

POLICE & FIRE COMMITTEE
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
AUGUST 23, 2007

Present: Mayor Liechty, Council Members Schulz, Heinrich, Grabinger and Parisien, City Attorney Dalsted, Donegan, Horgan, Gray, Thingstad, Sveum and Fuchs.

Heinrich moved to recommend the City Council introduce the First Reading of ordinances as follows:

1. To amend and re-enact Sections 5-2.2 and 5-6, and to enact Sections 5-6.1 and 5-11.1 pertaining to alcoholic beverages;
2. To amend and re-enact Sections 21-03-16, 21-04-17, 21-09-02, 21-10-31, 21-10-42 and 21-16-14, and to enact Section 21-03-16.1 pertaining to motor vehicles and traffic; and
3. To enact Sections 22-7.1, 22-7.2 and 22-7.3, and to amend and re-enact Section 22-46 pertaining to offenses--miscellaneous.

Seconded by Schulz. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Schulz indicated that he would like the committee members and city staff to give consideration to the current city fireworks ordinance and obtain feedback as to whether the ordinance should be amended. He indicated that this past July it appeared as though fireworks were used more extensively and were louder than in the past.

Grabinger moved to recommend the City Council direct Interstate Engineering, Inc., to establish the height of the fencing for the Downtown Parking Lots & Streets Improvements Project #07-43 at 42 inches. Seconded by Heinrich. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Heinrich moved to recommend the City Council authorize entering into a Cost Participation and Maintenance Agreement with the NDDOT relative to the \$295,000.00 Transportation Enhancement Grant for the Downtown Parking Lots & Streets Improvement Project #07-43. Seconded by Grabinger. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

In response to a question from Liechty regarding progress relative to research relating to fats, oils and greases at the Main Lift Station, Horgan responded that it remains on his schedule of tasks; however, at this time he has been unable to research the issue further.

Thingstad reported on the grease situation coming from Lift Station No. 20, which serves Cavendish Farms, and indicated that the company has done much better at controlling the oil from the plant; however, on occasion a large volume of grease still comes through the lines creating some operational difficulties.

Tex Weatherly, President of the North Dakota Buffalo Foundation, appeared to request that the Foundation be allowed to relocate a portion of the buffalo fence on city right-of-way, approximately 3-4 feet from the north edge, on 21st Street SE, between 2nd and 3rd Avenue SE, in order to move it from private property.

Rod Monson appeared to request that the fence be moved and located at least 12 feet from the edge of the right-of-way.

Grabinger moved to recommend the City Council authorize entering into a license agreement with the North Dakota Buffalo Foundation to locate the buffalo fence on city right-of-way, approximately 3-4 feet from the north edge, on 21st Street SE, between 2nd and 3rd Avenue SE. Seconded by Heinrich. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Schulz moved to recommend the City Council introduce the First Reading of an ordinance to annex certain right-of-ways in Marjo First Addition. Seconded by Heinrich. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Informational: The completion date for Phases 1 through 6 of Seal Coat, Patching, Construction & Reconstruction District #07-41 was August 18, 2007. Phases 7 & 8 completion date is October 13, 2007.

Jeff Fuchs
City Administrator