

All Action Items

Municipal Services Committee

Mon, Jul 22, 2024 4:30PM

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 01:00

We have no public hearings or appearances, so we will move directly to our action items, the first of which is number 24-0946 approve the request from the 513 Appleton LLC for a permanent street occupancy permit at 513 West College Avenue for five exterior sconce lights to extend it to the College Avenue right of way approximately five inches at a height of approximately 11 feet and greater. Can I get a motion?

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 01:28

Move to approve.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 01:29

Second.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 01:30

All right, we have a motion and a second. Is there anything staff has to say on this? All right. Oh, wrong ones. Thank you.

Deputy Director Pete Neuberger (Public Works) 01:43

I would just add that this is one step in the approval process another step would be the building inspections issuing of the appropriate building permits, and that would be something that would DPW would follow up with Inspections on if this approval were granted.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 02:00

Okay. All right. Thank you. Any questions, comments? Hearing none, let's go ahead and vote. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye. Aye. That passes five zero.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 02:14

Next Action Item number 24-0947 approve utility easement release of rights for I-41 project watermain relocation.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 02:23

So move.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 02:24

Second.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 02:25

All right. We have a motion and a second. Deputy Director Neuberger, do you want to talk to us about this one?

Deputy Director Pete Neuberger (Public Works) 02:32

Yes. So, a similar item to this was brought to I think the previous municipal services committee for a different aspect of the project related to 100% DOT reimbursement, and this is another part of the process that's needed to allow DOT to do the work, and it has to do with release of our easement rights. The new watermain will end

up in what will be the future DOT right of way. They are responsible for acquiring the additional right of way needed to do the project, and the relocated watermain will fit within that new—that new right away. This is part of that process.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 03:13

Any questions? Comments? All right, hearing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye. Aye. That passes five zero.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 03:24

Moving on number 24-0948 approve the state municipal agreement for the design and construction of the Lawe Street bridge over the navigational canal.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 03:34

Move to approve.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 03:35

Second.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 03:35

All right, we have a motion and a second. Words of wisdom on this one.

Deputy Director Pete Neuberger (Public Works) 03:43

The project basics are listed on the cover sheet of the DOT memo. 2027 construction year. So, the cost share estimates that are provided on page three are based on the current cost estimates, and we anticipate receiving updated cost estimates from the from the DOT if the need arises.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 04:07

I do have one question on that. So obviously, it states that anything over the maximum amount that the DOT is paying—I understand that costs have leveled off a little bit, but how much exposure do you anticipate the city having for any kind of big cost increases?

Deputy Director Pete Neuberger (Public Works) 04:33

So that is—that is somewhat of a concern for cost estimates that are generated over two years away. I would say there is some exposure, and there are historic examples of two different directions that have happened in the past on that. One direction is the city submits a request for relief from the DOT to see if additional federal funding can become available to cover unforeseen cost increases. The other is those cost increases don't materialize and then the local cost share becomes greater. So, it's very difficult to predict down the road, what might happen to construction cost increases, but, yes, the DPW is aware that there is some potential risk involved in unforeseen cost changes. The DOT cost estimates do try to factor in anticipated construction cost increases, but, you know, we saw some time ago that those increases can be somewhat volatile. So, we're relying on the DOT's system to work to the best of that they're able to figure it.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 05:52

Okay. Thank you. Any other questions? Comments? All right, hearing none, let's go ahead and vote. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye. Aye. That passes five zero.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 06:06

Okay, moving to item 24-049 approve ordinance changes related to the B-24 Summit Street reconstruction project. This is from Packard Street to Elsie Street. Can I get a motion?

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 06:22

Move to approve.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 06:23

Second.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 06:24

All right. Any comments on this one? Okay. All right, Mr. Lom.

Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 06:33

Thank you. Basically, this one and the next one are both essentially just codifying decisions that were already made as part of the approved designs for this agenda item and the subsequent one.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 06:46

Okay. Thank you. Any questions? Comments from committee? All right, hearing none, let's go ahead and vote. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye. Aye. That passes five zero.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 06:59

Item 24-0950 approve ordinance changes related to the B-24 Summit Street reconstruction project from Prospect Avenue to Fourth Street. Can I get a motion?

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 07:11

Move to approve.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 07:12

Second.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 07:13

All right. We have a motion and a second, and we've heard the discussion on that. Are there any questions or comments? All right, hearing none, let's go ahead and vote. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye. Aye. All right, that passes five zero.