

The Board of Public Works meeting was held on Tuesday, September 15th, 2020, at 5:30 pm virtually through Zoom with Kyla Cox Deckard presiding.

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

Present: Kyla Cox Deckard
Dana Palazzo
Beth H. Hollingsworth

ROLL CALL

City Staff: Adam Wason – Public Works
April Rosenberger – Public Works
Mike Arnold – Housing and Neighborhood Dev.
Chris Wheeler – City Legal
Daniel Dixon – City Legal
Jacqueline Moore – City Legal

None

**MESSAGES FROM
BOARD MEMBERS**

None

**PETITIONS &
REMONSTRANCES**

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approval of Minutes – September 01, 2020**
2. **Approve 2020 Blanket Noise Permit for Parks and Recreation**
3. **Approve Service Agreement between City of Bloomington Street Division and Precision Concrete for Repairing Sidewalks**
4. **Approval of Payroll**

Hollingsworth made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. Palazzo seconded the motion. Motion is passed.

Mike Arnold, HAND, presented Resolution 2020-47: Approve Order to Vacate Structure at 1306 W. Kirkwood
See meeting packet for details.

NEW BUSINESS
Resolution 2020-47:
Approve Order to Vacate
Structure at 1306 W.
Kirkwood

Board Comments:

Mike Arnold reminded the Board that there was an Order to Seal on this property previously. There is an ongoing issue with homeless and vagrants using the structure, so they want to be sure the property is vacant before sealing the property. Cox Deckard asked about the structure and the safety concerns. Arnold commented that he understood that there is a lawsuit pending with the property owner. Daniel Dixon explained legal actions related to the property. First legal action is that the property is in foreclosure. Second is that the original property owner is deceased and the current property owner deeded the property to himself fraudulently. Dixon explained that foreclosure has been stalled because of the criminal charges.

Hollingsworth made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-47: Approve Order to Vacate Structure at 1306 W. Kirkwood.
Palazzo confirmed that motion is not to remove the structure.
Arnold confirmed that the order is just to seal at this time. Palazzo seconded the motion. Motion is passed

Adam Wason, Public Works, presented Renewal #1 to Agreement with Republic Services for Municipal Solid Waste Disposal and Single Source Recycling. Wason reminded the Board that this was brought to them in June as a staff report. Agreement will lock us in with a rate of no more \$27.19 for single source recycling processing for 2022 and 2023. It's coming to the Board because there is an expected rate increase of 3% for our current rate that will go into effect in 2022. Adam noted that this agreement doesn't preclude us from using other sources if they were to come available.

Palazzo asked about the original contract showing the renewal date through 2024. Wason commented that we try not extend

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contracts though election cycles. Additionally, Wason spoke of addressing communication with the community regarding recycling. A lot of communication is through social media, but did point out that there is in-person communication with problem areas. Also, notes are left on containers explaining why recycling is not collected. Cox Deckard commented that it's very costly to the City to have contaminated waste. We all want to recycle as much as we can, but it's important to pay attention to what can and can't be recycled. Wason agreed that clean, dry recycling is ideal. Styrofoam and plastic bags are no longer recyclable, hence part of the reason for the change in the graphic on the carts. Cox Deckard commented that this is not just a local problem, it is a national issue. Hollingsworth asked since implementation of the new bins, is there a reduction of injuries. Wason commented that there is less injury in connection to lifting the bins. There is discussion about the weight limit for the carts.

Emily Ernsberger, HT, asked if we are seeing an increase in solid waste collection since more people are at home, if that is even possible to measure. Wason commented that yes, there were significant increases of about 30% to 40% over last year's numbers, in March, April and May. June and July steadied off a little bit more.

Board Comments:

Hollingsworth made a motion to approve Renewal #1 to Agreement with Republic Services for Municipal Solid Waste Disposal and Single Source Recycling. Palazzo seconded. Motion is passed.

**STAFF REPORTS &
OTHER BUSINESS**

Wason commented that there are no major staff reports; have major projects going on currently. Mentioned sidewalk work and alleys projects that should kick off in the next several weeks. Wason again thanked all the staff of Public Works for all they do. Hollingsworth asked if there was positive sales for the restaurants on Kirkwood. Wason commented that he didn't know the sales, but that the restaurant owners are very appreciative of what has been done. Wason encouraged visting the local restaurants.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Hollingsworth made a motion to approve claims in the amount of \$1,384,436.31. Palazzo seconded. Claims are approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Cox Deckard called for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm

Accepted By:

Kyla Cox Deckard, President

Beth H. Hollingsworth, Vice-president

Dana Palazzo, Secretary

Date:

Attest to: