



OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS** HELD ON FEBRUARY 12, 2019 @ 7:00
P.M. IN THE COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 2000 NORTH
CALHOUN ROAD, BROOKFIELD, WISCONSIN

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alderman Rick Owen, Chairman
Alderman Brad Blumer
Alderman Christopher Blackburn

Alderman Scott Berg
Alderman Buck Jurken

MEMBER ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Mayor Steve Ponto

OTHERS PRESENT:

Director of Public Works Tom Grisa
Alderman Bill Carnell (a.a.)

City Engineer Jeff Chase

Roll Call

Chairman Owen noted a quorum present and called the Board of Public Works to order at 7:24 pm.

Meeting Minutes

Item 1 Meeting minutes of the January 8, 2019 Board of Public Works Meeting

Motion by Alderman Berg, seconded by Alderman Jurken to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2019 Board of Public Works meeting minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business

Item 2 Legislative referral regarding Open Burning Ordinance (consider future joint meeting with Legislative and Licensing)

Alderman Berg's understanding of the referral is that it is a topic that comes up from time to time and let's see if there has been any change cost, law, public sentiment since it was last reviewed.

Alderman Jurken and Alderman Nelson met with Andrea Peot to discuss the issues her family is experiencing due to burning.

Alderman Blackburn supports a ban, however, there is no alternative at this time.

Alderman Carnell asked if this ordinance was referred to Legislative and Licensing. Mr. Grisa stated it was referred to Legislative and Licensing and they agree to meet jointly with the Board of Public Works to discuss the burning ordinance.

Mr. Grisa stated the last page of his memo identifies recommendations from the task force in 2003. What is not included is a permit requirement or a fee. By limiting the months to April, May, October and November it gives homeowners an opportunity to burn during spring and fall clean up. The hours of burning are also restricted. This would achieve a modest reduction in burning and provides the residents an opportunity to burn.

Alderman Blumer stated District 7 sends out a newsletter and there was a request for opinions on leaf burning. Responses were 50/50 for and against burning. He felt these modifications would be sufficient for the short term.

Alderman Carnell recommended adding the definition of a fire, firmer penalty if there is still smoke at the end of the burning time, a definition of a recreational fire and where it can be contained, ban barrel burning.

Alderman Jurken felt this is a bigger issue that needs more discussion before a decision.

Alderman Berg stated there are residents that want to maintain their own properties. Therefore, an alternative will need to be provided prior to a ban.

Alderman Blumer is in favor of the recommendations from Mr. Grisa's memo, having the points enumerated, clarifying recreational fires, drafting an ordinance and referring to Legislation and Licensing committee for additional review. Mr. Grisa stated the Board of Public Works would not write the ordinance but can make recommendations to the Legislation and Licensing committee.

Motion by Alderman Jurken, seconded by Alderman Blumer to adopt the suggestions from staff and forward to the city attorney to draft into an amended ordinance that will be sent to the Legislative and Licensing committee for approval. Motion carried 5-0

Item 3 Consideration of existing Pedestrian Crosswalk policy

Alderman Berg asked what would have to change to allow the installation of lights at Heritage/Norhardt and North Ave. Mr. Chase replied there is insufficient pedestrian volume to warrant a separate set of signals there. Mr. Grisa stated that there is a lit crosswalk sign there which you have to press a button to get them to work. Mr. Grisa stated this policy is for the non-lit crosswalks. There is a separate policy for the lit crosswalks.

Motion by Alderman Blackburn, seconded by Alderman Jurken to approve the consideration of existing Pedestrian Crosswalk policy. Motion carried 5-0.

Item 4 Consideration of existing Traffic Control Device policy

Alderman Blackburn asked for clarification on #3 – “What is a signalized area?” Mr. Chase stated it is a corridor that has signals.

Motion by Alderman Blumer, seconded by Alderman Blackburn to approve the consideration of existing Traffic Control Device policy. Motion carried 5-0.

Item 5 Revision #2 of the State/Municipal Agreement for funding of Calhoun Road widening project from North Avenue to Capitol Drive

Mr. Grisa stated this was in the works when the funding was approved for Calhoun Road. Alderman Blackburn is opposed to the project because the project is too large. He indicated the road should be widened at the intersections only. Mr. Grisa stated that voting for the project means the board is in favor of obtaining additional money from the federal government to complete the project.

Motion by Alderman Berg, seconded by Alderman Jurken to approve revision #2 of the State/Municipal Agreement for funding of Calhoun Road widening project from North Avenue to Capitol Drive. Motion carried 4-1. Alderman Blackburn opposed.

Adjournment

Motion by Alderman Berg, seconded by Alderman Jurken to adjourn the Board of Public Works meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carolyn Megal, Administrative Assistant