

The Board of Public Works meeting was held Tuesday, January 02, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 401 N. Morton St., Bloomington, Indiana and virtually through Zoom with Elizabeth Karon presiding.

**REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF PUBLIC
WORKS**

Present: Kyla Cox Deckard
Elizabeth Karon

ROLL CALL

City Staff: Adam Wason – Public Works
April Rosenberger - Public Works
John Hewitt – Housing & Neighborhood Development
Rebecca Davis – Housing & Neighborhood Development
Margie Rice – Legal
Colleen Newbill – Legal
Alex Gray -- Engineering

None

**MESSAGES FROM BOARD
MEMBERS**

Adam Wason, Public Works, asked that staff reports and other business be moved after petitions and remonstrances as a way to save some time for Margie Rice. Cox Deckard agreed to move it to the first item of regular business.

**PETITIONS &
REMONSTRANCES**

Rebecca Davis, HAND, presented Abatement at 622 N. North Street. See meeting packet for details.

**TITLE VI ABATEMENT
Request for Abatement at 622
N. North Street**

Board Comments: Karon asked the property owners had been contacted. Davis stated she did not have contact with the property owner, but HAND had heard from who was representing the property owner as their realtor.

Public Comment: Mr. James White, attorney, stated he represents Jessica Thompson, the property owner. White stated that the property has unauthorized inhabitants who he believes are engaging in illegal activities and also have firearms. Eviction notices for the inhabitants of the property are being prepared, but he is unable to get anyone to go to the property because of the fear of being harmed. Mr. White asked for the opportunity to get the property cleaned up and possibly sold.

Wason asked that the Board uphold the abatement for 622 N. North Street and asked Mr. White to continue the eviction process with those who are inhabiting the property. Wason stated he would be contacted before the abatement is scheduled. Hewitt asked Mr. White to please get in contact with the City's Legal Department for coordination during the process.

Board Comments: Karon asked if the Bloomington Police Department had been dispatched to the property. Hewitt said he wasn't aware if they have been or not.

Karon made a motion to approve the request for Abatement at 622 N. North Street. Cox Deckard seconded. Cox Deckard took a roll call vote, all in favor, motion is passed.

Rebecca Davis, HAND, presented Abatement at 1719 W. Gray Street. See meeting packet for details.

**Request for Abatement at 1719
W. Gray Street**

Board Comments: None

Karon made a motion to approve request for Abatement at 1719 W. Gray Street. Cox Deckard seconded. Cox Deckard took a roll call vote, all in favor, motion is passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Bonding Agreement with City of Bloomington Utilities
2. Bonding Agreement with Indiana University
3. Extension #3 for ParkMobile
4. Revised Resolution 2023-86; Freezefest
5. Request for Extended Use of Parking Spots at N. Grant and E. 6th from Red Truck Bloomington
6. Approval of Payroll

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.

Cox Deckard made a motion to remove Resolution 2024-002; Confirm Appointment of Adam G. Wason as Director of Public Works to item number one under New Business. Karon seconded. Cox Deckard took a roll call vote, all in favor, motion is passed

NEW BUSINESS
Resolution 2024-002; Confirm Appointment of Adam G. Wason as Director of Public Works

Margie Rice, Legal, presented the Appointment of Adam G. Wason as Director of Public Works. See meeting packet for details.

Board Comments: Karon stated that Adam is an incredible public servant and a great director to this department and is pleased to approve this resolution. Cox Deckard seconded Karon's comments and added it's been a delight to serve alongside Mr. Wason.

Karon made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-002; Confirm Appointment of Adam G. Wason as Director of Public Works. Cox Deckard seconded. Cox Deckard took a roll call vote, all in favor, motion is passed.

Alex Gray, Engineering, presented Request for Sidewalk Closure Extension on W. Allen street from F. A. Wilhelm. See meeting packet for details.

Request for Sidewalk Closure Extension on W. Allen Street from F.A. Wilhelm

Board Comments: Karon clarified that staff is supportive of the Board either tabling or denying this request, as was discussed in the work session. Gray confirmed. Wason asked if further information had been obtained from F.A. Wilhelm. Gray replied no.

Karon made a motion to deny the Sidewalk Closure Extension on W. Allen Street from F. A. Wilhelm. Cox Deckard seconded. Cox Deckard took a roll call vote, all in favor, motion is passed.

Alex Gray, Engineering, presented Request for Lane and Sidewalk Closure AEG. See meeting packet for details.

Request for Lane and Sidewalk Closure from AEG

Board Comments: None

Karon made a motion to approve the Request for Lane and Sidewalk Closure from AEG. Cox Deckard seconded. Cox Deckard took a roll call vote, all in favor, motion is passed.

Alex Gray, Engineering, presented Request for Lane Closure along E. 10th and S. Washington from Lineal Contracting. See meeting packet for details.

Request for Lane Closure along E. 10th and S. Washington from Lineal Contracting

Board Comments: None

Karon made a motion to approve the Request for Lane Closure along E. 10th and S. Washington from Lineal Contracting. Cox Deckard seconded. Cox Deckard took a roll call vote, all in favor, motion is passed.

Alex Gray, Engineering, presented Request for Sidewalk Closure along S. Hawthorne Drive from T Mobile. See meeting packet for details.

Request for Sidewalk Closure along S. Hawthorne Drive from T Mobile

Board Comments: None

Karon made a motion to approve the Request for Sidewalk Closure along S. Hawthorne Drive from T Mobile. Cox Deckard seconded. Cox Deckard took a roll call vote, all in favor, motion is passed.

John Hewitt, Housing and Neighborhood Development, presented Resolution 2024-001; Uphold Order to Remove 410-414 S. Walnut St. See meeting packet for details.

Resolution 2024-001; Uphold Order to Remove 410-414 S. Walnut St.

Public Comments: Jason McCauley, attorney, spoke on the behalf of the owner for the property at 410-414 S. Walnut St. requesting a modification on the order to remove 414 to extend the order to February 16, 2024. McCauley stated that the owner is waiting on estimates, a demolition permit, and the gas service to be disconnected. An application hasn't been submitted for demolition for 410 and 412 S. Walnut St. It is the owner's intention to work with HAND to rehabilitate the property as early as the end of February. Owner is taking all measures to keep the property sealed and is asking for the order to remove to be modified to extend until February 28, 2024. Owner is asking that the order to remove be rescinded automatically in the event that there is an occupancy permit applied for by that date.

Board Comments: Cox Deckard asked for clarification on timelines. Colleen Newbill, City Legal, stated the January deadline is from the original order to remove. Newbill added that HAND staff is agreeable to having the 60 day deadline applied from the date the Board approves the order, so it will already encompass the February deadline the owner is requesting. However, she added that HAND does not agree with extending the deadline any further. Newbill stated the City's full recommendation is that the order to remove be applicable to all structures, with the deadline to comply as 60 days from today's order.

Karon made a motion to approve the Request for Resolution 2024-001; Uphold Order to Remove 410-414 S. Walnut St. Cox Deckard seconded. Cox Deckard took a roll call vote, all in favor, motion is passed.


STAFF REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Cox Deckard called for adjournment at 6:08 p.m.

Accepted By:


Kyla Cox Deckard, President

Elizabeth Karon, Vice President

Date: 3/12/24 Attest to: 