

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
Wednesday, May 17, 2017
Government Center Room 204

Members Present: Esther Dalbec, Keith Kern, Jenny VanSickle

Also Present: Todd Janigo, Chris Carlson, Angie Harker, Thor Trone, Warren Bender, Ruth Ludwig, Brent Fennessey, Erin Abramson, Darienne McNamara, Jason Serck, Jon Shamla, Mark Unger, John Ludwig, Holly Larson, Becky Haase, Jennifer Moder, Korri Ksincinski, Laura Thomas, Amanda Peterson, Jackie Groshens,

1. Election of officers

Esther Dalbec nominated Keith Kern to serve as president/chair of the committee.

MOTION by Dalbec, seconded by VanSickle, and carried to appoint Keith Kern as president/chair.

2. Approval of March 15, 2017 meeting minutes

MOTION by Dalbec, seconded by VanSickle, and carried to approve the Public Works Committee minutes of March 15, 2017.

3. Referred from 5/2/17 Council meeting: Request from Enbridge to purchase 4.1 credits from the City of Superior Compensatory Wetland Mitigation Bank. Representatives from Enbridge were present and stated the credits would be for upgrading the Superior Terminal. Environmental Regulatory Manager Darienne McNamara explained the request from Enbridge and indicated that since we currently have ten wetland credits and we have a sizeable allotment coming (15-20 more), that it would be appropriate to grant this request.

MOTION by Dalbec, seconded by VanSickle, and carried to approve the request from Enbridge to purchase 4.1 credits from the City of Superior Compensatory Wetland Mitigation Bank.

4. Public Works Director Janigo & Environmental Regulatory Manager McNamara: 2017 landfill contract with Orion Environmental Services LLC; not-to-exceed \$3500.00 per month. Public Works Director Todd Janigo explained that Colin Reichoff, the engineer who had served as the landfill manager for 15 plus years (under employment with SEH Engineering) was laid off by SEH, after McNamara was certified and became the landfill manager. Consultant services are still needed at the landfill and Reichoff has extensive and valuable knowledge of the facility. Orion Environmental Services LLC is Reichoff's firm. Funding that had been designated for SEH landfill consulting services will be transferred and be used for the contract with Orion. A cost savings will be seen as Orion's hourly costs are lower.

MOTION by Dalbec, seconded by VanSickle, and carried to approve the 2017 landfill contract with Orion Environmental Services LLC; not-to-exceed \$3500.00 per month.

5. ESD Director Steve Roberts: Memorandum of Recommendation - Return Activated Sludge Pump Replacement.

Jon Shamla and Mark Unger from ESD were present to answer questions and explained the need for the pump replacement. They also highlighted the benefits and costs savings associated with this.

MOTION by Dalbec, seconded by VanSickle, and carried to approve the Return Activated Sludge Pump Replacement.

6. ESD Collection Systems Engineering & Operations Manager Erin Abramson: Memorandum of Recommendation – Purchase Easement Jetter via Sole Source Solicitation

Erin Abramson was present to answer committee member's questions and explained what the easement jetter is used for. The current unit is a 1994 model.

MOTION by Dalbec, seconded by VanSickle, and carried to approve the Easement Jetter purchase via Sole Source Solicitation

7. Held in committee from 3/15/17 meeting: Councilor Bender requesting permit parking be removed from the 2900 block of Ogden Avenue and allow parking on both sides.

Bender was present and indicated that one resident of the block has issues with visitor parking. Amanda Peterson attended the meeting and lives in that block as well. She indicated that the majority of residents do not have parking issues as they all have ample driveway space in which to park. She voiced her opposition to the requested ordinance change. After discussion, Bender asked that his request be withdrawn and the ordinance be left as is.

MOTION by Dalbec, seconded by VanSickle, and carried to accept Councilor Bender's withdrawal of his request to remove permit parking on the 2900 block of Ogden Avenue, and allow parking on both sides (leave the ordinance as is).

MOTION by Kern, seconded by Dalbec and carried to move item #10 up on the agenda.

(Councilor Bender left the meeting and Councilor Fennessey joined the meeting @ 2:32 p.m.)

10. Referred from 5/2/17 Council meeting: Councilor Fennessey requesting discussion of hours of permit parking on Faxon Avenue (800 Block).

Fennessey indicated that a resident in this area has problems with people parking in front of his house at all hours, weekends and evenings and resident parking spots are being taken up. He asked about the possibility of 24-hour permit parking. Fennessey stated he wasn't looking for any action on this agenda item at this time, rather the city look at permit parking in general. Traffic Lieutenant Thor Trone and the city's parking enforcement officer Jackie Groshens were present and spoke to the issue. John Ludwig, citizen who lives in the UWS area spoke about problems with permit parking, Mayor Paine joined the meeting and indicated he lives in a permit parking area and also notes problems with the system. Holly Larson of Larson Investments spoke and indicated she owns many rental properties in the area. She along with her contractors who do work on her properties often receive parking tickets and she feels property owners should have some type of parking permit issued to them, for their own use and to be able to share with contractors, realtors, etc. Trone indicated he had spoken with Larson and offered her and her contractors an exemption, by having them place a note on letterhead on the dashboard of her or her contractor's vehicles, to allow them to park in front of their properties when needed.

