



MINUTES OF THE IMPROVEMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2019, 6:00 PM
CITY HALL, ROOM 207**

A. ROLL CALL.

Present: Ald. Brian Johnson, Ald. Jesse Brunette, Ald. Barbara Dorff

Excused: Ald. Andy Nicholson, Ald. Chris Wery

Others present: Daniel Van Kauwenberg, Dick Diederich, John Remington, Ryan Juelich, Patrick Buckley

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to approve the agenda of the Wednesday, October 9, 2019 Improvement and Services Committee Meeting.

Vote: Yes- Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Barbara Dorff, No- None, Abstain- None

Motion carried.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, September 25, 2019 Improvement and Services Committee Meeting.

Vote: Yes- Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Barbara Dorff, No- None, Abstain- None

Motion carried.

D. REGULAR BUSINESS.

I. Consideration with possible action on request by Ald. Brunette on amending the City's ordinance on landscaping, weeds, vegetation, and gardens on residential lots (held from the September 25, 2019

Improvement and Services Committee meeting).

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to receive and place on file the request by Ald. Brunette on amending the City's ordinance on landscaping, weeds, vegetation, and gardens on residential lots.

Vote: Yes- Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Barbara Dorff, No- None, Abstain- None

Motion carried.

2. Consideration with possible action on request by Ald. Brunette on improving flooding issues by removing dirt in ditches and around culverts on Hillcrest Drive specifically near Westway Drive.

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to open the floor for discussion.

Vote: Yes- Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Barbara Dorff, No- None, Abstain- None

Motion carried.

The following people spoke regarding the request:

Dick Diederich - 1604 Hillcrest Dr.

John Remington - 3207 Westway Dr.

Patrick Buckley - 3249 West Point Rd.

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to close the floor for discussion.

Vote: Yes- Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Barbara Dorff, No- None, Abstain- None

Motion carried.

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to open the floor for discussion.

Vote: Yes- Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Barbara Dorff, No- None, Abstain- None

Motion carried.

The following people spoke regarding the request:

John Remington - 3207 Westway Dr.

Patrick Buckley - 3249 West Point Rd.

Ryan Juelich - 2320 Remington Rd.

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to close the floor for discussion.

Vote: Yes- Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Barbara Dorff, No- None, Abstain- None

Motion carried.

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to direct staff to develop a plan to address improving flooding issues by removing dirt in ditches and around culverts on Hillcrest Drive specifically near Westway Drive and report back at the October 23, 2019 meeting of the Improvement and Services Committee.

Vote: Yes- Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Barbara Dorff, No- None, Abstain- None

Motion carried.

3. Consideration with possible action on request by Ald. Dorff that the Department of Public Works when it is developing its 2020 services plan, prioritizes all areas in the City where residential flooding is occurring and that in-depth research and planning continues to be done to prevent future flooding with the understanding that this will be an extensive and expensive plan when completed.

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to receive and place on file the request by Ald. Dorff that the Department of Public Works when it is developing its 2020 services plan, prioritizes all areas in the City where residential flooding is occurring and that in-depth research and planning continues to be done to prevent future flooding with the understanding that this will be an extensive and expensive plan when completed.

Vote: Yes- Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Barbara Dorff, No- None, Abstain- None

Motion carried.

4. Consideration with possible action on request by Ald. Dorff that the Department of Public Works and Improvement and Services consider the proposal from Brown County to partner with the City of Green Bay to change and improve drainage in the Nicolet Drive and Beach Lane areas and to include the necessary funding in the 2020 budget.

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to refer to the Mayor's Office the request by Ald. Dorff that the Department of Public Works and Improvement and Services consider the proposal from Brown County to partner with the City of Green Bay to change and improve drainage in the Nicolet Drive and Beach Lane areas and to include the necessary funding in the 2020 budget.

Vote: Yes- Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Barbara Dorff, No- None, Abstain- None

Motion carried.

5. Consideration with possible action on request by Ald. Galvin to reconstruct on Congress Street and Spring Street.

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to receive and place on file the

request by Ald. Galvin to reconstruct on Congress Street and Spring Street.

Vote: Yes- Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Barbara Dorff, No- None, Abstain- None

Motion carried.

6. Consideration with possible action on request by Ald. Galvin to put in a crosswalk lighting system on East Mason Street at Hartung Street, similar to crosswalk lighting on South Webster Avenue at the hospitals, for the East River Trail crossing.

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to open the floor for discussion.

Vote: Yes- Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Barbara Dorff, No- None, Abstain- None

Motion carried.

The following people spoke regarding the request:

Ryan Juelich - 2320 Remington Rd

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to close the floor for discussion.

Vote: Yes- Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Barbara Dorff, No- None, Abstain- None

Motion carried.

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to refer to the Traffic, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Commission the request by Ald. Galvin to put in a crosswalk lighting system on East Mason Street at Hartung Street, similar to crosswalk lighting on South Webster Avenue at the hospitals, for the East River Trail crossing.

Vote: Yes- Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Barbara Dorff, No- None, Abstain- None

Motion carried.

7. Consideration with possible action on request by Ald. Vander Leest on behalf of Kennedy School and parents of students that City plow crews plow Chantel Street from 9th Street to 7th Street in front of Kennedy School during school hours and after school hours as buses and parents pick up and drop off students.

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to receive and place on file the request by Ald. Vander Leest on behalf of Kennedy School and parents of students that City plow crews plow Chantel Street from 9th Street to 7th Street in front of Kennedy School during school hours and after school hours as buses and parents pick up and drop off students, and to continue to give consideration to primary routes, including schools and bus routes.

Vote: Yes- Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Barbara Dorff, No- None, Abstain- None

Motion carried.

8. Consideration with possible action on the report of the Purchasing Manager:

A. Request approval to award a 3-year contract to Garrow Oil Company for diesel and unleaded fuel for the estimated amount of \$5,201,316 (\$1,733,772/YR), with options for two 1-year renewals.

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to approve the report of the Purchasing Manager to award a 3-year contract to Garrow Oil Company for diesel and unleaded fuel for the estimated amount of \$5,201,316 (\$1,733,772/YR), with options for two 1-year renewals.

Vote: Yes- Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Barbara Dorff, No- None, Abstain- None

Motion carried.

9. Consideration with possible action on the review and award of the contract SEWERS 5-19 STORM LIFT STATION 110.

Moved by Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to approve the award of the contract SEWERS 5-19 STORM LIFT STATION 110 to the low responsive bidder, Staab Construction, in the amount of \$1,123,000.

