

All Non-College-Avenue-Lane-Reconfiguration Action Items

Municipal Services Committee

Mon, Feb 24, 2025 4:30PM

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 31:01

Moving to item 25-0100, approve the 2025 Department of Public Works fee schedule.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 31:09

Move to approve.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 31:10

Second.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 31:10

All right, we have a motion and a second, and I see Alder Hartzheim.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 31:18

Thank you, Chair. I was unable to make your last committee meeting in this regard, but I watched the video and did not see any questions come up in this regard. It was just approved. So, I kind of looked back on some of the budget discussions that we had had, and tried to determine whether this had really come up and been scratched as far as an itch during budget time. And I don't believe it was. I couldn't find anything on it in my paperwork, but maybe it was, and I might have had some poor memory from that terrible time. No—budget, you know.

[She was joking about the budget review and approval process.]

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 31:56

So anyway, I referred this back so that we could have staff give a better discussion about why this was proposed. What is the justification for these increased fees for garbage carts? They look like a teeny tiny thing, and when you add them all up, it is kind of a teeny tiny thing. But there—you know, it's like boiling the frog little by little, we kind of get to the point where, what—is this really doing any good? And so, if I could please, if I could have Director Jungwirth talk a little bit about what the rationale was behind this, what the amount—additional amount of increase taken in by the city will be, and how that relates to the increased fees involved, and so there can be some more justification in this regard. Thank you.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 32:47

All right, Director Jungwirth.

Director Laura Jungwirth (Public Works) 32:48

Thank you. Thank you for giving me the opportunity. So, the increase proposed to be an 8% increase on the garbage container volumes, and it's five—equates to five cents per 30 gallons of container volume. So, this increase was proposed strictly to, more or less as a pass-through charge from—that we're receiving from Outagamie County. So, the tipping fees did increase from \$54 I believe it was a ton to \$60 a ton. It's an 11% increase that the county relayed to us for tipping costs. So, it equates to about \$15,000 and the anticipated revenue from that that increase to the cart fees, that five cents, should come to a net equal in the, you know, anticipated charges versus the revenue. So, it's purely in relation to that tipping fee increase that we are receiving or have received since it's 25 now.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 33:52

Thank you. And for clarification, you said 15,000 but you meant 115,000?

Director Laura Jungwirth (Public Works) 33:59

Yes—no, 115,000.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 34:00

Thank you. And then, unrelated to that question, the revised item that came through has one item added as a water tap inspection fee. I'm very curious as to what that is and what that means.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 34:12

Okay.

Director Laura Jungwirth (Public Works) 34:12

Absolutely.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 34:13

You want to address that one as well?

Director Laura Jungwirth (Public Works) 34:14

Yes, it came back, and we thought it would be a good opportunity to capture this. So, this is a fee that we have been charging through the inspections department, but it's actually a public works charge for our water staff that that does our water maintenance, water breaks. And it's a purely a an inspection charge for the connection when you we have a new home that comes into the city. So, this had already been getting charged. We just wanted it reflected in the appropriate department that really it should be in. So, it's not a new charge. It's been there. We just need it, wanted it in the Department of Public Works.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 34:51

So, you're welcome for referring it back.

Director Laura Jungwirth (Public Works) 34:54

You helped me tremendously. Thank you.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 34:57

Thank you.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 35:00

All right, any other questions? Okay, I'd just like to note, and I wrote this to my constituents, that public works is really happy if you're not filling up your big your bigger container to—and I understand it was free before—correct me if I'm wrong, that they will happily exchange your container for the smaller size, if you're not filling up, and for also the recycling containers are not charged. So, it—do your wallet and the planet a favor, and make sure you're recycling everything that's recyclable, and then maybe you can use that smaller container. All right, that's what I have to say. All right, anything else? All right, hearing none, let's go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. All right, that passes. Five zero.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 35:51

All right, moving to item 25-0166, approve contract amendment change order number 2 to the Olde Oneida Street Bridge over the power canal design services contract with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in the amount of \$12,614.13 and a total contract amount not to exceed \$120,287.13.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 36:16

Move to approve.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 36:16

Second.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 36:17

All right, I have a motion in a second. Um, any questions? Do you want to speak to that, Deputy Director Neuberger? What mic you have? Director three?

Deputy Director Pete Neuberger (Public Works) 36:26

Thank you, Chair. DOT recognized an opportunity to change some construction methodology on this bridge. So, they're recommending this on the basis of the increased design costs that are associated with this change order will be much more than offset by decreased construction costs resulting from the design change.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 36:52

And I want to take this opportunity to repeat the same question I asked you last week is—so just confirming that the that the changes in the construction method won't affect the integrity, the safety, or the durability of the bridge project, correct?

