

The Board of Public Works meeting was held Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 401 N. Morton St., Bloomington, Indiana and virtually through Zoom with Kyla Cox Deckard presiding.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Present: Kyla Cox Deckard
Elizabeth Karon
Jennifer Lloyd

ROLL CALL

City Staff: Adam Wason - Public Works
Christina Smith -Public Works
Jayme Washel - Bloomington Fire Department
Alex Crowley - Economic & Sustainable Development
Jason Kerr - Engineering
Alex Gray - Engineering
Roy Aten – Engineering
Aleks Pratt – City Legal

None

MESSAGES FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None

PETITIONS& REMONSTRANCES

1. Approval of Minutes; March 28, 2023
2. Resolution 2023-14; Renew Mobile Vendor; Bloomingbowls
3. Resolution 2023-15; Renew Mobile Vendor; Rasta Pops
4. Resolution 2023-16; Renew Mobile Vendor; Bloom Burger
5. Resolution 2023-19; Declaration of Surplus; Street Division
6. Renew Contract with Express Professionals for Scooter Enforcement
7. Samsara Fleet Technologies - Free Hardware Use & Trial Agreement
8. Approval of Payroll

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Comments: Lloyd asked that the Contract with Express Professionals for Scooter Enforcement be removed from Consent Agenda to New Business item #2 for further discussion.

Karon made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Lloyd seconded. Cox Deckard took a roll call vote. All in favor, motion is passed.

Adam Wason, Public Works, asked that New Business item #6; Agreement with Martin Riley for Architectural Services and Feasibility Study for BFD be moved to the first New Business item because Deputy Fire Chief Jayme Washel, had other business to attend.

Board Comments: Cox Deckard agreed.

Jayme Washel, Deputy Fire Chief, presented Agreement with Martin Riley for Architectural Services and Feasibility Study for BFD. See meeting packet for details.

NEW BUSINESS
Agreement with Martin Riley for Architectural Services and Feasibility Study for BFD

Board Comments: Lloyd asked what goals the BFD is trying to achieve and if there are any

initiatives included in the upgrades. Washel answered that they are hoping to achieve adding an extra 3,000 square feet. He mentioned that a good percentage of firefighters are female, so this upgrade will be brought up to 2024 best practices. He also stated that flooding won't be an issue. Cox Deckard asked if the construction funding had been identified. Washel stated that it is a bond that was passed by the City Council. Lloyd stated she is happy with the unisex units being addressed.

Karon made a motion to approve Agreement with Martin Riley for Architectural Services and Feasibility Study for BFD. Lloyd seconded. Cox Deckard took a roll call vote. All in favor, motion is passed.

Alex Crowley, Economic & Sustainable Development, presented Resolution 2023-20; City of Bloomington Micro-Mobility Renewal Recommendations. See meeting packet for details.

Resolution 2023-20; City of Bloomington Micro-Mobility Renewal Recommendations

Board Comments: Lloyd asked if riders have to be quizzed every time they ride a scooter. Crowley said that it would be a periodic reminder. Lloyd asked if the scooter companies would continue the educational events or if the quizzes would replace them. Crowley said no, the quizzes would be an augmentation to the educational events. Lloyd asked if all three of the vendors had sit-down scooters. Crowley said it was two of the three. Lloyd asked if Bird had sit down scooters. Crowley said he hadn't seen a bird bike per se. Lloyd asked if she understood correctly, that if Bird could not provide a sit down scooter, they would not be able to have a scooter concession. Crowley confirmed. Karon appreciates that any helmets given away are up to code. She commented about the education on not riding stand up scooters on the sidewalks. She asked if the larger size was considered for riders on sidewalks with pedestrians. Crowley stated that it is believed that the riders of sit down scooters would be more prone to ride off the sidewalk. Cox Deckard asked if the City is requiring the scooter companies make helmets available in some way. Crowley confirmed. Cox Deckard asked how the helmets were made available. Crowley answered that there are three helmet issues; how do you get the rider to wear the helmet, continuing the baseline requirement of issuing helmets, and making sure the helmet that is issued is safe. Cox Deckard asked about the recommendation on reducing the speed limits to 10 miles per hour, but the ordinance states it is 15 miles per hour. Crowley stated he would have to review the language. Lloyd asked how many sit down scooters are deployed in the City. Crowley stated about 150. Lloyd further questioned if riders knew how to get a helmet outside of the educational events and stated that if the license requirements are being updated she would like to see the scooter companies informing riders of how helmets can be obtained outside of those annual events. Lloyd asked if the parking corrals would mostly on sidewalks or parking spaces. Crowley answered that it would come down to a block to block basis. Wason stated that one of the things outdoor dining opens up is parking in the summer months, which is when scooter usage is at its highest. Lloyd asked about licensing fees and if they would be prorated for the year. Crowley confirmed. Lloyd asked about what the average ridership is on scooters. Crowley said it would depend on peak periods, but he would have to get the exact data to say for certain. Karon made the request that the Council for accessibility be involved in the conversations with the Council as a whole. Cox Deckard asked if it is the City's opinion about item #6 written in the resolution, that we don't have enough of the existing areas of corrals or bicycle racks. Crowley stated since deployments are city wide, there has to be options for other parts of the City and to create flexibility.

