CITY OF GLENDALE COMMON COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2020

Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Glendale held in the Municipal Building, 5909 North Milwaukee River Parkway, Glendale, Wisconsin.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kennedy at 6:01 p.m.

Other Officials Present: Rachel Safstrom, City Administrator; John Fuchs, City Attorney; Mark Ferguson, Police Chief.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

The members of the Common Council, City staff, and all those present pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

OPEN MEETING NOTICE.

Administrator Safstrom advised that in accordance with the Open Meeting Law, the local news media was advised on Thursday, March 5, 2020, of the date of this meeting; that the Agenda was posted on the official bulletin board of City Hall, the Glendale Police Department, and the North Shore Library; that copies of the Agenda were made available to the general public in the Municipal Building and the Police Department; and those persons who requested, were sent copies of the Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT.
No comments were made by the public.

CONSENT AGENDA.

I. File No. _______________________________________
   Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on February 24, 2020, Approval of Accounts Payable, and Payment 16 to Absolute Construction Enterprises for work completed on the City Hall / Police Garage Project.

NEW BUSINESS.

II. File No. ________________________

Administrator Safstrom stated that Vandewalle & Associates, Inc. staff has worked with City staff and the Plan Commission to develop a Comprehensive Master Plan 2040. City staff has included funding for a Bicycle and Pedestrian plan for the City. This plan would complement the Comprehensive Master Plan 2040 as it relates to transportation within the community.

Ald. Schmelzling indicated that he would like the consultant to provide more specific direction on implementation of the plan. Administrator Safstrom indicated implementation would be determined by the current capital improvement road projects as well as any specific funding to a bicycle/pedestrian program which the Council is willing to commit.


III. File No. ________________________
Recommendation from Legislative, Judiciary, and Finance Committee Review for Application to Change Agent for Elite Northshore LLC, located at 5750 N. Glen Park Rd., Glendale, WI 53209 and at 2001 W. Good Hope Rd., Glendale, WI 53209.

Rob Cronwell, 7530 W. Apple Tree Road questioned why the Council would only be approving the agent. It would seem more appropriate that the entire application needed to be renewed as they are a new entity.

Administrator Safstrom stated the applicant did submit a new application, it was published, it may be an error of wording on the Agenda. Attorney Fuchs stated the Council could approve the agent and he will review the application and determine if it needs to be back before the Council for approval.


Administrator Safstrom stated the North Shore Managers met with representatives from Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA). MREA would like to host a “Grow Solar” solar group-buy program for residents of the North Shore communities. By bringing smaller solar array projects together, everyone participating gets a better rate for an actual solar array for their own particular home.

Being an active partner requires having someone who represents or serves the City participate in the Program Team that will meet weekly for the duration of the program (approximately 6 months) to set up and publicize educational events for the public. Staff recommends the City participate in this program. The representative for the City would be Elias Vareldzis, Assistant to the Community Development Director.

Marta Monti representing Midwest Renewable Energy Association gave a brief review of the program. There have been 30 programs administered in the Midwest. There is currently support in the North Shore from Fox Point and Shorewood. Other communities are anticipated to support the program.

Several questions were discussed regarding the preferred installer selection. Overall the selection is by MREA; however, there is a selection team with representatives from the communities that gives input into the process.

Ald. Wiese questioned what regulations homeowners would need to go through to participate. Administrator Safstrom stated that there are minimal regulations beyond an electrical permit. The State Statutes do not allow for much oversight by the municipality.

Ald. Shaw questioned the average cost of the installation of solar on a residential home. Ms. Monti stated it depends on the size of the system; however, many homes are about $12,000-$17,000 prior to any State or Federal incentives.

Alderman Gelhard inquired as to whether participation in this program would interfere with participation in a solar program with Johnson Controls, as he recently had a conversation with Jenna Kunde from Johnson Controls who had indicated that JCI was still interested in pursuing a solar panel program with Glendale. Administrator Safstrom indicated that participation would not interfere and that she would be having a meeting with JCI later this month.

Motion by Ald. Daugherty, seconded by Ald. Schmelzling, to participate in the Grow Solar North Shore Program, with Mr. Vareldzis to represent the City on the coordination team and serve as the City lead coordinator of this program. Ayes: Ald., Daugherty, Gelhard, Wiese, Schmelzling, and Shaw. Noes: None. Absent: Ald. Vukovic. Abstain: None. Motion carried.
V. File No.  
Consideration of the use of Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District Green Infrastructure Funding.

Administrator Safstrom stated MMSD indicates the purpose of Green Solutions Funding is to provide financial incentive to District municipalities to help achieve TMDL compliance while also progressing towards the District’s 2035 Vision’s goals related to integrated watershed management (IWM), the District’s Regional Green Infrastructure Plan, and the District’s discharge permit.