(Councilor Fennessey left the meeting @ 3:10 p.m. and Councilor Ludwig joined the meeting)

8. Held in committee from 3/15/17 meeting: Councilor Sweeney requesting consideration of a two-way stop sign at 20th Avenue East and East 3rd Street (traffic to stop at East 3rd St). Sweeney was not present at the meeting. Janigo indicated that a traffic count has been completed and a report will be compiled and sent to Sweeney for review.

MOTION by Dalbec, seconded by VanSickle, and carried to hold in committee Councilor Sweeney's request to consider placement of a two-way stop sign at 20th Avenue East and East 3rd Street (traffic to stop at East 3rd St).

9. From Councilor Dalbec: Consider exempting Cedar Avenue between North 11th and 12th Streets from calendar parking and designate "no parking even side of street."

Dalbec explained that due to the Dave Evans Trucking company on the even side of the street, calendar parking has not worked in that block and residents have never been able to park on that side of the street due to the concrete aprons and driveways for the business. The residents have historically parked on the odd side of the street without issue; therefore ordinance changes are being requested.

MOTION by VanSickle, seconded by Dalbec, and carried to exempt Cedar Avenue between North 11th and 12th Streets from calendar parking and designate "no parking even side of street."

11. Referred from 5/2/17 Council meeting: Councilor Ludwig regarding landlord concerns with permit parking in the 7th District.

Ludwig summarized her concerns regarding permit parking in her district. She feels the city needs to look at the whole issue to determine if changes need to be made since it has been many years since permit parking was first implemented. She suggested getting all of the stakeholders involved to attempt to make the parking situation better for all. After much discussion, the committee recommended that due to the amount of effort that would be required to review and possibly recommend changes to the permit parking ordinance (along with the need to involve other stakeholders such as the university, landlords, realtors, etc.) the matter should be referred to the Mayor's office for creation of a task force to study the issue.

MOTION by Dalbec, seconded by VanSickle, and carried to refer the issue of permit parking to the Mayor's Office to look into the creation of a task force to study the issue.

12. Traffic Lieutenant Trone requesting discussion of Boulevard parking.

Trone provided photos taken by the parking enforcement officer, of cars parked on boulevards throughout the city. He indicated that parking on boulevards is prohibited (city code Sec 112-63) however it hasn't been something that has been widely enforced. Trone states in areas without curbs people have created their own parking spots, just off the roadway. At times these people are in violation of calendar parking (they are ticketed for violation of calendar parking if their wheels are touching the pavement). In many areas of the city the boulevards are rutted, muddy and full of holes. Some boulevards have been improved over the years, with the addition of gravel and some have even been paved. Many citizens have parked in these areas for years, however and would need to be notified if enforcement of the code would begin (per Trone, this notification might be done through an insert with utility billing). Trone asked the committee for

their recommendation regarding enforcement. (Jenny VanSickle left the meeting @ 3:34 p.m.) The issue was discussed at great length and because it is a complex situation, the committee recommended it be referred to the new parking task force.

MOTION by Kern, seconded by Dalbec, and carried to table the item and refer the matter of boulevard parking to the parking task force.

13. Traffic Lieutenant Trone requesting review of 2- hour parking on Broadway Street (1600-1700 Blocks).

Trone explained that this area was signed for 2-hour parking; however there was no ordinance for this. The 2-hour signage was taken down a few weeks ago and it doesn't appear to be creating an issue at this point. There is an ordinance for 2-hour parking on the north side of Broadway for a distance of one-half block east of Ogden; however this has never been signed as such.

MOTION by Kern, seconded by Dalbec, and carried to repeal the ordinance for 2-hour parking on the north side of Broadway for a distance of one-half block east of Ogden (in the 1600 block).

14. PW Administration requesting discussion of citizen parking concerns on the 1300 block of John Avenue

Laura Thomas was present at the meeting and had contacted the public works department about this issue. She indicates employees from Superior Chrysler Center take up all of their street parking and when she returns home from work, she has nowhere park. She is requesting permit parking. After much discussion, it was recommended that this issue also be referred to the new parking task force.

MOTION by Kern, seconded by Dalbec, and carried to refer parking problems in the 1300 block of John Avenue to the parking task force.

15. ESD Director's Report

Committee members received ESD Director Robert's report via email on 5/16/17.

MOTION by Kern, seconded by Dalbec, and carried to receive and file the ESD Director's Report

16. Public Works Director's Report

Janigo gave a brief update on the Belknap Project.

MOTION by Kern, seconded by Dalbec, and carried to receive and file the Public Works Director's Report

Korry Ksicinski, Charter Films Safety Coordinator asked to address the committee. He has concerns regarding employees crossing the street at their building at 1901 Winter Street especially since this is an oversized load detour for the Belknap Project. He is requesting crosswalk painting and signage. Public Works Director Janigo will work with Ksicinski to review his concerns/requests.

MOTION by Kern, seconded by Dalbec, and the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

The next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2017, at 2 p.m. in Room 204.

Minutes submitted to the Council Meeting of June 6, 2017.