Vote: Yes- Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Barbara Dorff, No- None, Abstain- None

Motion carried.

10. Consideration with possible action on applications for Concrete Sidewalk Builder Licenses by the following:

- A. A & M Concrete and Construction, Inc.
- B. Al Dix Concrete, Inc.
- C. Delrar, Inc.

Moved by Ald. Barbara Dorff, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to approve the applications for Concrete Sidewalk Builder Licenses by the following:

- A. A & M Concrete and Construction, Inc.
- B. Al Dix Concrete, Inc.
- C. Delrar, Inc.

Vote: Yes- Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Barbara Dorff, No- None, Abstain- None

Motion carried.

E. INFORMATIONAL.

1. Director's Report on recent activities of the Public Works Department.

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to receive and place on file the Director's Report on recent activities of the Public Works Department.

Vote: Yes- Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Barbara Dorff, No- None, Abstain- None

Motion carried.

2. The next Improvement and Services Committee meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2019.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

G. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Barbara Dorff to adjourn the current meeting of the Improvement and Services Committee.

Vote: Yes- Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Barbara Dorff, No- None, Abstain- None

Motion carried.

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- [John] I think Steve there, again, I have these for you.

- Yes, thank you.

- All right, we'll call the October 9th meeting of the Improvement Services Committee meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Alder Brunette is present, Alder Dorff is present, Alder Johnson is present. Alder Wery and Alder Nicholson are excused. I'll look for approval of the agenda.

- Move to approve.

- Second.

- Any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor say aye.

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed, motion carries. Approval of minutes?

- Move to approve.

- Second.

- We have a motion by Alder Brunette, a second by Alder Dorff, any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor say aye.

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed, motion carries. Item D, Regular Business, number one. Consideration with possible action on a request by Alder Brunette on amending the City's ordinance on landscaping, weeds, vegetation, and gardens on residential lots, held from September 25th, 2019, Improvement and Services Committee meeting. Alder Brunette.

- Yes, I'd placed this communication in a few, about a month ago, and it had to do with a request of a constituent. This has been an ongoing situation. Earlier today I corresponded text messages with my constituent and he requested that this be postponed indefinitely. So I'll make a motion to receive and place on file.

- Second.

- We have a motion by Alder Wery to receive and place on file, second by Alder Dorff. Any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor say aye.

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed, motion carries. Item number two. Consideration with possible action on a request by Alder Brunette on improving flooding issues by removing dirt in ditches and around culverts on Hillcrest Drive, specifically near Westway Drive. Alder Brunette.

- Yes, this has been an issue I've been working on for about a year and a half. If the Committee recalls, Hillcrest was up for road reconstruction in April of 2018. City Council held that for a year. I was hoping that Hillcrest would be reconstructed this year. For a variety of reasons it was not, partially due because we do not have enough revenue from the Wheel Tax. Since then, and ongoing, a number of constituents have reached out to me, and I have personally toured the area along Hillcrest and there is significant flooding that has occurred. So many of the constituents have requested that, keep in mind it's not a storm sewer system, it's culvert, so there is areas in the ditch where there's a huge amount of water being held, and they believe, as do I believe, that there's not proper flowage. So they have requested that the ditch be dug out deeper to allow more water to flow through. With the amount of rainfall we have received recently, there is a lot of flooding, and the flooding has reached basements at a level we haven't seen out there. So I placed this agenda item

on before us, if you will, and I'm sure Director Grenier will speak to the issue. But many people here are wanting to speak to the issue. So after Director--

- Why don't we hear from staff first, Director Grenier?

- Well, as Alder Brunette indicated, the drainage improvements that are being discussed were part of the project which was not approved last year. So had that project had been approved in 2018 that it was proposed, those drainage improvements would have been completed at that time. Because the project was not approved, again, we were very, very clear about things, that if a project did not go forward last year, then those improvements, all improvements out there would wait until the project does. And as a matter of fact, we also indicated at that time that if a project was not, if the project was canceled, that it would actually go to the bottom of the list. Now it wasn't canceled, it was held. The project is on the Capital Improvement Program for 2020. So it will be built next year, assuming that you approve the Capital Improvement Program containing that project, and those drainage improvements will be completed at that time.

- Okay, do we have some people here to speak?

- Motion to open the floor to hear from interested parties.

- Second.

- All right, we have a motion by Alder Brunette to open the floor, seconded by Alder Dorff. Any discussion, seeing none, all those in favor say aye.

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed, motion carries. Anybody here to speak to this item?

- I have Dick Diedrich, 1604 Hillcrest.

- Just step on up to the podium here, and just state your name and address.

- Yeah, Dick Diedrich from 1604 Hillcrest. I'm 79 years old and I've lived out there for 77 years. And all of this property, what they say is wetland, we used to farm all that. And the ditches were cleaned out, and the water run out. Now, I know you've got the picture there, or John, you've got those pictures, hey. There's a picture of this, I don't know if you want to see these?

- Sure.

- [Dick] This is--

- [Man] Where it was wetland across the street.

- [Dick] On Hillcrest. And this is looking over toward Westpoint Drive. This was all farmland.

- [John] This is a good one here, Dick. From the farm and my house.

- [Dick] And this is looking from Hillcrest up towards John's house there. There's no trees, no nothing there.

- [John] That house he's referring to is my house. He built that house and .

- [Dick] And this property here is where I lived when I was a kid, now in this property, the ditch in front of that house, from the driveway down towards Sandia, my dad and myself put those culverts in there when I was 12 years old, cement culverts, and those have been in there ever since. And you'll see there's that grate there, you can see down in there, my dad put that in there. So those have been there since I was 12 years old. So I was looking today, and you look at that water, and it barely trickles there. And then, you know, you can get a wetland wherever you want to if you block up the drainage. I mean, we've farmed that years and years. And once those ditches weren't clean, everything got wet and the water can't get out, and now you got cattails and everything, and now all of a sudden it's a wetland. So, I'm just saying, in front of that farmhouse, that's all cement culverts. I don't know if they plan on digging that out, or?

- Off hand, I wouldn't know. The details are in the design for the street project.

- 'Cause there's a little small culvert, I looked at it today, and the water just trickles down through the ditch and goes there, and I don't know if it goes across the road and then goes back and then comes back, you know, by Sandia, but by that old farmhouse, when that driveway, down to the other side, that house, there was another driveway there, and I put all that culvert in there with my dad. Cement culverts, they're probably about so big around. And I did that when I was 12 years old. So you can, you know how long they've been in there.

