

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
April 16, 2019

PRESENT: Chairperson Mixon, Members Hegy and Carroll

ABSENT: Member Garza

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Volkert, City Engineer Schall

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 except Alderperson Garza who was absent.

Public Comment Period – None.

Grant of Privilege Agreement – As the Rincon Apartment project continues to move forward, the contractors and architects for the project are designing the HVAC system for the building. The only location that makes sense for this unit is located on the west side of the building. Due to the setbacks of the building and the size of the unit, this would require the unit to encroach into the North Johnson Street right of way approximately 5 feet. The unit would be surrounded by a privacy fence. Greywolf Partners are requesting a grant of privilege allowing the HVAC to encroach into the North Johnson Street right of way. The City is permitted to grant privileges to authorize the placement of obstructions or excavations beyond property lines and into the City's right of way pursuant to Section 66.0425 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Staff does not anticipate any issues with the encroachment into the right of way as this area is a low traffic dead end street and is basically an alleyway. An agreement for the grant of privilege will need to be drafted and signed by both the City of Hartford and Greywolf Partners if the Common Council agrees. Some conditions on this grant of privilege were reviewed by City Engineer Schall. The property owner will be required to pay all fees associated with this Grant of Privilege. City Engineer Schall responded to questions relating to the proposed agreement.

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, and seconded by Alderperson Hegy recommending that appropriate City officials are authorized to draft the Grant of Privilege Agreement between the City of Hartford and Greywolf Partners, Inc. for installation of an HVAC unit to encroach into the City's North Johnson Street right of way; the agreement to be presented to the Common Council for final approval. MOTION CARRIED.

Heavy Truck Traffic on North Main Street – As part of the agreement reached with Washington County and the State DOT, STH 83 (North Main Street and Union Street) from STH 60 (Sumner Street) north to the City limits will now be fully controlled by the City of Hartford. This portion of STH 83 will no longer be part of the State Highway System. The City can now consider restricting heavy trucks on these sections of street now that they are no longer part of the State Highway System. Trucks will still enter and leave the City to the north utilizing old STH 83. The Common Council will need to determine a route for any truck traffic utilizing this roadway to navigate through the City. The simplest route would be to utilize North Wilson Avenue to connect to Hwy 60. The City would need to reconfigure this intersection to make the north-

south movement the through movement for the intersection. This would require adding a future CIP project. The Public Works Committee will need to provide direction to staff about how to proceed with prohibiting truck traffic on North Main Street and/or Union Street. City Engineer Schall provided information on this item, and responded to questions.

MOTION by Alderperson Hegy, and seconded by Alderperson Carroll recommending that heavy truck traffic be prohibited on North Main Street in the downtown area, and adding a future CIP project for the reconfiguration of the Union Street and North Wilson Avenue intersection. MOTION CARRIED.

North Wacker Drive and West State Street Intersection – There have been several requests to do something about the traffic at the North Wacker Drive and West State Street intersection. The most common request is to install a 4-way stop at the intersection. While there are issues with delays at the intersection during certain times of the day, there are no immediate safety issues at the intersection. There are certain warrants in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for creating a 4-way stop intersection. The manual does recommend the decision to install a 4-way stop should be based on an engineering study and lists different criteria to be considered in the study. The Common Council could however create a 4-way stop without an engineering study. A traffic study should not be done at the intersection while North Wacker Drive is under construction, as this would provide inaccurate results. A traffic study could be budgeted for in 2020.

It was the consensus of the Committee to wait with a traffic study until the North Wacker Drive construction is complete.

Public Works Tour – The Committee will tour 2019 construction projects prior to its May meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Hetzel, City Clerk

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