Deputy Director Pete Neuberger (Public Works) 37:10

That is correct.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 37:11

Thank you. Anybody else? All right? Seeing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor, please say aye. Aye. That passes five zero.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 37:22

All right. Next Action item is number 25-0167, preliminary resolution 1-P-25 for sanitary laterals, storm laterals, and storm main construction to be adopted and refer the matter to the Finance Committee to determine the assessment rate.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 37:39

Move for approval.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 37:40

Second.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 37:41

All right. Do we have any questions comments on that one? All right, we'll talk about this again in an hour or so. All right, hearing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor say aye. Aye. That passes five zero.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 37:55

25-0168 preliminary resolution 2-P-25 for concrete pavement, driveway aprons, and sidewalk construction to be adopted and refer the matter to the Finance Committee to determine the assessment rate.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 38:09

Move to approve.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 38:09

Second.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 38:11

Sorry about that. We have a motion and a second. Any questions? Comments? All right, seeing none, all those in favor, please say aye. Aye. That passes five zero.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 38:26

All right, 25-0169, parking changes related to the Glendale Mead safety improvements.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 38:34

Move to approve.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 38:36

Second.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 38:36

All right, we have a motion and a second. Do you want to speak on that one?

Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 38:40

Sure. The memo probably speaks for itself, but just very generally, the were—this is an opportunity for us to deal with an intersection that has what we call undesignated lanes. The fact that we have undesignated lanes is not an accident out there, and in fact, in some ways undesignated lanes, operate a little bit more efficiently because they don't block right turns on red, but they do generate a lot of complaints. We've been taking complaints for this forever, and the thing that was really holding us up was the ability to remove a little bit of parking to be able to safely design it. So, this agenda item that you have here represents what we believe the neighbors in the area are okay with, having worked through the district alderperson, and we did not—we did send letters out advising all the nearby property owners of this meeting and didn't get any response.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 39:39

Thank you. Just one question for me. I know that on one corner there's the auto shop, and pretty often there are cars parked. Is that going to affect—how much is that going to go in and affect them?

Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 39:54

If you look at the diagram that's included on the first page of the memo, we're basically eliminating—now I'm going to zoom in—two parking stalls there. So basically they would just need to have to—they'd have to park east of that first driveway there, or the first residential driveway.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 40:13

All right, thank you. I see you, Alder Croatt.

Alderman Chris Croatt (District 14) 40:16

Thank you. This is not only my district, but my neighborhood. I live right around the corner from here, and I traverse this intersection many times a day. In relation to the small business that's there, I have spoken to the owner a couple times—actually just exchanged text messages with them earlier today. He's still fine with the changes. It's two on his side of the road, but it's also two on the other side of the road that they utilize. He's fine with the changes. We have received citizen input about this intersection, and most of the time it works fine, but I think there's a couple times here and there that it doesn't work as well as it could. And I think these changes are definitely going to address some of those times when you know, someone doesn't realize they can turn or go straight in a certain lane, so this this will all help. And I've not heard any anything from anyone opposing the changes here.

Alderman Denise Fenton (District 6) 41:12

Alder Meltzer.

Alderman Vered Meltzer (District 2) 41:13

Thank you. I'm happy to see this come forward. I've received constituent concerns as well. This is very, very close to the district boundaries, and I received input. I passed that input along. I have never received any follow up. So, I imagine there are some happy people out there who will be surprised by this when it goes into effect, and maybe I'll hear from them again, and they'll give us some positive feedback, but their complaints indicated that they definitely hope that something would be done, and I'm grateful for what's being done.

Alderman Denise Fenton (District 6) 41:54

Alder Croatt, again.

Alderman Chris Croatt (District 14) 41:55

Thanks. Just one last thing on this. About half of this intersection is hospital property, whether it's the main parking lot or a satellite parking lot. And of course, there's a lot of parking on that campus, so I don't think the hospital would have any concerns about these changes. It's more the neighbors living in that general vicinity and that small business, which it probably has the largest impact of this change, and he's fine with it.

Alderman Denise Fenton (District 6) 42:22

All right. Anything else? All right, hearing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor say aye. Aye. That passes five, zero.

Alderman Denise Fenton (District 6) 42:30

Item 25, dash 0170, approved source design and construction related services contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc for Olde Oneida's bast—Olde Oneida Street bascule bridge. So that's the other Olde Oneida Street bridge in an amount not to exceed \$308,787.

Alderman Brad Firkus (District 3) 42:49

Move to approve.

Alderman Vered Meltzer (District 2) 42:50

Second.

Alderman Denise Fenton (District 6) 42:51

All right, anything on this one from staff?

Deputy Director Pete Neuberger (Public Works) 42:55

No prepared comments, but happy to answer any questions.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 42:58

Any questions? Concerns? Just grateful that in—with this action item, I actually learned what a bascule bridge was so happy about that. All right, let's go ahead and vote. All those in favor say aye. Aye. That passes five zero.