- Mm hm.

- And they're probably half full of stuff, that's why the water don't run outta there. And I don't know what's on the other end of Sandia. So, anyway, that's it.

- Does the Committee have any questions? No, okay, thank you.

- [Dick] But he's got some other pictures there too.

- Do you want these back.

- Well, you brought 'em all here?

- [John] Mm hm.

- We saw them, yep.

- Yep, we passed them around.

- Oh, okay.

- Okay.

- John Remington, 3207 Westway.

- My name's John Remington, 3207 Westway Drive, Green Bay. Now Dick just showed you these pictures. This is going back, I'm guessing, mid-'60s. You can look south from the old Diedrich farmhouse to my house, it's all open field, there's no trees or nothing there, it was all corn field. His dad had a, that was a big farm. And you can look at this and see that it was neglected, and the water backed up and now it's all wetland. I live on the corner of Westway and Hillcrest. I drew this all out today, if you have an interest in looking at this, I can show you where I've--

- Please do, yep. Here, well, why don't we, can we put it in the middle, just so Alder Brunette's probably familiar with that area.

- No, that's fine.

- Actually, is that your area?

- Yeah.

- We'll let, let's let Alder Brunette.

- Yeah, I've looked at it before, I am familiar with it.

- And I can show you where I live. I live right here, this is Westway. Here's Hillcrest coming north to Mason. FF goes that way, up to 29, here's 54 and Mason. I live here on the corner. Standing here, this is all uphill to here. So all the water, when it rains, everybody's sump pumps right here, with the water, with this wetland right now, they run 24 hours a day. Mine runs every two minutes. My neighbor, Jack, runs every two minutes, Dan. All these houses have sump pumps running 24 hours a day dumping water in the ditch, it all comes down here to a 16 inch culvert. And I'm going to show you a picture of this in that culvert. And mud and everything has built up over the years. I bought that house 14 years ago. I've been asking the City of Green Bay 12 years to dig this stretch of this out right here, this ditch. That's where it's blocked up, from here to here it's open. This is a 30 inch culvert going across here, and this water goes through here, across Mason to a settling pond over here, and goes down to the river. There's no water in this ditch right here 'cause this is all blocked up, from it's just grown up over the years, it's all grass roots, cattail roots, and everything else. This water goes down there, and stops right on this side of Westway, it can't get through here. So this is all backed up. In the Spring of the year when we have the snow runoff, I've got, I'm looking at this pack upside down, right here, this is a big wide marsh, this is a river, this is my house again, this is the river. When the snow's melting, this is all uphill going south. That's a six inch river coming down through here going with the water from our sump pumps, and then if we have a rain on top of it, it backs up here and runs over the top of the road, that ditch is, how high, three foot?

- [Man] Yeah, more than that.

- [John] It runs over the top of the road, goes over the top of my driveway. Just about took this back driveway out on me this Spring, because it can't go nowhere here. This is, I got it estimated, 450 feet that needs to be dug up. It should've been dug out 12 years ago, it should've been dug out 30 years ago. It's never been taken care of. And this water, this is all wetland now. This is the old Diedrich farmhouse. And that was cornfield. And this water is backed up, it can't go nowhere. The City of

Green Bay back when left and filled this all in right here with sand. They built the dam and backed all this up here, and made this all wetland. You've seen those pictures that Dick showed you, it was all open field quite a few years ago.

- There's a subdivision on that corner.

- And the City created this problem. I'm asking to get this dug out right here, and that water can down to the 30 inch culvert, and go where it used to go.

- Is that part of the plan? Maybe you should show that to Director Grenier, because he just was saying next year--

- Well then again, I don't have the plans here.

- You don't have the plans, okay, so you can't really say.

- I know you might find this a little hard to believe but I don't do the design.

- No, I just thought you would--

- I have subordinate staff, design engineers who do that. So to be able to speak on the intricate details of--

- It's not too intricate.

- What's going on in the project.

- I mean, there's a drainage ditch.

- But what I can tell you is yes.

- Yes.

- Drainage, significant drainage improvements for the entire length of the project were part of the project.

- And it got voted down by the residents, and we get that. And now, next year, it will be--

- It will be built, assuming that--

- But this has been a problem for me for 12 years, not just a year since this got shut down. I've been 12 years. I've had Jesse out there, I had Tony with the Street Maintenance out there. I've had people out there and showed them the problem. This ditch needs to be dug out to get rid of our water.

- [Man] They keep sending people out--

- Okay, one at a time, sir.

- Yeah, oh yeah, they send people out there. Nothing ever gets done.

- You had some quick questions?

- John, the flooding the last few years throughout the city has been pretty significantly in a bad way.

- Yes, it is.

- Have you noticed that there have been additional water-related issues in your neighborhood in the past few years?

- The water-related issue, like I said, Dick Diedrich built this house that I have right now. And when Dick built that house, there was no water in that basement. And if you look at them pictures, this was cornfield. There was no wetland here, there was no marsh here. I bought 14 years ago. The first couple of years were fine. And that ditch keeps getting worse and worse and worse and now there's no water going down through there at all. And every year, the water in our basements gets worse. Dan's got water, Jerry's got water, all of us on Westway--

- So as a concerned homeowner, taxpayer, you, at that time, 12 years ago, you contacted whoever was involved in the city.

- [John] I started out when Tony was the Supervisor for the Street Maintenance. And he came up there a couple of different times.

- What are the reasons that you're told that nothing could be done or will be done?

- [John] There's no reason, it's just, you show 'em, I don't have a degree in engineering. But Ray Charles could see the way that it's setup with going along that 30 inch culvert, and going out across Mason is water. You show 'em all this and you show 'em the ditch that needs to be dug out, we'll look into it. And that's the end of it. 12 years, I've been fighting this every, if I seem a little excited right now, I am. 12 years I've been fighting to get that little stretch ditch dug out so we can get rid of the water from Westway. We have six houses on the south side of Westway dumping water from sump pumps 24 hours a day. We got two houses on the south side of Westway dumping water 24 hours a day in there, on top of the rainwater, and in Spring of the year, on top of the snow run-off. That water's gotta get outta there.

- But your sump pump running could last, or consistently for every two minutes, has that been the last couple of years?

- [John] Every two minutes.

- Do you think digging out right now, if we were able to have Public Works dig out something, do you think, do you believe, based on your living there do you feel that that would solve the problem?

