

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
January 23, 2018

PRESENT: Chairperson Mixon, Members Randolph, Hegy, Carroll

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Volkert, City Engineer Schall, Director of Public Works Kranz

Call to Order – Chairperson Mixon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers of Hartford City Hall, 109 North Main Street.

Roll Call – All members of the Committee were present.

Public Comment Period – None.

Emerald Ash Borer Tree Replacement Program – Director of Public Works Kranz provided an update on the Emerald Ash Borer Tree Replacement Program, and responded to questions. In 2010, a Public Tree Inventory Report was completed for the City of Hartford. At that time, of the 3,488 public street trees located between the curb and sidewalk, 687 were determined to be ash trees. In the fall of 2015, the City discovered the first ash trees infected by the Emerald Ash Borer. To date, 25 ash trees were replaced in 2015; 73 in 2016; and 120 in 2017. It is estimated that 120 will be replaced in 2018. The average cost per tree has been approximately \$146/tree. The goal is to complete the replacement of all 687 ash trees by the end of 2021.

2017 Construction Projects – City Engineer Schall provided information on the proposed 2018 construction projects, and responded to questions.

Proposals for Engineering Design for the North Wacker Drive Reconstruction Project – North Wacker Drive from West State Street to just south of the railroad tracks is scheduled for reconstruction in 2018. This project is eligible for Municipal Street Discretionary Improvement Program through the DOT's Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP). An application for these funds has been submitted. If the City is approved for this funding, the program will pay up to 50% of the eligible costs (which includes engineering design). Staff would like to start the engineering work for this project sooner than the March deadline for the award of funds. The cost estimate for engineering on this project is \$20,000. By starting the engineering before the state approves any funding, the City would be unable to receive the possible 50% reimbursement for these costs. However, starting early would allow an earlier bid date, which may reduce construction costs. City Engineer Schall responded to questions relating to this project.

MOTION by Alderperson Randolph, and seconded by Alderperson Carroll to send out Requests for Proposals for the North Wacker Drive Reconstruction Engineering Design and bring the results back to the Common Council for approval to begin engineering work as soon as possible for this project. MOTION CARRIED.

Address Change Progress and Update – City Engineer Schall provided an update on the progress of address changes. There are about 30 properties in the City with incorrect addresses, as a result of being annexed into the City or being vacant with no address. Some of these properties still have Town addresses assigned to them while the others do not have any address assigned to them. The goal is to correct the addresses for these properties in 2018.

Accepting Improvements in Oriole Ponds Apartments on Whistle Drive – WisDOT requires municipalities to adopt a resolution accepting subdivision street improvements. All of the improvements installed in Oriole Ponds Apartments on Whistle Drive (f/k/a Lepien Farmland, Inc.) have now been inspected to insure proper construction. There is a two-year guarantee by the developer for the work covered in this resolution as stated in the developer’s agreement for this development.

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, and seconded by Alderperson Hegy recommending to the Common Council a Resolution accepting improvements in Oriole Ponds Apartments on Whistle Drive. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment – MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, and seconded by Alderperson Randolph for adjournment. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Hetzel, City Clerk

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