



MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mayor Howard P. Frimark

Members of the City Council

FROM:

Wayne Zingsheim, Director of Public Works

DATE:

May 15, 2008

SUBJECT:

Background Memo for Public Works Committee Meeting for May 21, 2008

Please note that this meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M. at the Public Works Service Center.

- I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM THE MAY 7, 2008 MEETING
- II. NON-MEMBER ALDERMAN WISHING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS
- III. CITIZENS PRESENT WISHING TO BE HEARD ON A NON-AGENDA ITEM
- IV. ACTION ITEMS
 - A. Approval of the Revisions to Article 6, "City Planning and Growth", Chapter 3, "Flood Plain Management Regulations" of the Municipal Code

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has re-evaluated area flood hazards and revised base flood elevations and floodplain management regulations. This was last done in 2000. As part of this process, certain requirements must be met by the City as a condition of continued eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

City Attorney Henn has proposed the attached revisions to Article 6, Chapter 3 of the Municipal Code, incorporating changes recommended by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). These changes need to be adopted by August 19, 2008, which is when the maps go into effect. City Attorney Henn has therefore made this the effective date for the Ordinance.

Staff recommends the following motion:

(MOVE THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE REVISIONS TO ARTICLE 6, "CITY PLANNING AND GROWTH", CHAPTER 3, "FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS".)

\$19,900 for the acquisition of a water easement on their property. This amount is based on the size of the easement and estimated costs for this type of easement.

Staff recommended the following motion:

(MOVE THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF \$19,900 TO MRS. BERKA, OF 1100 SOUTH BROADWAY AVENUE, FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A WATER EASEMENT AT 1100 SOUTH BROADWAY AVENUE.)

C. Approval of a Contract for Testing and Balancing of Air Systems at the Public Works Service Center

Recently a meeting was held with the original architects and engineer for the Service Center, Chipman Adams and Brian Berg, to discuss air quality issues at the Service Center. Mayor Frimark, Alderman Bach and staff were also at the meeting. At that time we were told that the first step in air quality improvements should be the testing and balancing of the ventilation system in place.

Staff contacted Independent Testing and Balancing Inc. of Warrenville, Illinois who was referred by Chipman Adams and Brian Berg. Independent Testing and Balancing have stated that they can balance the building and submitted a proposal for \$25,000.

Staff recommends the following motion:

(MOVE THE APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH INDEPENDENT TESTING AND BALANCING INC., OF 28365 DAVIS PARKWAY, SUITE 202, WARRENVILLE, ILLINOIS 60555, FOR THE TESTING AND BALANCING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SERVICE CENTER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.)

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

VI. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

A. Notification of Street Light Outages

Aldermen Bach and Wsol have requested that the procedure for light pole outages be detailed.

Attached is the procedure that staff follows when notified of a light pole outage. Please note that wooden light poles are repaired by Commonwealth Edison and concrete poles by Meade Electric. Both companies can take up to six weeks for repairs. Emergency repairs take precedence over routine light outages.

B. Change in Committee Meeting Schedule

At this time there are no pressing matters for the Committee's June 4 Agenda. Therefore I propose cancelling this meeting.

Due to a delay in receiving the drawings and specifications for the Summit Streetscape Project, and in order to keep the project on schedule, a short Committee meeting has been