

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Thursday, September 15, 2011
(Open Session)

Committee of the Whole met at City Hall on Thursday, September 15, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Common Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Justin M. Nickels, Alderpersons Jason Sladky, Dave Soeldner, Jill Hennessey, James Brey, Scott McMeans, Alex Olson and Christopher Able.

Absent: Alderpersons Matt Kadow and Allan Schema.

Also present: Dir. Public Works/Engineer/Parks & Recreation Valerie Mellon, Deputy Clerk Deborah Neuser and news media.

Council President Able called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Able declared the meeting open for public input. In accordance with policy, the public input portion of the meeting is not made a part of the official record.

Dir. Public Works/Engineer/Parks & Recreation Valerie Mellon and Transit Manager Derek Muench presented the committee with an update on the bids for the transfer terminal along with the DOT's recommendations on how to proceed as well as outlining the Committee's options. It was noted that if the City chooses to rebid the project, WisDOT would still support those costs with the Recovery Act grant as long as there are sufficient funds. It would not be possible to award a contract resulting from the current bid with the assumption that there would be immediate change orders because that would be contrary to FTA procurement practices, and out of line with a fair and open bid process.

Representatives from Somerville attending were Randy D. Boden and Daniel J. Wiitanen. Representatives from DOT were Joseph Kapper and Mary Ebeling.

A lengthy discussion followed relative to rebidding alternatives.

Moved by Alderperson Brey, seconded by Mayor Nickels, and carried by acclamation to recommend to Public Property and Safety Committee to place report (11-

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586) of the Board of Public Works of August 31, 2011, regarding bids received for demolition of the existing and the construction of the new Intermodal Transfer Station, Project WB-11-10 on file and rebid with the following ten alternates: Remove light tubes; Remove exterior clocks; Remove lending library; Remove architectural brackets; Remove Fire Dept. sump pit/pumper pad; Substitute concrete brick in lieu of clay brick; Substitute CMU interior partitions in lieu of burnished block; Substitute cast stone/split-face CMU in lieu of limestone (exterior); Substitute shingled roof in lieu of metal roof; and Provide security rough-in only (no cameras). Ayes, 5.Nays, 3.

Dir. Public Works/Engineer/Parks & Recreation Valerie Mellon invited members to her office at any time to review plans and specs.

Moved by Mayor Nickels, second by Alderperson Olson, and unanimously carried, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Alderperson Christopher Able, Chairperson
Committee of the Whole

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Deborah A. Neuser
Deputy City Clerk

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