- I have, since Jesse knows this, I'll show you. My address is Westway, but my driveway and my garage comes off Hillcrest. I have a back driveway here to a garage. If I dug to where my sump pump goes in, I dug, with a spade shovel, and this isn't fun to chop this outta there, I dug it out to my sump pump, about four days ago. I dropped the water three inches just from there to my sump pump, just by

digging that out. And my ditch is a mess now too. I can't even go down in there. I sank in black mud to my knees, and on top of that, by the picture on my phone, there's a fire hydrant right here. It sits right here. And we had a fire, what was that, four years ago, and they were coming down there to get the water, you shoulda seen those firemen trying to get to that fire hydrant to get the water outta there. Like I said, you'll sink up to your knees in black mud, I'm not exaggerating. It's a problem, and after 12 years, I know they're gonna reconstruct the street, but right now that's not doing us any good and next Spring we're gonna have all this water again.

- Okay, any other questions? Okay, thank you for your testimony.

- [John] Thank you.

- Okay, anybody else that wants to speak on this item.

- Pat Buckley, 3249 West Point.

- Mr. Buckley, step on up. How are you, sir?

- Good, how're you?

- Good.

- Good. So, again, we understand where we were last year at this point with the road reconstruction, but as they said, the water runoff problem has been there for years. Now, my prior house was on 3266 West Point, which is on the other side of Westway. And over the years, after I built that house, more and more water continued, especially in the springtime, would get backed up from Westway where we'd have standing water where we actually had to put drains in our yard to get rid of the water out of our yard. Now, if you go to the end of West Point, there's no place to go because all the drainage culverts are completely grown over. At one point we had to have Public Works come out because during the wintertime it gets plowed with the grader, and the grader just plowed up the culvert, and so eventually they come out and cut it out. But, you'd think that we'd have to do that, they could've did that without me calling. You can notice it when it's sticking three feet up in the air. So it's been a problem before, us having an issue with having, we want the road fixed, however, it was how it was being charged out that was the problem. Clearly when you have the amount of development that's happened out there, and you don't put in proper runoff, I mean, if you look at some of the roads around there, some of the subdivisions around there, their roads are just all wavy. If you go to Hillcrest Road, especially if, you can tell we don't have proper runoff because in the Spring, especially in the Spring, but during the wintertime, the way the, when the frost hits it, the way the dips are in the road, if you try to go across there with a vehicle that's low, or like my truck when I have a plow, the plow always bottoms out, even if I'm going very slow, it'll still bottom out. It shouldn't be dropping that much where my plow hits the road when it's completely up. So, what they talk about is, we pay a stormwater management fee, and nothing ever gets done with our stormwater management, so when they talk about the culverts, this is a culvert by one of the driveways. Do you know where the culvert is? Can you see the culvert?

- [Pat] This would be the other side of the driveway. So that's a big part of the reason, and it doesn't take us to have a degree or an engineering to figure out that when it's completely grown over, when stuff is dumped in there throughout the years from the plows whether it be, stuff gets dumped in

there. Rocks, things like that, and if it doesn't get cleaned out, you have a problem. And it's backing up where it's affecting not just them on Westway, they're the first ones because of how it's created such a marsh there. But it's affecting the residents the rest of the way up. And I understand that we're looking to do something with our road next year, waiting to see how that plan is coming together, but the amount of damage that's going to be caused probably, to a lot of their homes, and probably even some of the homes on West Point Road by this time next year, especially because of the water level right now, is gonna be substantial, 'cause if any one of their sump pumps fail, they're gonna have three or four feet of water in their basement. So we're trying to be proactive again, and I share their sentiment. I don't know how many times, even when I was an Alderman, I had Tony Fietzer come out there or send somebody out there, and they come out and look at it, but nothing gets done. And a lot of it would be, let's get the ditches cleaned out so the water can go through 'em. They cannot go through to get to, I think the water's supposed to go to the catch pond on the other side of Mason, is that where the water's supposed to eventually runoff? So, but it can't get there. And then the way theirs is set up, it's no wonder it backs up onto West Point Road by our house. So I think it's a problem, I think it's, you know, I've lived out in the country for years, and the County used to come and every so many years clean out the ditches. And it would only take them a short period of time with a backhoe to get it done. They were usually, what, a block in a day, a day and a half to do a block? It doesn't seem like we're asking for much.

- Alder Brunette.

- Pat, thanks for coming, why do you think it hasn't been done? It's frustrating for me too.

- [Pat] It's not a priority to DPW. So it doesn't get done. And I think that, you know, we all pay our taxes out there. The last house I paid over \$12,000 a year in taxes. This house I pay almost \$30,000 a year in taxes. We also pay a stormwater management fee on top of it, which is just another form of taxation. We need some stormwater management.

- Yeah, you've lived out there for a while. You were the alderman from 2010 to 2012. You've been the county supervisor since 2010. Do you think that that has gotten worse through the years--

- [Pat] Oh definitely, I've lived out there since '90, I think '94 I've lived out there since, '94, '95.

- So you were living out there when a lot of the development was placed on Sandia and a lot of movement of dirt and sand.

- [Pat] How many times have we had to fix the road off of Sandia in the subdivision there? We have a water management problem, and it's not just on Hillcrest, it's on some of the other roads around there. But it's supposed to come out to Hillcrest.

- Thank you.

- [Pat] Anything? Thank you.

- Thank you, sir. Anybody else?

- [John] Could I?

- You may, approach.

- One picture, I know Patrick showed you some pictures, but the picture I'm going to show you though, as I've said, nothing's been out there. Again, this is all this water coming down here, going through this, that's a 16 inch culvert to handle all this. That's what we're gonna be, I'm gonna show you, okay. This is the north side of that culvert. I live on the south side of the road. There's a stop sign there.

- Mm hm.

- Okay.

- [John] Okay. Oh, went right back to that again. That's the same picture looking north. This was Hillcrest right here. That's the same picture looking north. That's the ditch that I've said, I'm asking to have dug out.

- Are there phragmites in there too?

- [John] Pardon me?

- Are there phragmites in there? Phragmites, do you know what those are?

- [John] I don't know what those are, no.

- Oh, okay. They have to be handled differently, so I just.

- [John] There's not fish or nothing in there. You might find a frog in there.

- No, phragmites are a plant, but we won't get into that.

- [John] Pat mentioned a lot of gravel and stuff like that getting plowed in there, what this is in the swamp is silt. And it grows. Your grass roots die, everything just keeps growing and growing and growing. And if you see that at that culvert, it's to the top of the culvert. There's just about that much water at the end of that culvert, you can throw a leaf right there and see that nothing's moving. It can't get down that ditch.

