

Separated Items

Common Council

Wed, Feb 21, 2024 7:00PM

Mayor Jake Woodford 04:10

Let's get into the items from Finance Committee. Let's take care of that sludge piping first. All right. This is item 21-0126 request to award Appleton Wastewater Treatment Plant sludge piping and digester heat exchanger replacement base bid with alternate bid to Rohde Brothers. We have a motion and a second to approve. Any discussion? Alder Meltzer.

Alderman Vered Meltzer (District 2) 04:48

Thank you. I just would like to encourage all my colleagues to support this. Thank you.

Mayor Jake Woodford 04:54

Any further discussion? Hearing none, we have a motion and a second to approve. Please cast your votes. Motion passes 13 to zero. The item has been approved.

Mayor Jake Woodford 05:12

Alright sticking with finance committee will take up 24-0121 request to award the 2024 Peabody park trail project to MCC Inc. We have a motion and a second to approve. Alder Schultz.

Alderman Alex Schultz (District 9) 05:33

Thank you, Mayor. I just separated this because I was hoping to get just a little bit more information from staff, whoever feels most confident in answering the question. But given the significant dollar amount for the redevelopment, I'm I'm—I didn't review the finance meeting meetings, but I'm curious to know what the scope of that trail redevelopment project is include anything along the seawall, or is it—can you maybe just give us a brief summary of what the project includes given that dollar amount?

Mayor Jake Woodford 06:02

Director Gazza. Right, go ahead.

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 06:04

Yes, thank you. It's basically redoing the existing trail as is, that's existing, because nothing new or nothing with the seawall. The seawall's a totally different projects that would seed—that we're continually monitoring and watching that and planning for that upgrade in the future. But this would be just for the existing trail that exists today to keep it in safe and, you know, good condition.

Alderman Alex Schultz (District 9) 06:33

Okay. Thank you.

Mayor Jake Woodford 06:34

And this is the trail that runs through the park, and is that crushed aggregate trail? Is that the one we're talking about?

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 06:42

It's exist—it'd be the existing trail as it is today.

Mayor Jake Woodford 06:46

Right. That runs through. Yup. Okay. Thank you. Any other questions, or discussion? Hearing none, we have a motion and a second to approve. Please cast your votes. Motion passes 13 to zero. The item has been approved.

Mayor Jake Woodford 07:15

Alright, next for municipal services committee. This is item 23-1405, resolution 12-R-23 closure of the Whitman yard waste site. And just as a reminder, coming out of committee with a recommendation for denial. A motion and a second to approve. All right. Alder Schultz?

Aldersperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 07:53

Thank you, Mayor. I did read the memos, and I'm pleased with the recommendations from staff to offset the duty hours at both locations to try and balance out the needs of the community by keeping both sides open. I think that's a really reasonable compromise. You know, my colleague Alder Doran had suggested a future use of the Whitman yard as some more hard storage, and I guess I'm curious to know if there was any kind of conversation with the Whitman yard maybe serving dual purpose to do both what we expect it to do and then potentially look at some kind of storage or some facilities in that space, so we could maybe overlap some of the needs that my colleague had suggested we consider?

Mayor Jake Woodford 08:44

So, given that what's before the Council is recommendation for denial of the resolution, if you'd like to have a conversation with staff about the discussions around that in a little bit more detail, I'm sure they'd be happy to have a conversation with you and talk through some of those things, if that's all right?

Aldersperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 09:01

That's fair.

Mayor Jake Woodford 09:02

Okay. Alder Doran?

Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 09:07

Thank you. I just wanted to thank staff for the work on this resolution. I think in the end it it—we've come to a conclusion that's maybe a little bit different than what I think was anticipated when we went into this. And there were some circumstances that that came up throughout that process, but sometimes that's why we do these things, so we can take a look at what we do. And in the end, I think we learned some important things. We have given the staff the opportunity to make some changes that they think will improve operations, which is a good thing. And just wanted to share my appreciation for the work they did on this to get us some answers so that we can make a good decision based on the information that we have.

Mayor Jake Woodford 09:56

Alder Meltzer?

Aldersperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 09:59

I'll yield.

Mayor Jake Woodford 10:00

Okay. All right, any further discussion? All right, given past experience, this is going to be a vote not withstanding. So, to be perfectly clear, what that would mean as a no vote votes against closure of the yard

waste site; an aye voted votes for it. Everybody clear on that? Vote notwithstanding. Okay. A no—a no vote, would vote against closure of the yard waste site and would be in alignment with the recommendation coming from committee. Everyone clear on that? Okay. Of course. Of course. All right. With that no further discussion? Hearing none, please cast your votes. All right, the motion fails unanimously. So, the item has been denied.