Public Comments: Le Foley, Lyme Midwest Director of Government and Community Relations, spoke of their efforts to share and request feedback for some time. He stated that there is no data backed evidence that seated scooters are safer than stand up scooters. He also stated the night time curfew does not improve safety, but limits the mobility options of third shift workers who are looking for affordable ways to get home. He stated that their input has not been properly incorporated within the recommendations drafted by the city.

He asked that the request be postponed so that their company can continue to provide feedback. Olivia Ortega, Veo Manager of Partnerships and Policy for the Midwest Region, explained what their program looks like in the Bloomington and stated that Veo's goal in Bloomington has always been to have a safe and accessible mode of transportation for residents and visitors. Jim Shelton, spoke as a senior citizen resident whose wife has to use a wheelchair. Said he is very disappointed in the city's and operator's performance on keeping the scooters off the sidewalks and impeding accessibility. Vaughn Roland, Senior Manager of Government Partnerships at Byrd, reiterated his co-worker's comments.

Board Comments: Karon added that Mr. Shelton's comments be strongly considered. Cox Deckard added that with this resolution there will be greater fine enforcement and how to get a better understanding on how to reduce the speed

Karon made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-20; City of Bloomington Micro-Mobility Renewal Recommendations. Lloyd seconded. Cox Deckard took a roll call vote. Karon confirmed, Lloyd passes. Motion is passed 2-1.

Adam Wason, Public Works, presented Renew Contract with Express Professionals for Scooter Enforcement, on behalf of Michelle Wahl, Parking Services Director. See meeting packet for details.

Renew Contract with Express Professionals for Scooter Enforcement

Board Comments: None

Karon made a motion to approve Renew Contract with Express Professionals for Scooter Enforcement. Lloyd seconded. Cox Deckard took a roll call vote. All in favor, motion is passed.

Jason Kerr, Engineering, Sidewalk Closure Request from Artistic Concrete Design for at 309 E. 6th St. (5 Days). See meeting packet for details.

Sidewalk Closure Request from Artistic Concrete Design for at 309 E. 6th St. (5 Days)

Board Comments: None

Karon made a motion to approve Sidewalk Closure Request from Artistic Concrete Design for at 309 E. 6th St. (5 Days). Lloyd seconded. Cox Deckard took a roll call vote. All in favor, motion is passed.

Jason Kerr, Engineering, Lane and Sidewalk Closure Request from Gilliatte General Contractors along E. 3rd St. (2 Weeks). See meeting packet for details.

Lane and Sidewalk Closure Request from Gilliatte General Contractors along E. 3rd St. (2 Weeks)

Board Comments: None

Karon made a motion to approve Lane and Sidewalk Closure Request from Gilliatte General Contractors along E. 3rd St. (2 Weeks). Lloyd seconded. Cox Deckard took a roll call vote. All in favor, motion is passed.

Alex Gray, Engineering, presented Lane and Sidewalk Closure Request from Crown Castle on E. 17th St. (April 24, 2023 – April 28, 2023). See meeting packet for details.

Lane and Sidewalk Closure Request from Crown Castle on E. 17th St. (April 24, 2023 – April 28, 2023)

Board Comments: Wason asked the contractor if this work can be pushed back until after graduation. Contractor was unable to mute. Wason suggested tentative approval of April dates, while trying to postpone by two weeks. Cox Deckard asked if the primary concern for the April dates was because the project may take longer. Wason stated it is more because it is just a busy week in that area leading up to Little 5. Karon asked how this project related to the closures with AEG. Wason answered that this project is for small cell

towers and separate from the work AEG is doing.

Lloyd made a motion to approve the Lane and Sidewalk Closure Request from Crown Castle on E. 17th St. (April 24, 2023 – April 28, 2023). Lloyd seconded. Cox Deckard took a roll call vote. All in favor, motion is passed.

Alex Gray, Engineering, presented Lane Closure Request from Crown Castle on E. 10th St. (May 08, 2023 – May 11, 2023). See meeting packet for details.

Board Comments: None

Karon made a motion to approve Lane Closure Request from Crown Castle on E. 10th St. (May 08, 2023 – May 11, 2023). Lloyd seconded. Cox Deckard took a roll call vote. All in favor, motion is passed.


None

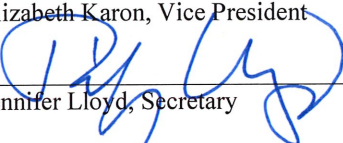
Karon made a motion to approve claims in the amount of \$1,514,494.55. Lloyd seconded. Cox Deckard took a roll call vote. All in favor, motion is passed.

Cox Deckard called for adjournment at 7:00 p.m.

Accepted By:


Kyla Cox Deckard, President


Elizabeth Karon, Vice President


Jennifer Lloyd, Secretary

Date: 4/25/23 Attest to: 

**Lane Closure Request from
Crown Castle on E. 10th St.
(May 08, 2023 – May 11, 2023)**

STAFF REPORTS AND
OTHER BUSINESS

CLAIMS

ADJOURNMENT