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MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE PARK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC WORKS

CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
505 BUTLER PLACE PARK RIDGE, IL 60068

Monday, April 08, 2019 AT 7:00 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Mayor Maloney called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

City Clerk Henneman read the roll call. The following Elected Officials indicated their presence at the meeting: Aldermen Moran, Milissis, Wilkening, Shubert, Melidosian, Mazzuca. Alderman Joyce was absent. There was a quorum.

II. Citizens Who Wish to be Heard on a Non-Agenda Item

Declan Stapleton, 110 Main Street, stated that as the downtown continues to be revitalized, he has been discussing the possibility for valet parking in the vacant Farmers Market lot with the City. Currently only Park Ridge residents can park in this lot after 11 am, and he would like to encourage Park Ridge residents and non-residents to enjoy the downtown. He stated that he is trying to prevent any future parking issues. One valet desk would handle Harp and Fiddle, Pennyville Station and Beer on the Wall.

Director Zingsheim stated that he can authorize the valet parking but the City ordinance would have to be updated to remove the resident requirement for parking after 11 am. Commuters would not be impacted. Director Zingsheim addressed questions. It was determined that this item will come back to the next Public Works Committee of the Whole meeting.

III. Public Works

A. Action Items

1. **Approve the Contract for Traffic Signal and Street Light Maintenance, PW-FY20-03, to H & H Electric Co.**

Motion by Alderman Moran, seconded by Alderman Shubert

Director Zingsheim stated staff issued an Invitation to Bid for the Traffic Signal and Street Light Maintenance Contract and twenty (20) firms registered via the City web site. H & H Electric Co. was the low bidder. This contract is for the maintenance of city owned traffic signals, emergency pre-emption devices, pedestrian signals, ornamental and street lights, parking lot lights, and costs for extra work. Any extra work that is required is based on time and material, with set hourly prices included in the Maintenance Agreement. This contract may be extended for up to two (2) additional twelve (12) month periods at the original terms, conditions and prices. Staff is familiar with this contractor and has found their work to be satisfactory.

Motion carried, 6/0, by voice vote

Motion carried, 6/0 by voice vote

B. Discussion Items

1. Green Infrastructure Grant for Central Parking Lot

Director Zingsheim stated that this item was discussed at the January 14, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting, where staff was asked to bring back additional information. The City received a grant from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) for their Green Infrastructure Program for the construction of a green parking lot (permeable paver) at the Central (Library) Lot. The grant amount is for 50% of the construction, in an amount not to exceed \$650,000. It is anticipated that the total project cost will be less than \$1,300,000. As the City is responsible for 100% of design and construction engineering costs, in addition to half of the construction cost, it is anticipated that the entire \$650,000 will not be used. MWRD has indicated that our project was selected based on its large area, making it able to detain more water, and also for the opportunity to provide publicity to the green infrastructure grant program and educational opportunities at the Library. The parking space count is currently 175 (including 4 handicapped spaces). It is estimated to be 162 (including 6 handicapped spaces) after construction. We anticipate the lot configuration to remain relatively the same, but the landscaped areas will increase by approximately 2,000 square feet. Staff has spoken with several other communities who have received MWRD grants and have found their comments to be relatively consistent: the Intergovernmental Agreement requirements are difficult to comply with, and that the ongoing maintenance and operation requirements can be tedious and expensive.

Questions were addressed which included: life of resurfacing versus permeable pavers, why parking spaces are being lost, (due to islands for every 8 to 10 spaces), is the maintenance cumbersome, MWRD grant tracking and possibility of losing this opportunity, could the project be staged in order to minimize loss of parking.

Andrea Cline, 1120 N. Lincoln stated that repaving has not been done in 15 years and asked if the sub base of the parking lot would need to be removed. Director Zingsheim stated that most likely, the lot would only have to be resurfaced and no parking spaces would be lost. She asked what is the annual cost for maintenance of a green lot. Director Zingsheim replied that the City does not have this information at this time. She also asked what other communities have participated in MWRD grants. City Engineer Mitchell responded that Glenview, Wilmette, Forest Park, Harwood Heights and Lincolnwood has participated in Phase 2 grants.

Discussion ensued regarding the reduction of parking spaces, issues related to IGA's, consistency of dealing with flooding, and the long-term results of the project.

Alderman Moran, Public Works Chairman, recapped that the discussion provided a split debate, but sees enough positive to the project to have this item move forward as an action item. Alderman Moran added that this project might not take place immediately.

C. Department Head Report

IV. Public Safety

A. Action Items - Police

1. Approve placing of an Ordinance amending 13-10-15 of the Municipal Code, Vehicle Impoundment Fees on the April 15, 2019 Council agenda for final reading

Motion by Alderman Melidosian, seconded by Alderman Mazzuca

Chief Kaminski stated the City code provision on Vehicle Impoundment Fees, 13-10-15, Section 1, subsection I lists the fee for removal of an immobilization device, as well as towing and storage fees. With the new tow contract effective May, 01, 2019, these fees have changed, (for example the immobilization removal fee has increased from \$100 to \$120). To avoid changing the ordinance each time the fees change, staff recommends updating the language to read: "fees as set forth in the contract between the City and the Agency providing the towing service, which contract may provide for the fees to be paid directly to the contracting agency". This will avoid changing the ordinance as the contract is changed in subsequent years.