- Because it's full of silt.

- [John] It's full of silt. Thank you again.

- Anybody else here to speak to this item? All right, I'll entertain a motion to close the floor.

- So moved.

- Second.

- A motion by Alder Dorff, second by Alder Brunette. Any discussion, seeing none, all those in favor say aye.

- [All] Aye.
- Opposed, motion carries.
- Zip-kein.
- Your item, Alder Brunette, what do you think?
- So, Director Grenier, what's stopping the City from right now or in the last few years when it was really escalated, what's stopping the City from going out there and clearing out the ditches--
- What's stopping it right now? Permits.
- Not now, two years ago.
- Two years ago, what we did instead of going out and just mucking out a ditch, was we put together a permanent solution. We invested tens of thousands of dollars with a consultant to design the reconstructed road and drainage system. That decision was not supported by the Common Council.
- That's true.
- Right.
- To say that DPW has done nothing is a gross misstatement. We invested tens of thousands of dollars to come up with a permanent solution. That solution was not supported, okay. That's not something DPW should be held responsible for. We came up with a solution.
- [Man] I didn't sign up to talk.
- What's stopping us now, is there are permits. As you heard, it has been, there are areas within those ditch lines that had been declared wetlands. That's not us. That's the Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- Would this be considered an emergency, if the--
- There is no emergency when it comes to a wetland.
- How soon could we get a permit to do that?
- You're looking minimum 90 days.
- Right.
- And then we're gonna be in the frozen ground.
- You absolutely, 100%--

- [Man] No, it won't freeze, that won't froze when it's full of water.
- No speaking when the floor is closed.
- If I wasn't 100% sure I wouldn't be telling you.
- Right, but, in the past, I've mentioned this to your department--
- I can't speak to what happened in the past.
- Several people, and I've been, I know, but I'm saying, had I known that there would be a permit needed, and it would take 90 days, I really would have kind of pressured, I would have pushed harder. But I just don't, having been out there and having seen the number of times that area has flooded, and it's only gotten worse over the last half year, more specifically in the last couple of weeks, with the amount of rainfall we've had, we are causing, our lack of action or trying to really push somehow some way to get this done, is going to cause the homeowners up and down that street tremendous amounts of flooding damage. There's nothing we can do to prevent that? I mean, no emergency declaration, no governor signing off, or, something needs to be done because we just can't say, oops, you turned down the road project because you didn't want to spend \$14,000 per property to get the road put in. I think that we have to think a little outside of what happened a year and a half ago, and say right now, currently, we have a pretty significant issue that we're gonna be facing that we can act to prevent that, and I don't want six months from now when everyone's homes are flooded terribly to say, whoop, we just didn't do anything. There's gotta be a better way to handle this situation than what you're stating. Would you agree?
- No, I wouldn't.
- So six months from now you're willing to look all of those property owners in the eye and say, well, you turned on the project, oh, the City Council actually turned down the project a year and a half ago, and because of that decision, you have to deal with the flooding when we could have done something a little more aggressively to fix it or prevent it?
- I'm saying, in my professional opinion, we cannot do anything more aggressive than that. There are processes that need to be followed.
- Right, the processes would include the engineer you said would be an expert in the water retention, or water trench area?
- Even if this was a straightforward go out there and dig out a ditch, and we needed to get the permits for it. Are you telling me that you want every other project that the City is currently working on to go back burner over this one? 'Cause that's what's gonna have to happen.
- Perhaps, if we can prevent--
- We would have to pull our engineering staff--
- Come on.

- Off of what they're doing, and retask them to work on this project.
- If I do ask them, you asked a legitimate question, I'm giving you a straight answer.
- If I go into an emergency room, and there's someone dying of a gunshot wound or someone that needs a flu shot, I would triage that and say the gunshot wound takes precedence, so what I'm saying, apples and oranges, but in a public works world, I would say if there are projects that could be pushed aside a little bit so that we can avoid pretty significant flooding to property owners and taxpayers. I'd be willing to take that argument to any member of the City Council and say, you know what, you know what happened a couple of times in the City of Green Bay, recently, where homeowners were faced with pretty significant flooding. The devastation that causes on a family? I would be willing to take that case to anyone. If we can avoid it, I would win that argument almost entirely. What sort of projects are you stating need to be done that we would have to back burner?
- If you want to give those directives, and start picking and choosing the projects that staff works on, then go ahead and make that recommendation.
- Which ones are they though, give me an example.
- Every design project we've got going on right now.
- Like an example.
- An example? Alleviating the flooding on Main Street. Alleviating the flooding on the East River. Design projects for reconstructs for next year. The resurfacing program, the entire resurfacing program for 2020. Development and bringing to this committee the Capital Improvement Program for 2020. Work on the City budget.
- Mm hm, yeah, a lot of flooding related issues.
- Yeah, I've got flooding all over the city.
- Including here, on Hillcrest and Westway.
- And the solution for that was offered up over a year ago, and is in the works to be completed next year.
- I know, but you can't--
- We've got the solution in hand.
- It seems like we're, the narrative is that we're punishing the people who are most affected because of the fact that--
- Nobody's being punished.
- Well, that's what it appears like to me, is that we're saying you had your chance a year and a half ago, even though there's no Wheel Tax and special assessments are absolutely through the roof, I

think the Council voted 10 to two or nine to three, I forget what the vote was to move forward with the Wheel Tax, we identified that the funding mechanism we had for residential reconstruction and construction was not a valid funding source, so we made that decision. My motion was to hold for one year. I fully anticipated that it would be in this last budget. I understand why it wasn't, we didn't have the revenue in the Wheel Tax, but there's not guarantee, Director Grenier, that the City's going to approve this project. It's in the Capital Improvement Plan, it still has to pass the budget.

- It's not part of the budget.

- I know, it's not, well, we haven't voted on--

- The Capital program is not part of the budget.

- Right, but we could--

- Completely separate.

- But we could vote in this Council to--

- You could, and then it would be the Council who made that decision.

- Okay, so it's up to the Council, and then what you're stating is, well, the magic bullet is this coming year that road is in the Capital Improvement Plan, well we could vote against that, and in the meantime, that project gets pushed further and further when there's something that we could start right now to start digging out the ditch. Like right now, we can't predict the future, who knows what situation we're in as a city, we haven't even seen the budget yet. If there's something terribly wrong with that budget, and the majority of the Council, despite my push to keep it in, says, nope, we're not gonna do that road, then they don't have the reconstruct, they don't have the plans, it's all irrelevant. They're gonna have the same problem this Spring, and next Spring if we don't do anything.

