

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015 – 6:30 P.M.**

**JOAN WILLIAMSON ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS**

**MINUTES**

Chairman Arthur T. Gerckens called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m. All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

**Roll Call**

Present: Arthur T. Gerckens, Ronald Sill, Peter Olenoski

Also Present: Keith A. McLiverly, City Treasurer  
Lindsay King, Superintendent W.P.C.A.  
Stephen Iacuone, Aldermen  
Susan Cable, Interim Chief of Staff  
Anthony DeSimone, P.E., Weston & Sampson Engineers  
Thomas Welch, Corporation Counsel

**ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA**

Mr. Gerckens said he has received the following requests:

- New Item #11 is a request for a portion of Grove Avenue to be closed on July 5, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a neighborhood block party.
- New Item #12 is a request from Cub Scout Pack 16 asking that the picnic grove fees be waived.
- New Item #13 is adjournment.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. Olenoski to accept the additions and adopt the agenda as amended. **Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC PORTION**

Mr. Gerckens asked three times if anyone wished to speak during public portion. Hearing no requests...

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Gerckens with a second by Mr. Sill to close the Public Portion. **Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2015**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. Olenoski to approve the Minutes of the May 12, 2015 minutes as presented.

#### **REQUEST TO WAIVE PERMIT FEE FOR WIRING OF THE NEW DMS/DHS ELECTRONIC SIGN**

Keith McLiverty informed the committee that Dr. Conway is unable to be here this evening and he will speak in Dr. Conway's place. He said the electrical permit fee would be approximately \$60.00. There was a discussion amongst the committee about the State Education Fee that accompanies all permit fees.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. Olenoski to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen that the electrical permit fee be waived except for the State Education Fee for the new DMS/DHS electronic sign. **Motion carried.**

#### **REQUEST TO USE THE DERBY GREENWAY BY WALNUT HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH TO CONDUCT THE DERBY'S B.E.S.T. (BETTER EMPOWER STUDENTS AND TEACHERS) 5K RUN/WALK FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015. THEY WOULD LIKE TO USE THE BJ'S SIDE OF THE GREENWAY FOR THEIR STARTING LINE AND STAGING AREA. PROCEEDS FROM THIS RACE WILL BENEFIT THE SCHOOL SYSTEM.**

Mr. Gerckens informed the committee that he received a letter from Pastor Mayhew making this request. Mr. Olenoski asked if anyone keeps tracks of all the events happening on the Greenway Trail so there is no overlapping. It was noted that the Town & City Clerk's Office keeps a record of all events. Mr. Sill stated that there should be something built into the request should police, fire or ambulance services be necessary.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. Olenoski to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen the use of the Derby Greenway by Walnut Hill Community Church to conduct the Derby's B.E.S.T. 5k run/walk on Saturday, September 26, 2015.

#### **DISCUSSION ON MOTION**

Mr. Gerckens said he would like to get in touch with Anthony to see how they use that section of BJ's before the next Board of Aldermen meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **DISCUSSION ON BID WAIVER FOR ELECTRICAL WORK AND INSTRUMENTATION WORK IN PHASE 1 OF THE W.P.C.A. BOND PROJECT**

Mr. Gerckens said there was a request that this be on our agenda this evening.

Keith McLiverty, the City Treasurer, informed the committee that there was an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) issued by the W.P.C.A. for their Phase 1 Dewatering project. There was a low bidder and then the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest bidder. It took time for the referendum to pass and during that time the low bidder for the RFQ backed out. The second lowest bidder was contacted by the W.P.C.A. and Anthony DeSimone from Weston & Sampson, the engineers for the project to reaffirm their bid price. That contractor came back with an add/deduct letter with some substantial dollar amounts. Some of it was market driven that they could justify and one other thing was they wanted the electrical portion taken out the contract. That wouldn't count as a deduct because the electrical will need to be done. After much discussion it was decided to re-bid the RFQ. Mr. McLiverty said in the development of that RFQ, which has not been released,

the electrician to be used was specified by the engineers. This raised many flags. It was unanimously agreed to by the Infrastructure Committee and the W.P.C.A. that we should get a bid waiver for the electrical component. The electrician that was specified is the person who currently works down at the plant and has worked there for years. Mr. Gerckens asked if it would be over \$10,000.00. He was told it would be. Mr. Gerckens said the Charter must be followed. Atty. Welch said that is why they are asking for a bid waiver.

Carolyn Duhaime, Chair of the W.P.C.A., said they are in agreement with the bid waiver. She said the flow of information on this project is very good. She noted that she was also on the Tax Board and is always on the lookout for ways to save money and to also get the best bang for the buck. She said substantial research has been one as to why we wish to move forward this way. We need to keep things totally transparent.

Anthony DeSimone from Weston & Sampson said the recommendation to use the electrician came from the W.P.C.A. staff. He said he compared the price proposal of the current electrician versus other projects that he has done of a similar nature and Mr. DeSimone said the W.P.C.A.'s electrician price is extremely competitive and actually substantially lower. A comparable job the electrician would be approximately \$500,000.00 lower. There is a comfort level with this person – he does excellent work and cost wise can't be beat.

Mr. DeSimone said two bid waivers are being sought this evening. The other one is for the instrumentation part of the project. The controls that are already at the treatment plant is the program that would need to be used unless you're looking to scrap the entire thing and start over. Mr. Sill asked what are we looking at for the controls. Mr. DeSimone said it would be approximately \$300,000.00. Mr. Olenoski asked what is the price for electrical. Mr. DeSimone said it would be approximately \$950,000.00.

Steve Iacuone, an alderman and an employee of the W.P.C.A. said they originally started this project with the electrician without thinking we would have the referendum. It was on a much smaller scale using the electrician – we thought we would pay for it. He said UI wants to get their substation out of the plant – that needed to be added to the scope of work. Mr. Iacuone said their electrician did all the leg work for the project. He said if we don't go this route and get the bid waiver then electrical specifications would need to be drawn up by the engineers. By doing it this way we look to save a lot of money.

Mr. Sill said he has been on the board for many years and he doesn't ever recall a bid waiver of this magnitude. Mr. Gerckens asked how long would it take to get this out to bid. Mr. DeSimone said it would be over the next couple of months. They need to resubmit some information to the DEP. Mr. Gerckens said he's with Mr. Sill on this. He said they really have their work cut out to sell people on this before the next Board of Aldermen meeting.

Mr. Olenoski asked how many phases are there to this project. Mr. DeSimone said there would be two.

**REQUEST FOR A PORTION OF GROVE AVENUE BE CLOSED ON JULY 5, 2015 FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M. FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY**

Mr. Sill said this has been going on for years – it's a bunch of neighbors on the street holding the party.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. Olenoski to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen that a portion of Grove Avenue be closed on July 5, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. subject to Traffic Authority permission. **Motion carried.**

**REQUEST FROM CUB SCOUT PACK 16 THAT THE FEE FOR THE PICNIC GROVE BE WAIVED**

Mr. Gerckens said this can't be voted on this evening as the event is for this coming Sunday. There was a discussion that they could vote on this and the group could pay and if it is approved then the money could be refunded. It was also noted that this is for a group out of Ansonia. There was a brief discussion if this would be granted to organizations outside of Derby. Ms. DeGennaro stated that we do it for non-profits.

It was decided that no action would be taken this evening and it would be discussed at the full Board of Aldermen meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. Olenoski to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Finn  
Recording Secretary

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN COMMUNITY RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.**