

**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
ALD. TODD BANCROFT, CHAIR**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2 EAST MAIN STREET**

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting was convened by Chairman Bancroft at 7:57 pm.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Chairman Bancroft, Ald. Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner, Gaugel, Vitek, Bessner, Lewis

Absent: None

3. Omnibus Vote

None

4. City Administrator

- a. **Recommendation to award contract to Schramm Construction Corporation for partial building demolition (George's) and waive the public bid process.**

Mark Koenen: We have been working with Schramm Construction to assist us with quotes for the work being done in the George's Building. There were 3 quotes provided and it was based on a non-prevailing wage. We have a quality assurance group in our finance area and they call out people not following rules. In that particular case I was that person and I apologize. It demonstrates the efficiency of how our finance department works, and that they don't discriminate in terms of people not following rules.

I'm presenting this tonight because it needs to be approved by City Council, and because we are now approving it based on a prevailing wage value. The analytical part of the conversation is for everyone to observe what a non-prevailing wage job costs for demo and cleanup vs. a prevailing wage demo project.

I would ask that you approve this and if there are any questions I'll be glad to answer.

Ald. Turner: This isn't actually the cost of the roof is it?

Mark Koenen: No. This is the interior cleanup that we did to facilitate seeing the roof from the inside of the building.

Motion by Ald. Stellato, second by Lemke to approve recommendation to award contract to

Schramm Construction Corporation for partial building demolition (George's) and waive the public bid process.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None. Chair Bancroft did not vote as Chair.

Motion Carried.

Ald. Lemke: I would like to have this group entertain a discussion. Due to the later fall, the leaves haven't been showing up on the curbs until the last 2 weeks. The City has been good about having the contractor collect the leave, but I've noticed across several wards there are still a lot of leaves. People didn't know the time was up, and it's starting to flow into the gutters. I did have a couple of calls from folks. One in particular, tonight, that stated if they knew they would retain their lawn service to make sure their leaves are also at the curb. I wonder if the City staff has any comments, and if there is any flexibility in requiring that we close this tomorrow?

Peter Suhr: The leaf program continues. We actually just got started on the west side today. We were supposed to be done last week according to the original plan. As you mentioned mother nature was a bit hard on us this year as she always is every year for leaf pickup. The amount of leaves on the east side were so much we were delayed about 1 week. We started on the west side today and we anticipate that work to be complete by the end of this week. We also, and what I think you're referring to, is Advance Disposal as they were picking up garbage recognized that several folks on the east and west side had bags of leaves on the curb. Their program ended last month as well, and they did not pick up those bags today. However, at about 4:00 pm today they called and said they are willing to pick up the bags tomorrow. They will pick up the bags on the west side tomorrow, and bags with stickers will be collected. They have also agreed to, at their cost, go and pickup stickered bags on the east side as well. That press release went out about 4:35 pm today. We are continuing to evaluate the program; we go out and look to see where the leaf piles are every day. We typically don't leave the leaves unattended.

Ald. Lemke: The call I had was that it would be hard to retain a lawn service overnight to collect the leaves. He's not the only one. Generally, in the Fox Chase area there are a lot of mature trees. I did see on the website the 5th of December note. It's a little short for the person who called and his neighbors as well. They would need a couple days of notice if there is any way that could be done.

Ald. Silkaitis: There are still a lot of leaves on the trees in my neighborhood. They haven't come down. There are people who have them on the curb waiting for pick up. I didn't know anything about the bag pickup tomorrow. There are going to be leaves falling down this week. We need to think about having another pickup. We went through this last year if I remember correctly. It's not cheap, but we need to consider this. It needs to be investigated and more notice given.

Peter Suhr: At the end of our evaluation we will send out an email, or try to contact you to make a decision on a future pickup. We might be having leaves fall three weeks from

now the way the season seems to be going. There is a bit of a timing influence as well. Do we do the next pick up starting next week or is that too early? We'll try to evaluate everything and provide you with some solid recommendations. Just an FYI this program is over \$100,000 for a single pick up. There are some significant dollars we're talking about.

Ald. Silkaitis: Are stickers required for the pickup tomorrow?

Peter Suhr: Yes. Stickers are required.

Motion by Ald. Gaugel, second by Lewis to move into Executive Session to discuss Land Acquisition under Property Acquisition at 8:11 pm.

Roll Call: Ayes: Gaugel, Vitek, Bessner, Lewis, Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke; Nays: None. Chrmn. Bancroft did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

5. Executive Session

- Personnel –5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- Pending Litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
- Probable or Imminent Litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
- Property Acquisition – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)
- Collective Bargaining – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)

Motion by Ald. Lemke, second by Silkaitis to come out of executive session 8:53 pm.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None. Chair Bancroft did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

6. Additional Items from Mayor, Council, Staff, or Citizens.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Ald. Turner, second by Lemke to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 pm.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None. Chair Bancroft did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

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