

Council Minutes

FEBRUARY 27, 2002

MINUTES OF A WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2002, AT 4:09 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order.

On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioners Taylor, Rogers, DeTienne and Mayor Harrison. Commissioner Bennett was absent.

SHERIDAN ROAD STREETScape PROJECT

Brian Usher stated engineering and cost estimates for the Sheridan Road Streetscape Project are almost completed and ready for presentation.

John Ambrose, Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers, presented the cost estimate for improvements for this project from 29th Street to Shiloh Blvd. The preliminary estimate was \$2,303,500 excluding existing pole modifications, with the estimate now at \$2,179,000. Cost alternatives for modifying the existing streetlights are as follows:

Alternative #1: Replace existing high mast poles with decorative poles at same height; maintain existing foundations and luminaries - Cost: \$170,000

Alternative #2: Paint existing high mast poles black - Cost: \$60,000

Mayor Harrison questioned what type of paint would be used for Alternative #2. Mr. Ambrose stated, under this option, electric static coating paint would be utilized for streetlights and traffic signals. Mr. Usher stated staff and the Appearance Committee recommend Alternative #1.

Mayor Harrison noted any approvals would be contingent upon bond approval. Mr. Usher stated approvals are also contingent upon approval of permits by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Mr. Usher stated a kick-off meeting with business owners would be held on March 18 as an informational meeting of all construction plans. A periodic newsletter will update business owners on the project's progress. Mr. Usher stated a plan has been derived to allow for continual access to businesses during construction, except for the exact time of pouring the concrete. Signs will be installed during construction identifying available parking lots and that

stores are open for business. Storeowners can decide whether or not to upgrade their actual inset entryways with the new concrete. Mayor Harrison questioned whether or not a small fund could be established to provide businesses with protective plastics and runners. Peter Cioni stated he believed such a fund could be established. Commissioner Taylor questioned how long it would take for delivery of the high mast light poles. Mr. Usher stated, if the project stays on the current schedule, the poles would be available prior to Labor Day. The bid opening for obtaining contractors would be March 14 with a recommendation anticipated for the March 19 Council meeting.

Matt Washkowiak, Baxter & Woodman, presented block-by-block improvements:

- 29th Street intersection - improved irrigation system, landscaping for parkway, additional trees, bumped out areas at intersection for improved pedestrian crossing
- Caledonia Blvd intersection - narrowing roadway and providing green space, park area would get new benches and added lighting
- 28th Street intersection - narrowing roadway and providing green space, additional trees, bumped out area at intersection
- 27th Street intersection - narrowing roadway and providing green space, bumped-out areas on both sides of street, park setting with benches and lighting in open space on wet side of Sheridan Road between 27th Street and 26th Street
- 26th Street intersection - bumped out areas at intersection · Shiloh Blvd. - north side of project starts at south line of Shiloh Blvd.

Decorative lights will be spaced throughout the blocks. Some of the curbing at intersections will be removed for easier pedestrian accessibility. Tree wells would have electrical power boxes installed. A number of trees will be removed with replacements to follow at specific locations. Tree removal can either be phased or done all at one time. Approximately 17 to 20 trees in grassy locations will remain, the majority of which are on the north side of the project.

Mr. Usher stated outstanding issues are as follows:

- Requesting approval of either painting or replacing the high mast light poles
- Requesting approval of a location for contractor's staging and storing of materials with the following recommendations:
 1. Parking lot west of City Hall/Fire Station No. 1,
 2. Southern half of parking lot adjacent to ESDA

facility, or

3. Portion of parking lot west of Sheridan Road
between Caledonia Blvd. and 27th Street

- Requesting approval of an incentive program. If contractor completes project prior to August 28, Mr. Usher recommended offering an incentive of \$1,500 per day with a maximum of \$25,500. There would also be penalties if the contractor fails to meet the August 28 deadline.
- Requesting ability to respond to immediate or emergency problems in the field as they arise, giving authority to Commissioner Taylor for field changes and/or extras. Commissioner Taylor stated he has conferred with the City Attorney, who agrees this is common practice, whereby some situations need immediate attention. The City Attorney could prepare a document accordingly. It was noted that this type of authority could also be used for other Public Works projects, such as the road maintenance project.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to approve the budget for the Sheridan Road Streetscape Improvement Project in the amount of \$2,349,000, including Alternative #1, replacing existing high mast light poles with decorative poles. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve utilizing the parking lot west of City Hall/Fire Station No. 1 for the contractor's staging and storing of materials during construction. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve an incentive program of \$1,500 per day with a \$25,500 maximum for project completion prior to August 28, and with penalties for completion after August 28. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to grant authority for Commissioner Taylor to respond to immediate or emergency situations, authorizing change orders as needed, for all Public Works projects during the 2002 construction season, subject to the City Attorney's preparation of a policy accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ROAD MAINTENANCE PROJECT

The plans for the road maintenance project are anticipated to be completed in March with bidding to be scheduled in April.

WATER & SEWER PROJECTS

Engineering documents are being finalized for the Route 173 project. Engineering plans should be completed within the next two weeks for the 23rd Street and 27th Street projects with bidding to be scheduled by the end of March.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Rogers and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 5:23 p.m. Motion carried.