- Again, apples and oranges. Capital Improvement Program is not part of the budget, they're completely separate documents, completely different discussion.

- Right, right, but what I'm saying, is it's in the Capital Improvement Plan, but that doesn't mean that the City's going to move forward with including those projects, because last year when we did the budget, I was very specific in asking questions about Hillcrest. Hillcrest was not put in last year with the informal understanding, and I didn't press too hard, other than a pretty rigorous line of questioning, that that will be in for this year. There's no guarantee of that. My point is that right now if we act, and say let's go work on removing the sediment and the vegetation, all the things that are blocking the water flow, why wouldn't we do that regardless of what the City Council votes next month and the month after?

- If you have a motion you'd like to make, introduce the motion.

- If we make a motion to direct Public Works to remove the sediment and dirt and anything blocking the culvert to allow proper water flowage and drainage away from the residential properties, what would your action be? We'd make that vote today, City Council--

- I would assign it to a staff member to get working on it.
- What does get working on it mean?
- Determine what permits are needed. Come up with what the design is going to be, because we're, obviously, not following the design that was in--
- Just dig out the ditch until that permanent plan is put in place.
- Okay, I've heard three times tonight, I don't have to be an engineer. Okay, well I am one.
- Mm hm.
- The problems that we have out there an Sandia have nothing to do with drainage, they have everything to do with the soil conditions. What we need is to design that ditch so it flows properly. Because if you just go out there willy nilly and just start digging a ditch out, you're gonna wind up with ponds. Nice low spots in between 'em, and it's gonna pond water up.
- And the pond water will?
- It may not flow down to the thing, but it's still not gonna go--
- The pond water would create what?
- The same conditions that you have right now.
- Right, but in a pond, not residential property spaces.
- The ponds would be in people's front yards in between the culverts. So it does need to be designed.
- Yeah, but what they're stating is that that is already occurring, there's water ponding along the ditches.
- So we could go out there and spend a fair amount of City dollars and get nothing out of it.
- In the last six months--
- You'd wind up in the exact same situation that we're in right now without a design.
- Since this issue came up the last year, year and a half, what amount of staff time or resources has your staff put in to alleviate the problem or at least look into it?
- None, because the project was designed for a permanent solution for implementation in 2020. So it's been addressed. There are areas around the city that haven't been looked at yet that are flooding that we are trying to dedicate efforts to finding a solution for, so that everybody gets treated equally.
- Digging out a couple of feet of the culvert area, right where Supervisor Buckley and a few of the neighbors have pictures of the vegetation and everything that was just blocked. You didn't see the

picture, but there's no way of seeing where that culvert opening is. Couldn't you simply dig around that and take their word for it? They're not experts, neither am I. But I have common sense and say, if you dig around the entry that that would allow water that previously had been blocked, that would allow that to flow through the way that it was designed to do. You surely can dig a couple of feet around that entry point of the culvert, couldn't you?

- It might allow the water to get into the culvert, but it might not get out the other end of the culvert, and once it does it may simply pond on the other end of the culvert.

- Okay.

- Unless you have a continuous flow path from high point to low, the water's not going to get where you want it to go.

- Okay, so if we direct you today and make a motion, the Council approves that motion in a week, and we say, direct Public Works to alleviate the, whatever the motion would be, are you stating you would just delegate it to staff, and even by delegating it to staff, they could come back and say, nope, we're not gonna do anything until this final plan is approved and put into place?

- No, what they'll do is they will start designing a separate project just to do the ditching work out there.

- Why we just dig out the culvert area.

- Because you can't do that.

- Why?

- You will be investing City funds with no guarantee, no reasonable expectation that you're going to get the desired end result.

- I think you can make a reasonable assumption that that would alleviate some of the flooding. I mean, if you dig out an area where water is being backlogged, you can make a reasonable assertion that that would ease flooding. So like if I had a hole in the ground that was overgrown with dirt and weeds, and I brushed the dirt, the water would go where the culvert would direct it to go. I mean, wouldn't you agree with that?

- No, I wouldn't.

- By allow, by taking--

- You're talking about an area this big, and we're talking about a drainage path that's hundreds if not thousands of feet long.

- [Man] Not thousands.

- Completely different story.

- [Man] It's already there, it's a ditch.

- Hang on, gentlemen.

- I've got no other questions, I'm not gonna get anywhere.

- All right, Alder Dorff, you had.

- I did. Today I was out, and Sunday I was out walking around in a former field that used to be farmed. And now I have six houses. Because that field is no longer farmed, because of the drainage, it has become a wetlands. Sound familiar? Okay, this is the far east side of Green Bay, and you guys are the far west side of Green Bay. And so there's a ditch. And the ditch has a lot of stuff in it. And we think, wow, if we could just clean out the ditch. Well I was out tromping around with the land, with the homeowners, then with two people from DPW, and they gave me an explanation. Unfortunately that sounds very much like this explanation that Steve is giving me, in fact even worse, because when it's a wetlands, you have to go the DNR, and they have to look at the growing season. And they said to me, Barb, we're about a week away from the end of growing season, so we can't even ask until April, which is the beginning of the growing season. And then, the DNR has to, 60 or 90 days, for them to come back to see if they will allow us to widen the ditch or deepen the ditch. And they may not allow that. And so if they don't, then what? So in the case of three of the homes, it looks like if the homeowners, with their own money, put up a berm, all three of them would have to agree, put this berm along the back of it, that that would be acceptable to the City, we wouldn't be diverting water. On the other side, it's more like digging a reverse French ditch, I learned a new word today. Do you know what that is? I don't know what that is.

- A French drain, yes.

- A drain, okay. So they would, in their yards, have to put in a drain, you know, like \$10,000 to put this in one yard, and then dig down and then cover it with rock, you put ground cloth and you put rock over it, and then the water could flow down their back yards and then go onto the street. What would probably create quite a bit of ice in the winter. So I'm telling this story 'cause it happened today. And it's like this exact same story. And I think probably there is this same story throughout the city, that things that were never wetlands before become wetlands, because I asked the same question. How could this be, they were growing corn here, how can it now be wetlands? But things can become wetlands. And then we don't have power. The DNR does have power over that. So I'm in the exact pickle that you guys are, with the homes that are getting flooded. And I feel DPW is doing something, because they came out and looked, then went, oh, and this and this, and here's the rule and here's the law and they told me and explained it to me, and maybe next April we'll be able to get a permit, maybe by July we'd be able to get a permit, and if that becomes a project that gets on the list, 'cause I don't even know if it's a project that's gonna get on the list. And then maybe for next year they might not have flooding. It's just kind of amazing that it's like the exact same thing that's happening here.

