



CITY OF PARK RIDGE

MINUTES

FLOOD CONTROL TASK FORCE

Wednesday, March 6, 2013
6:00 p.m. Meeting
505 Butler Place
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068

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MEMBERS PRESENT: G. Fabisch, J. Humm, K. Jones, P. Lofthouse (arr. 6:12 p.m.),
B. Mack, J. Saccomanno, and S. Tolan

MEMBERS ABSENT: L. Arrigoni

ALDERMEN PRESENT: Alderman Smith

STAFF PRESENT: W. Zingsheim, S. Mitchell, and S. Tedeschi

I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

The minutes of the September 19, 2012 meeting were approved.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Status of ongoing Flood Control Projects

City Engineer Mitchell stated that construction of the first four projects from the approved Sewer Improvement Plan continues on schedule. Construction on Western (south of Devon) and Prospect (between Granville and Glenlake) was completed last fall. The remainder of the construction on this contract will resume in the spring. This includes Cumberland (Belle Plaine to Gillick) and Prospect, Courtland, and Crescent (Devon and Talcott).

B. Schedule of Flood Control projects to be started in 2013

City Engineer Mitchell stated that all projects are moving along per the approved schedule. The FY14 Sewer Lining project will be bid out sometime after May 1; there is \$310,000 in the proposed budget for this project.

The second year of the Phase I Feasibility Studies are proposed for the upcoming year, with the contact approved last year. These studies are Mayfield Estates, Country Club area, and the Northwest Park area. All surveying work has been completed and the analysis is almost complete. The next step will be the development of concept level plans and cost estimates.

Phase II Design of the projects scheduled for later this year is almost complete. These projects include Stewart/Warren/Engel/ Belle Plaine area, Burton/Fenton, (Parkside to Vernon), Overhill and Lahon. We are currently field-verifying Chester / Bonnie to see if it is still a viable project. The design will be bid out later this summer with construction in fall/winter.

C. Schedule of Flood Control projects beyond 2013

City Engineer Mitchell stated that based on the outcome of the Phase I Feasibility Studies for Mayfield Estates, Country Club area, and the Northwest Park area, the next step will be the development of concept level plans and cost estimates.

D. Status of Bond Schedule

Director Zingsheim stated that the completion of the projects in the upcoming fiscal year are included in the current bond issue. The City Council will determine whether to continue with the larger projects, if they are feasible, and if they should issue additional bonds to fund these projects.

E. Alderman Smith addressed the Task Force on tax abatement and the TIF Fund.

F. The Task Force discussed the need for a flood rebate / incentive program. Mr. Saccomanno stated that, in the past, the Council strongly opposed such a program and suggested waiting until after the elections to bring this matter back before Council for discussion.

Mr. Humm noted that at the September 19, 2012 meeting he had stated that he would prepare draft documents on rebate programs. He now feels that a Task Force member should not do this, but that staff should.

Director Zingsheim stated that he was not a proponent of a rebate program.

After discussion, Mr. Humm stated that a rebate/ incentive program should be brought back to the Council again and be part of the budget discussions. Director Zingsheim provided the Task Force with a schedule of upcoming COW and Budget meetings.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. City Council Decisions related to Flood Control

Director Zingsheim stated that the Sewer Lining program has been budgeted for FY14 as well as general maintenance work for the Sibley Lift Station.

B. Briefing from staff regarding recent storm events

Director Zingsheim reported no issues, noting that the increased maintenance seems to be having an impact.

C. Funding available for flood control in Illinois

Director Zingsheim stated that it was up to the Finance Department and the City Council to investigate and address funding and bonding matters.

D. The Task Force discussed filling the seat vacated by Mr. Carroll. After discussion, they decided that a member with a finance background would be beneficial. Mr. Fabisch will contact Mayor Schmidt with their recommendations.

IV. RESIDENT INPUT

1. Brent Popper, 2210 Birch, asked if the original report had been updated. The Task Force noted that a status report had been given at the last meeting.

2. Paul Swanson, 1700 Good, asked for an update on projects in the Mayfield area. City Engineer Mitchell stated that the Mayfield area is part of the second year of the Phase I Feasibility Study proposed for the upcoming year, with the contract approved last year. All surveying work has been completed and the analysis is almost complete. The next step will be the development of concept level plans and cost estimates.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting was scheduled for June 5, 2013 at 6 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.