In 2018, the City worked with MMSD to receive funding for the construction of the bioswales at City Hall. This offset the cost of the construction. Currently, the City has $441,131 available for Green Solution funding available.

City Engineer, Mustafa Emir reviewed the basis of Green Infrastructure funding. While it is available for private projects, the funds must run through a municipality. Mr. Emir reviewed the potential of public projects that are available including green alleys. Mr. Emir also stated that the Bayshore Development has requirements to reduce stormwater impacts by 20%.

Attorney Fuchs reviewed the partnership the City currently has with Bayshore. There are been many financial challenges and as a partner in the project, it would be in the City’s interest to assist with funding of stormwater requirements.

Mayor Kennedy stated that while he believes these funds will continue to increase and the City’s priority should be public projects, the City is a partner with Bayshore in the Community Development Authority project and supports the use of the funds this year to assist Bayshore.

Alderman Gelhard inquired if Green Infrastructure funds could be used for the lead lateral program and the answer from staff was “no.”

Additional discussion regarding potential of an application process, where the best use of funding to address environmental issues and future funds occurred. Future funding options will be presented within the 5-year Capital Improvement Program later this year.

Motion by Ald. Shaw, seconded by Ald. Daugherty, to direct staff to work with Bayshore on an agreement to assist with funding the stormwater requirement with the use of $441,131 in Green Infrastructure funds. Ayes: Ald., Daugherty, Gelhard, Wiese, Schmelzling, and Shaw. Noes: None. Absent: Ald. Vukovic. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

VI. File No.  
Consideration of a Lead Lateral Replacement Program.

The City of Glendale does not have a considerable amount of properties with lead laterals. To date, we have identified 45 properties. However, we are still required to report
information to the WDNR and work with the North Shore Water Commission on sampling of known properties with lead laterals.

As the City proceeds to replace watermain, there may be an opportunity to assist property owners in replacing the lead lateral to their home. Presented is a draft Lead Service Replacement Program for the City of Glendale. This would allow residents to receive $1,000 one-time grant to replace their lead lateral service at the time of watermain construction in front of their home. Property owners would be notified of the pending construction and given an opportunity to work with the contractor and receive a grant.

Ald. Schmelzling questioned the estimated overall cost of replacing a lead lateral. Mr. Emir stated it ranges between $5,000-$8,000 per home depending on the length of the lateral.

Motion by Ald. Wiese, seconded by Ald. Daugherty, to approve the Lead Service Replacement Program as presented.

Further discussion regarding the incentive occurred. It was considered that $1,000 was not enough of an incentive for people to proceed with replacement of the lead lateral.

Motion by Ald. Daugherty, seconded by Ald. Gelhard, to amend the motion to allow for the grant to be $2,000. Ayes: Ald., Daugherty, Gelhard, Wiese, Schmelzling, and Shaw. Noes: None. Absent: Ald. Vukovic. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

The motion to approve the Lead Service Replacement Program with the grant amount amended to $2,000 as amended. Ayes: Ald., Daugherty, Gelhard, Wiese, Schmelzling, and Shaw. Noes: None. Absent: Ald. Vukovic. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

VII. File No. __________________________
       HSIP Intersection Safety Improvements for Silver Spring Corridor Approval of Design Engineering Services.

At the June 25, 2018 Council meeting, the Council approved entering into an agreement for an Intersection Safety Screening Study. Staff received notification of three grant approvals for traffic safety construction.

The total amount of this grant is estimated to be around $1,041,809.00. The City is responsible for 10% at $104,181. The design fees as part of this grant are estimated to be around $189,000.00. The City’s contribution at 10% is estimated to be $18,900.00. The grant amount includes engineering design and construction of the improvements.

One of the three improvements, the Silver Spring Intersections, required the selection of an outside engineering firm. The other two projects, Silver Spring Ramps and the Intersection of N. Green Bay Avenue and Good Hope Road, will be engineered by WisDOT and Milwaukee County respectively.
Mayor Kennedy asked what was the pricing from the other two firms. Administrator Safstrom explained this was a request of qualifications. The Department of Transportation works with the engineer chosen on the pricing. The firm is selected based on a list of criteria for these types of projects.


COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS.

There were several updates from Council members, on the activities of the various Commissions, Committees and Boards on which they serve.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, motion was made by Ald. Shaw, seconded by Ald. Schmelzling, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Ald., Daugherty, Gelhard, Wiese, Schmelzling, and Shaw. Noes: None. Absent: Ald. Vukovic. Abstain: None. Motion carried and adjournment of the Common Council was ordered at 7:23 p.m., until Monday, March 23, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

Rachel A. Safstrom
City Administrator

Recorded: March 10, 2020.