

## All Items

### Finance Committee

Mon, Dec 09, 2024 5:30PM

#### **Alderman Brad Firkus (District 3) 01:01**

No public hearings or appearances tonight, so we will move right into our action items, starting with 241569, request to approve the relocation order for the Lawe Street reconstruction project from College Avenue to Spring Street.

#### **Alderman Denise Fenton (District 6) 01:13**

Move to approve.

#### **Alderman Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 01:14**

Second.

#### **Alderman Brad Firkus (District 3) 01:15**

We have our motion and our second. Any comments and questions on this? Alder Hartzheim—or staff. I'm sorry. What microphones do you have, directors?

#### **Alderman Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 01:24**

They might answer my question.

#### **Alderman Brad Firkus (District 3) 01:26**

Yeah. Director three, all right. Go ahead and just fill us in, please.

#### **Deputy Director Pete Neuberger (Public Works) 01:32**

Sure. Yeah, I just wanted to say that I don't have any pre prepared comments, but I'm happy to answer any questions that the committee may have.

#### **Alderman Brad Firkus (District 3) 01:39**

Oh, okay. Well, then Alder Hartzheim.

#### **Alderman Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 01:41**

Thank you, Chair. I would just like some clarification as to what we're looking at here. Are we looking at the widening of the street and then some eminent domain purchase of property, or how is that—what?—what are we exactly looking at in this regard?

#### **Deputy Director Pete Neuberger (Public Works) 01:57**

That's correct. We're looking at some widening. So, this would be, these would be strips, narrow strips of land along the frontage of several properties along the entire length of the project.

#### **Alderman Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 02:10**

Thank you.

#### **Deputy Director Pete Neuberger (Public Works) 02:11**

And we have a—in the budget we have \$305,000 for right of way acquisition in the 2025 approved budget.

**Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 02:18**

Excellent. Thank you.

**Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 02:20**

All right, are there any other questions? Okay, sounds good. All right, with that, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye Opposed? Abstentions? That passes five to zero.

**Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 02:36**

24-1570, request to approve contract extension for BMC ARPA grant administration contract.

**Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 02:44**

Move to approve.

**Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 02:45**

Second.

**Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 02:45**

All right, we have a motion and a second. Are there any questions or comments on this?

**Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 02:49**

I have a question.

**Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 02:50**

Okay, I saw Alder van Zeeland then Alder Croatt.

**Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 02:53**

Thank you, Chair. Could you just refresh my memory in regards to the deadlines for ARPA? I'm just wondering how those match up with the contract.

**Director Jeri Ohman (Finance) 03:03**

Absolutely. So, the reporting period, or the expenditure period, for ARPA goes through December 31 of 2026 which is why we're looking at extending this so that we can continue to receive their help and guidance throughout the process.

**Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 03:16**

So, this would cover everything through the deadline of reporting?

**Director Jeri Ohman (Finance) 03:19**

Yes.

**Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 03:20**

Okay, great, thank you.

**Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 03:22**

Alder Croatt.

**Alderman Chris Croatt (District 14) 03:23**

Thank you, and that pretty much answers my question. But—so there's no financial impact; it's just a date change on the agreement?

**Director Jeri Ohman (Finance) 03:29**

That is correct.

**Alderman Chris Croatt (District 14) 03:30**

Okay, thanks.

**Alderman Brad Firkus (District 3) 03:31**

All right. Are there any other questions? Seeing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? That passes five to zero.

**Alderman Brad Firkus (District 3) 03:41**

24-1571 request to approve development agreement for Lumbini estates Saket, LLC.

**Alderman Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 03:51**

Move to approve.

**Alderman Denise Fenton (District 6) 03:52**

Second.

**Alderman Brad Firkus (District 3) 03:52**

All right, we have a motion second. Are there any questions on this one? Alder Hartzheim.

**Alderman Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 03:58**

Thank you, Chair. I know I could have very thoroughly read through every moment of this particular contract, but—our agreement—but I'm wondering if there's anything substantially different from what we've done in the past with other developers?

**Director Laura Jungwirth (Public Works) 04:14**

Yes, I appreciate you asking that. And no, there is nothing substantially different other than we have asked for a financial guarantee of the developer for the initial infrastructure that's to be installed. So that will cover the utilities and the temporary pavement surface. So we—the developer has agreed to that, and that is something that we thought was important to cover ourselves should anything happen during that phase of work. But other than that, everything else is pretty much status quo.

**Alderman Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 04:47**

Thank you.

**Alderman Brad Firkus (District 3) 04:49**

All right. Anyone else? Seeing none we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye Opposed? Extensions? That passes five to zero.

**Alderman Brad Firkus (District 3) 04:59**

24-1572, request to approve write-off of \$49,609.68 of accounts receivable, receivable invoices and \$23,407.02 of personal property taxes outstanding over one year.

**Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 05:15**

Move to approve.

**Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 05:16**

Second.

**Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 05:17**

All right, we have a motion and a second. Are there any comments or questions? All right, Alder van Zeeland then Alder Hartzheim.

**Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 05:22**

Thank you, Chair. I had thought the last time one of these came before us that we were reaching the point where property—personal property taxes were no longer a thing in Wisconsin. Is this the last set of these that we should see before that's true?

**Director Jeri Ohman (Finance) 05:39**

There's one more year. So, we took the personal property taxes that went out last year, so those would be on next year's list, and then this is our—the tax bills going up this month is the first year without personal property tax.

**Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 05:51**

Okay. Great. Thank you very much.

**Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 05:54**

Alder Hartzheim?

**Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 05:55**

Thank you, Chair. Director Oman, are we having any success in trying to pursue these at this point?

**Director Jeri Ohman (Finance) 06:03**

We actually have been receiving more funding coming in from our collection efforts. So even though we're writing them off our books, we continue to pursue collections. So, we have three different collection—outside collection methods that we can follow. Most of the ones on both of these lists have been sent to collections or were within the process to send them, but it's just a matter of cleaning up the books before year end comes.

**Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 06:30**

Thank you. And then the other question I had was, if some of these are for default organizations, how is that pursued? Is that—it—can it be pursued?

**Director Jeri Ohman (Finance) 06:43**

It depends on the organization. So, if there—if it was a sole proprietorship, I believe that can still follow through with collections. So, in some cases we can; in some cases we can't.

**Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 06:55**

Okay, thank you.

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 06:56**

Are there any other questions? Seeing none, we'll go ahead and vote? All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? That passes four to zero. That's all we have for action items tonight.

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 07:08**

We do have a couple information items. Are there any questions? Alder Hartzheim.

**Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 07:13**

Thank you, Chair. Director Ohman, I do have a question on one of the budget adjustments, 20-1573. At the very end, it says "to record city of Madison children devices reimbursement." I'm trying to understand how the City of Madison comes into play with the City of Appleton.

**Director Jeri Ohman (Finance) 07:32**

So, I don't have the exact details on it, but I know a lot of these are for donations, or some type of—I don't want to call it a grant—but some type of other funding source that has come in that we weren't expecting when we put the budget together. So that's what this is for.

**Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 07:45**

Thank you. It's not substantial, but I was just curious about it. Thank you.