

The Board of Public Works meeting was held Tuesday, October 24, 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: Elizabeth Karon
Kyla Cox Deckard

ROLL CALL

City Staff: April Rosenberger - Public Works
Adam Wason – Public Works
Rob Council – Housing & Neighborhood Development
Neil Kopper – Engineering
Driss Tahir - Engineering
Colleen Newbill – Legal
Aleks Pratt – Legal (Attended via Zoom)

None

MESSAGES FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Joe Davis, 530 S. Washington St., stated his concern for the amount of trash and discarded food that is in the proximity to the Shalom Center, and that this level of trash and food waste has led to a corresponding increase in the rat population around these areas. Davis removed a deceased rat from a bag as an example.

PETITIONS& REMONSTRANCES

Rob Council, HAND, presented Abatement at 2501 E. 8th Street. See meeting packet for details.

TITLE VI ABATEMENTS
Abatement at 2501 E. 8th Street.

Board Comments: Karon asked if there is anything the City can do to assist with the resident’s mental health concerns. Council confirmed that he has been working with this individual for a year and a half and has referred him to local agencies for help. Cox Deckard asked if the resident was present for comment. Council stated that he informed the resident of the public meeting and that he was invited to attend, but declined.

Karon made a motion to approve the request for Abatement at 2501 E. 8th Street. Cox Deckard seconded. Cox Deckard took a roll call vote, all in favor, motion is passed.

1. Resolution 2023-68; Renewal for Mobile Vendor; Cup of Joy, LLC
2. Request for Installation of Protected Sidewalk Scaffolding at The Princess Theater
3. Alley Closure and Noise Permit for IU Film Production Event
4. Resolution 2023-73; Declaration of Surplus, City of Bloomington
5. Approval of Payroll

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Comments: None

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

Adam Wason, Public Works, and Neil Kopper, Engineering, presented Contract with American Structurepoint, Inc. for Signal Timing Project. See Meeting packet for details.

NEW BUSINESS
Contract with American Structurepoint, Inc. for Signal Timing Project

Board Comments: Karon asked if Kopper could state the last time a study of this kind was done and how frequently they typically happen. Kopper stated that the last study was 2016 and the guidance is to perform a study every five years.

Karon made a motion to approve the Contract with American Structurepoint, Inc. for Signal Timing Project. Cox Deckard seconded. Cox Deckard took a roll call vote, all in favor, motion is passed.

Neil Kopper, Engineering, presented MOU with CBU for Construction Cost Sharing on the Morningside Neighborhood Greenway Project. See meeting packet for details.

MOU with CBU for Construction Cost Sharing on the Morningside Neighborhood Greenway Project

Board Comments: None

Public Comments: Unidentified Zoom participant stated via chat that the local residents, specifically Park Ridge East neighborhood, were not informed of the project, and thus feedback was not received from those who will be affected by the project. Cox Deckard asked to clarify that there are still future items to be considered for this project. Kopper replied that there is still a bid process to go through and a proposed construction contract would still need to come before the Board for approval. Cox Deckard asked about the public input process. Kopper replied that the Planning and Transportation Department is charged with the public input process, in close coordination with Engineering, and that multiple avenues of input were included in this project.

Karon made a motion to approve the MOU with CBU for Construction Cost Sharing on the Morningside Neighborhood Greenway Project. Cox Deckard seconded. Cox Deckard took a roll call vote, all in favor, motion is passed.

Driss Tahir, Engineering, presented Lane and Alley Closures Request from Strauser Construction for New Building Project at 416 E Cottage Grove Ave. (December 12, 2023 – January 5, 2024). Tahir added that there is an additional closure request for the alley dating October 25, 2023 – July 15, 2024. See Meeting packet for details.

Lane and Alley Closures Request from Strauser Construction for New Building Project at 416 E Cottage Grove Ave. (December 12, 2023 – January 5, 2024)

Board Comments: Karon asked to clarify the dates. Tahir stated that the sidewalk closure is 14 days, December 12, 2023 – January 5, 2024, and the alley closure is October 25, 2023 – July 15, 2024, adding that the alley closure is partial, not total.

Karon made a motion to approve the Lane Closure Request from Strauser Construction for New Building Project at 416 E Cottage Grove Ave (December 12, 2023 – January 5, 2024) and Alley Closure Request from Strauser Construction for New Building Project at 416 E Cottage Grove Ave. (October 25, 2023 – July 15, 2024). Cox Deckard seconded. Cox Deckard took a roll call vote, all in favor, motion is passed.

Driss Tahir, Engineering, presented Sidewalk Closure Request from Strauser Construction for a Restoration Project at E .17th St. and N. Indiana Ave. (October 30, 2023-November 3, 2023). See Meeting packet for details. Adam Wason, Public Works, added that November 3 is a Friday, followed by a home IU football game on November 4, stating that they will ensure the sidewalk is open in time for the game.

Sidewalk Closure Request from Strauser Construction for a Restoration Project at E 17th St. and N. Indiana Ave. (October 30, 2023-November 3, 2023)

Board Comments: None

Karon made a motion to approve the Sidewalk Closure Request from Strauser Construction for a Restoration Project at E 17th St and N Indiana Ave (October 30, 2023-November 3, 2023.) Cox Deckard seconded. Cox Deckard took a roll call vote, all in favor, motion is passed.

Cox Deckard made a motion to add an agenda item: Noise Permit for 411 W. 8th St. for Gilliate General Contractors. Karon seconded. Cox Deckard took a roll call vote, all in favor, motion is passed.

Noise Permit for 411 W. 8th St. for Gilliate General Contractors (November 1, 2023)

Adam Wason, Public Works, presented Noise Permit for 411 W. 8th St. for Gilliate General Contractors. He explained that they are requesting two additional hours on either side of the permitted construction time, and that there are no residential areas that would be affected by the request.

Board Comments: Karon asked what dates are being requested for the permit. Wason responded that the request is for one day, November 1, 2023.

Karon made a motion to approve the Noise Permit for 411 W 8th St. for Gilliate General Contractors (November 1, 2023.) Cox Deckard seconded. Cox Deckard took a roll call vote, all in favor, motion is passed.

None

Board Comments: None

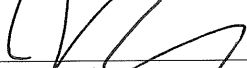
Karon made a motion to approve claims in the amount of \$1,050,776.14. Cox Deckard seconded. Cox Deckard took a roll call vote, all in favor, motion is passed.

Cox Deckard called for adjournment at 6:03 p.m.

Accepted By:


Kyla Cox Deckard, President


Elizabeth Karon, Vice President


James Roach, Secretary

Date: 2/13/24 Attest to: 

STAFF REPORTS AND
OTHER BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

ADJOURNMENT