

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 11, 2012
City Hall – First Floor Hearing Room West

Finance Chairperson Scott McMeans called the meeting to order at 7:24 PM

Present: Alderpersons, Scott McMeans, Alex Olson, and Collin Braunel

Absent: Christopher Able and Matt Kadow

Also Present: Alderperson James Brey, Acting Finance Director/Treasurer Tony Scherer, Director of Public Works, Park & Recreation and City Engineer Val Mellon, DPW Business Manager Mike Huck.

Discussion & Possible Action Regarding Resolution 11-667
Silver Creek Fish Passage/Habitat Restoration Project

Chairperson McMeans turned the meeting over to the Director of Public Works, Parks & Recreation and City Engineer Valerie Mellon. Ms. Mellon explained that this project was in reference to the Silver Creek bank erosion problems. She gave details and provided diagrams showing the project plan. She added that the first priority was to stabilize the river banks and that adjusting or moving the concrete pads would be done at a later time. The City Engineer also stated that there was support from local wildlife and conservation groups to go forward with this project. Ms. Mellon informed the Committee that Bay Lakes Regional Planning Commission would be the agency applying for the GLBFHP grant to fund the project.

Motion by Alderperson Olson, second by Alderperson Braunel to support Resolution 667 and proceed with the grant application. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Possible Action Regarding Resolution 11-666
Little Manitowoc River Basin Restoration Project

Director of Public Works, Parks & Recreation and City Engineer Valerie Mellon continued by explaining that this project was regarding the restoration of the area surrounding the outlet of the Little Manitowoc River into Lake Michigan. This project was in reference to the 2008 washout that changed the pattern of water flow in that area.

Ms. Mellon informed the committee that there was a study of the project area completed by Montgomery and Associates. The consultant came up with two basic design scenarios for restoring the area. The first is a riffle design. This design would provide for a gradual sloping progression to a bit deeper meandering river bed. This is much like the area was prior to the 2008 washout. The other design would provide for a more water basin-like region with moderate sloping areas of water and three deeper areas to assist with wildlife habitation.

Again Ms. Mellon provided diagrams of the two scenarios. She mentioned that the Wisconsin DNR & Army Corp of Engineers would ultimately need to approve the plan. Once again there was support from local residents as well as wildlife and conservation groups to go forward with this project. Bay Lakes Regional Planning Commission would again be the agency applying for the GLBFHP grant to fund the project.

Motion by Alderperson Olson, second by Alderperson Braunel to support Resolution 666 and proceed with the grant application. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Alderperson Olson, second by Alderperson Braunel to adjourn. Chairperson McMeans declared the meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Alderperson Scott McMeans
Chairperson Finance Committee

By: Anthony J. Scherer
Interim Finance Director/Treasurer

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