

Item 23-0092: Approve State/Municipal Agreement for a State-LET Urbanized Area STP-Urban Program Project, Lawe Street (College Avenue to Wisconsin Avenue)

Item 23-0110: Fifth St/Prospect Av Proposed 6-Month Parking Trial

Common Council

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Mayor Jake Woodford 20:23

All right, the first is item 23-0092 approve state municipal agreement for a state LET urbanized area STP urban program project Lawe Street College Avenue to Wisconsin Avenue. We have a motion, and a second to approve. We'll open it up for discussion. Alder Hartzheim.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 20:46

Thank you chair. After the municipal services committee meeting, I was super confused because the CIP didn't have a proper roll up (and maybe it does, but I wasn't able to find it) for the actual entire project. So, I reached out to Director Block, and I'm grateful for her assistance. Her and her staff put together a very nice additional spreadsheet that's included now in these minutes—er in these in this agenda.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 21:14

I just wanted to make it clear to everyone here and to the public. That while the state agreement says that they will be paying 80%-ish of the project, it turns out that the number turns out to be about 66% rather than 80%. Based on what we project as a city the project will be. I'm still grateful that we have state funding to be able to do this. But I wanted to make sure that everyone was aware that that 80% can be a little bit deceiving. Thank you.

Mayor Jake Woodford 21:44

Thank you. All right, any further comment on this one? Hearing none, we have a motion and a second to approve. So please cast your votes.

Mayor Jake Woodford 22:12

Motion passes 13 to zero. The item has been approved.

Mayor Jake Woodford 22:17

Alright, we'll move on now to the next item for municipal services. This is item 23-0110 5th Street Prospect Ave proposed six-month parking trial. And I'll also just note in the legislative history, this item was amended at committee to just include Prospect and not Fifth at this time. So just making a note of that, since the item name remains the same, but it was amended at committee. With that we have a motion and a second to approve. Is there any discussion? Alder Schultz.

Aldersperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 22:53

Thank you. That was part of the question I wanted to ask and why I separated this out. Because I wanted to be sure we know what we're voting on. So just following up on what happened at committee which is one I don't serve on, but I was present for. I guess I'm—I just want a little clarification from the movement of this forward having two options that were approved by staff but then nixing the second option to create more parking opportunity for the neighborhoods. Could I guess I either asked staff or Aldersperson Alfheim to clarify why maybe the second option was not pushed forward as part of this proposal. Is that a fair question? I guess I'm not sure quite how to phrase the question.

Mayor Jake Woodford 23:40

I saw I saw Alder Alfheim join the queue here. So, I'd like to just give Alder Alfheim the opportunity to speak on it. And then if you have further questions or debate that that's fine. But let's hear from Alder Alfheim.

Aldersperson Kristin Alfheim (District 11) 23:54

Thank you, Chair. Yes, we did remove the Fifth Street on it after a lot of discussion. The bulk of my feedback have been coming from the Prospect side and the more feedback I heard on the Fifth Street and the use of the social workers on that road, we removed it from that based on community response.

Aldersperson Kristin Alfheim (District 11) 24:09

And this entire intent is to just see if it's necessary in spots any longer. Our goal is to protect the opportunity of the community to utilize their parking first, and protecting it from the county workers is important. And our hope is that the stretch on Prospect towards Oneida is not—is going to be out of the reach of the county so that we can open it up for the neighborhood. If not, we will put it back to where it is in the six-month period. Thank you.

Mayor Jake Woodford 24:36

Thank you. All right. We'll note your thumbs up for the record, Alder Schultz. Thank you. All right. Is there any further discussion? All right, hearing none, please cast your votes. All right, motion passes. 13 to zero. The item has been approved.