

Police and Fire Committee
Public Works Committee
August 27, 2009

Present: Schulz, Nygaard, Liechty, Kourajian, Dalsted, Weight, Reuther, Schwartzkopf, Sveum and Fuchs.
Absent: Parisien.

Liechty moved to bring discussion off the table regarding the proposal to amend City ordinance to use one-half of the City Sales Tax for City infrastructure needs. Seconded by Nygaard. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Nygaard indicated his desire to set a special committee meeting to discuss the idea and to hear comments from all sides of the issue.

Schulz indicated that in his opinion the City Council should not change the ordinance on its own when the current ordinance was approved by the voters.

Dalsted informed the committee members that in a memorandum he issued in May allowed the City Council to amend the ordinance as two years have elapsed or to place the issue on another election ballot.

Jim Boyd, President of the Jamestown/Stutsman Development Corporation, recommended the City Council proceed cautiously and develop a plan moving forward as to the needs of the funding options for infrastructure. He stated that as the current ordinance was approved by the voters, the issue should be sent back to the voters as well.

John Grabinger, 1008 8th Ave. NE, submitted petitions with just over 1,000 signatures from residents which he indicated had been gathered over a two week period in support of using one-half of the city sales tax for funding infrastructure needs.

Dean Remboldt, 702 10th Ave SE, stated that the spring flood has alerted the community to the needs that exist for improvements.

Nygaard moved to set a special committee meeting for Thursday, September 3, 2009, to hear views and comments relative to amending city ordinance to use one-half of the City Sales Tax for City infrastructure needs. Seconded by Schulz. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Nygaard moved to recommend the City Council approve the request from Gary Riffe, 220 9th Ave NE, to remove driveway and replace with curb and gutter to be included with the Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter District #09-11. Seconded by Kourajian. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Liechty moved to recommend the City Council approve the request from Philip Bleibaum, 802 5th St SE, to remove curb and lengthen driveway to be included with the Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter District #09-11. Seconded by Nygaard. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Liechty moved to recommend the City Council approve a pipeline easement with Stutsman Rural Water District. Seconded by Kourajian. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Kourajian moved to authorize the reimbursement of \$23,522.63 to the ND Department of Transportation for costs not eligible for federal reimbursement on the 3rd Street from 1st Ave S to 8th Ave SE (Project No. SU-2987(024)028). Seconded by Nygaard. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Kourajian moved to recommend the City Council approve the following Resolutions relative to the Downtown Parking Lot Reconstruction Project #07-43:

- a) To approve the plans and specifications for the project
- b) To authorize advertising for bids for construction of the project

Seconded by Nygaard. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Liechty indicated that she had a conflict relative to discussion or action to reconsidering payment of property damages to residents as a result of the flood as her property has also sustained damage.

Ruth Monson, 1705 Elmwood Place, appeared before the committee to discuss concerns relative to the City decision not to reimburse property damage caused by the 2009 flood event. She would like the City Council to reconsider the decision as her property sustained damage.

Chris Dodson, 1102 2nd Place NE, appeared on behalf of his mother who resides at 1712 Elmwood Place and indicated that not all property damaged by the dikes were intended to protect property other than that which had dikes upon them.

Duane Moos indicated that a method needs to be established by the City to restore property owner's losses.

Jesse Jeske, whose mother resides at 707A 2nd St SW, indicated that the easement to her property had not been signed at the time the dike and damages occurred on her property.

Doug Mogck, 621 4th St NW, informed the committee that he had been told by someone that any damages as a result of the dike would be taken care of.

Nygaard moved to table discussion relative to property damages until the September Committee meeting. Seconded by Kourajian. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Nygaard moved to instruct public works personnel to make any necessary repairs needed to the gates at the ice house dam due to ice related damage and to close the gates. Seconded by Kourajian. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Liechty informed the committee members that a special meeting should be held to discuss the Storm Water Study from 2002 and updated in 2003 and the Fats, Oils and Grease Study from 2006.

Schwartzkopf informed the members that the City has been invited to apply for mitigation funds on the buyout of the 17th Ave SW homes and other similar homes.

Kourajian moved to recommend the City Council approve the request from Dean Hafner to open and gravel the road right-of-way on 26th Street SW from 3rd Ave. SW to the east end of the I-94 Business Park, when a building permit for Lots 7 & 8, Block 4, I-94 Business Park Addition, has been issued. Seconded by Nygaard. Voice vote showed: 3 ayes, 1 nay (Liechty). Carried.

Jeff Fuchs, City Administrator