhood Development, stormwater work was completed and HAND reimbursed CBU for the materials and supplies. Susie Street's creek has been nicely reconstructed and is worth seeing.

He also notes that all the claims for inspection services will come before this board.

Board Member Mayer added that he is a member of the CDBG committee and this project received a substantial allocation of the competitive funds. Generally, park improvements and other city projects are prioritized in the funding, but the committee wanted to move this project forward and demonstrated its commitment to it via the funding allocation.

Board Member Sims inquired where in the budget this particular project was included. Mr. Murphy pointed to the stormwater contingency fund, which at this time has about \$600,000. There is also a line for neighborhood improvements in stormwater at \$100,000, and both would be used for this project. Mr. Murphy initiated the participation of CBU in this project due to the particular neighborhood and its ongoing drainage issues. He stressed the importance of partnerships in city government and their mutual benefits.

Board Member Roberts moved and Board Member Ehman seconded the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Bloomington Planning and Transportation Department and the City of Bloomington Utilities.

Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (Roman).

President Swafford expressed his satisfaction with joint projects due to their efficiency and thanked Mr. Micuda.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF INDUSTRIAL WASTE PRETREATMENT PERMIT FOR COOK PHARMICA LLC:

Pretreatment Coordinator Roberts requested approval for this permit renewal. The only change in this permit is that they are no longer performing the genetically engineered plant processes they were doing, and not much has changes otherwise. Ms. Roberts does not anticipate changes in the discharge. Some of the local limits have been sampled for some time, and any of those not deemed to be present are no longer required to be sampled for. The state approved this.

Board Member Roberts moved and Board Member Ehman seconded the motion to approve the Industrial Waste Pretreatment Permit for Cook Pharmica LLC.

Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (Roman).

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER ZERO DISCHARGE PERMIT FOR COOK INC:

Ms. Roberts requested approval of this new permit and explained that every five years, CBU is required to complete a survey of all industrial and commercial dischargers who may be able to impact our wastewater system. In doing so, an inspection was completed at Cook recently. Cook has a very small metal finishing operation, so small that they produce five gallons per year, which is then hauled away instead of discharged to us. This permit is a requirement so that Cook will annually certify to us that the waste is disposed of properly, as it is now.

Board Member Roberts moved and Board Member Ehman seconded the motion to approve the Industrial Wastewater Zero Discharge Permit for Cook Inc.

Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (Roman).

OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

N/A

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Administrative Subcommittee met prior to this meeting to review an appeal by Toto's Uncle for the grease interceptor required of new businesses. The appeal is recommended to be denied.

Administrative Subcommittee moved and Board Member Banach seconded the motion to deny the appeal by Toto's Uncle for grease interceptor requirements.

Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (Roman).

STAFF REPORTS:

Mr. Murphy stated all operations are proceeding accordingly. The two new superintendents are managing well.

Attorney Greg Small debriefed the board on a matter involving the southeast water systems improvements project, section 2. The contractor on this project is Howell Construction. We are looking to close out this project, however there is a dispute between the parties regarding amounts owed. We are trying to work this out informally via council. There is a likelihood this matter could end up in arbitration, and Mr. Small will keep the board updated.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

N/A

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

L. Thomas Swafford, President