- [Man] No it isn't, far from it.

- It's far from it, okay.

- [John] Can I come up here.

- One moment, sir.
- Well we have to open the floor.
- [Man] We have to open the floor before--
- Yeah, do you have any?
- I don't.
- All right, I just would entertain a motion to open the floor.
- Yeah, so moved.
- Second.
- I have a motion by Alder Brunette, second by Alder Dorff. Any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor say aye.
- [All] Aye.
- Opposed, motion carries. Mr. Remington, step on up.
- [John] The problem with this ditch, going from my house again this way. There's only one driveway between here and Mason, and that's where Chris lives. And there's a high spot right here. I don't know if that's when Mr. Diedrich was farming this and he had a drive going into that field there or what. It's okay from here to that driveway, but from here back to here, it's like this. On the other side of his driveway, the ditch is four feet deep going down to this 30 inch culvert right here. It's four feet deep. But there's no water in it 'cause it's all sitting from here to here. That silt and everything that's built up over the years, I wouldn't be standing here, we wouldn't be sitting here today, if 12 years ago when I called. they'd have come out there and cleaned that ditch out. I wouldn't be here today. It isn't just the one from last year thing, that ain't where this problem came from. I've been trying to get someone 12 years out there to dig 450 feet out. It's all designed, you can see it, downhill, to that 30 inch culvert. Up to that driveway, it's just, because the water's backed up there, the grass, the cattails, everything that's grown, the roots and roots and roots, it's up to the top of the culvert. The water can't go no where, it's all black mud and roots. It just needs to be dug out. But we were told last year at the meeting, when we shut that old project down, then we'll quit maintaining it. And that's what's going on. I've got a brush pile sitting out in front of my house that's been there for three weeks. And they won't even come and get my brush. Thank you.
- Mr. Buckley.
- [Pat] Yeah, Director Grenier did say that we'd get no attention whatsoever out there if that project got canceled, which I think for a department head in his position to say that to the people, it's just plain--
- That's not what I said about--

- [Pat] It's my floor, it's my floor.

- That's not what I said.

- I'm not here to argue--

- And you know it.

- [Pat] You know what, let me speak, it's my turn now. Like they said, had this got addressed over the years that we've asked for it to get addressed, we wouldn't be here right now. We've been asking, ever since I've lived that end of West Point, I've been asking to get something done. So, if it's gonna take six months to get it done, let's start working on it now. 'Cause if it's gonna only take three months like you said, it's not gonna be frozen in three months. It takes, what, is it into February before it actually freezes, because there's so much water. And I think that we have to look at who's responsible for the ditches. Who's responsible for maintaining them? Who's responsible, we can't take it upon ourselves to get a backhoe and do it ourselves. So, who dropped the ball in getting it done? Unfortunately, we have to say Department of Public Works in the City of Green Bay. So is it up to us to have to put in a \$10,000, or Ms. Dorff's constituents to have to put in a \$10,000 drain, or build a berm? It shouldn't be their problem. When the designs for that subdivision, or the houses were put in, the drainage should be taken care of. It's like now, now they're having a lot of places put in these water retention ponds. And they put in special growth in them. And what that does is back up the water into other people's yards. It's happening now in the industrial park. Then we wonder why we have a rat problem, or we have other problems with rodents, because we have all this marsh area it ends up developing. So I think the City Public Works needs a makeover. And we need to figure out how we're addressing it because the city's flooding, and we're not addressing the problems. Simple fixes that coulda happened several years ago were not done. I don't understand why, I don't understand why. But I would like to think that coming outta here, at least coming outta here, the process should be started. Whether it be for the far east side or the far west side. I don't want excuses. I just want the water to flow. We can sit here and listen to excuses all night long why it's not done. The bottom line it's not done, and we have to do something about it. Simple as that.

- Yes sir, step up, state your name and address for the record.

- Ryan Juelich, 2320 Remington Road. I'm not here to speak about this, but, since I've been hearing about it for quite a bit, to me, I'm not a civil engineer. He's obviously a civil engineer, it's kind of the same thing where just dig a ditch, well, it's like going to the doctor and say, oh I think I have this because I saw it on the internet. I yield to experts. I don't think it's as easy as just digging a ditch from what Director Grenier is saying. If the City has a plan for it, it's just, I would be able to afford it if I were in your shoes. The assessments, and whatnot. So it sounds like you guys have an option to fix this, it's just the money. Now the Wheel Tax is there, it's supposed to hopefully get done next year. So why dedicate more money to just dig a ditch which, you're spending more money where there's already a solution to the problem, when there's people on the east side who don't have any plan at all right now. So you guys got a plan. I know it's expensive, and I feel for you. But there's also people too who are dealing with flooding who don't have a plan. So that's my two cents.

- Anybody else wish to speak on this item? I'll entertain a motion to close the floor.

- So moved.

- Second.

- We have a motion by Alder Dorff to close the floor, a second by Alder Brunette. Any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor say aye.

- [All] Aye.

- Nays? Motion carries. Director Grenier, just two questions. Does the City have a program in place for addressing the management of ditches in kind of our, I would assume, are the far reaches of the city that actually have them?

- No, it's usually complaint driven.

- Okay. And so maybe I'm looking at you, Alder Brunette, just because you, and maybe Alder Dorff too, because you guys have districts, right, where that's an issue, maybe that could be a future communication to develop a proactive plan. My second question, then, Director Grenier, is related to that area being declared a wetland. If in next year's Capital Improvement Plan, this project were approved, would you need to apply for that permit to the DNR to make those improvements?

- Yes.

- Okay. Is there anything that would, is there like an expiration of the issuing of that permit, meaning that if we were to apply for it now and start that cycle, is there an expiration that would potentially come up?

- Yes, there is.

- Do you know how long that period is?

- Off hand I don't. To the best of my recollection, wetland determination and delineation was completed as part of the original design. I believe that determination has either a three or five year life to it. So to the best of my knowledge, any wetland determination or delineations that were performed as part of the original design would still be valid.

- Okay, and I'm sorry--

- So over the winter, staff would be applying for any necessary permits to allow that construction to begin.

