

INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: February 13, 2025, at 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Members Present: Chad Henke, Lou Larson, Michael Martens, Tom Neal, Sarah Watson

Also Present: Eric Lindman, TJ Niksich, Jillian Kurtzhals, Dustin Kraege, Lori Wunsch

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and received by the *Wausau Daily Herald* in the proper manner.

Noting the presence of a quorum, at approximately 5:15 p.m. Chair Henke called the meeting to order.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve minutes of the December 12, 2024 meeting

B. Action on Final Resolution to levy special assessments for 2024 Street Construction Projects

C. Action on Easement with Wisconsin Public Service for underground utility facilities at 1506 East Cherry Street

Neal moved to approve the consent agenda. Larson seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on parking restrictions on North 10th Street between Franklin Street and McIndoe Street

Neal brought this forward responding to a constituent's concern. The family lives one block further north off of 10th Street on Adams Street. By 930 Franklin Street, heading north, there is a thick bunch of bushes and you cannot easily see traffic on 10th Street until you are into 10th Street. It is a bus line. If you are making a turn off of Franklin onto 10th Street and there are cars, you could be stopped and have nowhere to go. Heading further north on 10th Street there is no parking on the east side of the street. Heading south on 10th Street, the street widens. He supports the request from the constituent as it is a very valid concern.

Larson moved to approve the parking restrictions as proposed. Neal seconded.

Henke asked if there are driveways in the area. Neal said there are none; the driveways are around the corners.

There being a motion and a second, motion to approve the parking restrictions as proposed passed 5-0.

Discussion on 2025 Street Reconstruction Projects

Henke asked for this item because public comment was received inquiring about what goes into street designs, especially around schools, bike lanes and walking paths.

Niksich believes the main question was regarding Randolph Street because of the elementary school. The reconstruction plan was brought to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee in January, and they agreed with the plan. Staff used the Safe Routes to School plan as a template. We will be adding an urban shoulder for the entire length of Randolph Street. A shoulder marking will be 7' off the face of the curb. Cars will be able to park in the area, but it will also be used as a bike lane. Because the school is there, there are a lot of parking restrictions during the day. The Safe Routes to School Plan suggested using an urban shoulder and a combination of bike lanes. Otherwise there would be a lot of jogging in and out where there are parking restrictions, which would create confusion. There will be a centerline down the middle of the road, which will narrow the field of traffic and calm traffic.

Staff has a policy that if a project is near a school and the mid-block crossings are non-stop controlled crossings, we will put in high visibility crossings. If the crosswalk is stop controlled, we will put in the typical crosswalks.

Niksich noted the two large culverts that go underneath the road. There is a 12' driveway on the north side of the road. There are no bike lanes on Burek nor on Randolph and this is a blind corner for bicyclists. The

recommendation is to allow bikes on the sidewalk on the north side. The driveway would allow bikers using the sidewalk to come back onto the roadway where the urban shoulder starts. This recommendation will be brought back next month. It was recommended in the Safe Routes to School Plan and by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Martens asked if cyclists traveling from Burek to Randolph would transition to the sidewalk, around the intersection and culvert, and then return to the roadway at the driveway for Jendrzejewski's property. Niksich clarified that the driveway is right at the culvert. Martens asked if cyclists traveling east on Randolph and Burek would maintain their path on the roadway, and Niksich confirmed. He clarified that the recommendation is only to allow bikers on the sidewalk on the north side when traveling west. The rest of Randolph will have an urban shoulder.

Henke asked if there are other committees besides Bike and Ped that this should be brought to for recommendations. Niksich feels Bike and Ped is the right path for items to go through.

Larson has a few things for future agenda items. He asked if WOZ has gotten back to the City about the agreement for use of the parking ramp. Lindman stated the agreement is currently with the Legal Department and will be brought forward when ready.

Larson said the Fire Department is making plans for a new building. Metro Ride wants a new building. In Larson's opinion, they have to stand in line. The DPW Facility is extremely outdated. Larson wants things to keep moving forward and would like monthly updates.

Larson noted the new description of the committee regarding disbursement of city-owned property. He would like a list of the city infill sites and possibly hire a realtor to put them up for sale. It does not seem that we can do anything with these lots unless we have some subsidized money. Henke will work with the Chair of Economic Development regarding a joint meeting.

Henke noted that there will be a special Infrastructure and Facilities Committee meeting on Thursday, February 20th at 5:15 pm to discuss some items that have come up.

Adjourn

Neal moved to adjourn the meeting. Watson seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m.