- Okay. Okay, that's all I've got, I think, for questions. You know, just maybe, I mean I don't think that, I mean an obstacle should be an excuse for an inaction, and I think really there's, at the heart of the debate here, is what can we do now. And then versus do we wait. And until the project moves forward. And I think that's really the source of disagreement. So, that's why I'm kind of looking to you, Alder Brunette, your district, you kind of raised your hand a little bit.

- Oh, I was going to ask a question, but that's fine.

- Okay, I didn't know if you were ready to offer a solution or a motion.
- No, so, Director Grenier, if the work that you looked at, the plan you said that it was in effect for three to five years, so when the road was to be done in April 2018, work had been started I believe, from what I understand. Permits were pulled and--
- No, permits were not pulled.
- Not the permits.
- The wetland determination or delineation likely was completed, I believe that to be the case.
- Okay.
- However, I'm not the designer on the project. I run a 211 person department, I don't know the intricate details of this project.
- Right, so if the, what you said, was pulled in three to five years, that could still be valid, then we won't have to start from square one if that three to five years hasn't lapsed. Do I understand correct?
- Correct.
- Okay, so if something is simple if that plan is in place that we would just apply for the proper permit?
- Yes, we could apply for the permits, but as Alder Dorff indicated, it could take them up to 90 days to even comment on it. They can turn around and say they need additional information. They could request to go out and do a revisit on the site at which time we're beyond the growing season which would delay it until April. They could deny the permit and tell us no, you can't dig it out. Is there a record at Public Works of all the public, you said the current ditch management is a complaint based driven system?
- Yes.
- Every time a member of your staff or any other City employee to assess the situation, do you keep records of the visits and what was determined and correspondence placed?
- To be honest with you, I have no idea.
- Okay.
- I have no idea how many times former Superintendent Fietzer was out there.
- Right, so normally I don't get as animated during meetings, I think we all know that, but the fear that I have is that we have a known flooding situation that through the years has been getting worse, and we're looking at Spring, pretty substantial damage if I were to predict correctly. And we're facing this situation where we can make improvements to prevent that, within reason. And if it was my home,

or anyone who I knew's homes, I represent all these individuals here, if I'm facing the possibility of having my home flood, I think it's reasonable to do what we can do to avoid that. So the urgency, the frustration I feel, is based on my year and a half of knowing this situation, and now we are at this critical situation where we are a few months away from the ground freezing and then in Spring we're gonna possibly have a situation that we could try to avoid. So what would the expense be if the permit is approved by the DNR and there's a 90 day turnaround, let's just say that everything goes the way that it should, what would be the cost to do it?

- I have no idea, you're asking me to guess.

- In the past when these situations--

- I have no idea, you're asking me to guess.

- Has there been a precedent? So have we ever dug out a ditch somewhere around the city?

- Yes, we did Luxemburg Road, we did ditches along Church Road, those were several years ago.

- Okay, so what, you don't recall some of the details of--

- No I don't.

- The crews sent out there, the machinery that went--

- Most of those were done under contract.

- Okay, so we would bid out the project?

- Correct.

- So how long does it take to bid out a project?

- Assuming that you have a design completed, it takes a month for the project to go out on the street, receive bids back, assuming that we receive bids on Tuesday and come to I and S on Wednesday, another week beyond that for Council to approve the contract. Typically a month for the contractor to get his bonding in order, and get equipment mobilized to the site, so assuming everything was good and we ran into absolutely no hiccups from this point, five weeks from next week. Or five months from next week.

- After the permit is secured?

- That would include the permit.

- So we apply for the permit.

- 90 days, that's three months.

- So 90 days after we apply, then a month and a half--

- Then a month to bid, then a month to get a contractor out.
- So with no other obstacle.
- Five months.
- So could you bid out the project that, oh, obviously you wouldn't get many contractors who would take it seriously, because a speculative project, but I mean, surely Public Works has the machinery and the manpower, womanpower, whatever, to do the work, right?
- Not necessarily.
- We've never, as the City of Green Bay, dug out a ditch with our own--
- We used to have a Gradall, and then it broke down, and we decided not to replace that piece of equipment about eight years ago.
- So, from 2011 'til now, and I'm assuming that's when the piece of equipment broke down, 2011 'til now, we have never used City machinery or labor to dig out ditches, we've always contracted the work out?
- I believe that that has been contract work, since we got rid of the Gradall.
- Okay, could we borrow a piece of equipment from another municipality? I just don't want to keep--
- I could rent equipment, sure.
- I just don't want to have more and more obstacles come up, I'd rather get it all on the table because otherwise we're just stringing these folks along. They're looking at potentially, pretty sure they're gonna have flooding in the Spring. If we keep getting the rainfall and snowfall we've been getting, that's pretty much assured based on the recent records that we've faced in the city. So if I'm them, I'm looking at, okay, April 1st, when the thaw hits, we're gonna have flooded basements. So I don't want to keep putting obstacles in the way, like we gotta clear this hurdle, and we gotta do that, like I want it all known now so they don't go home getting some false sense of security. Are you stating that we definitively could not loan material from--
- No, I never said that. I could rent equipment if I need to.
- Okay, so that's a possibility.
- Absolutely.
- So from the, if we decide as a Committee tonight to place a motion to direct Public Works to come up with a plan to alleviate flooding by November 1st, let's just say, so from that time that that motion is made and approved at Council next week, you will start the process to secure all that equipment and loaned equipment and--

- No, what I will do is I will start the process of putting a plan together, which includes applying for any necessary permits. I can't guarantee you that I'm gonna have anything in hand in order to get that work completed before Spring thaw. There's a lot of this that is simply beyond my control.

- Right, but I'm just trying to think of the things that are within our control or your control that could make the project happen. I'm not trying to micromanage your staff or you, I just, I don't know if you're getting the full effect of what's occurring here.

- I understand completely.

- Well, you're giving me reasons why it won't happen--

- No I'm not, what I'm trying to do is manage expectations so that people do not walk outta here thinking that I do have a magic bullet and then suddenly I can't produce, and now I'm the bad guy again.

- What would you need to do to produce on this? Like, why don't you, like that should be, in my opinion, one of 12 council members, who has a huge responsibility to the folks here, that's my question is, what can you do, what will you do to ensure that this can happen?

- What I will do is I will immediately assign it to a staff member to try to get resolution. But I can't guarantee that that's going to happen. So if you're asking for a guarantee, I'm not going to give it to you. I can't.

- Okay.

- There are simply too many variables in this project that are outside of my control. I can't give you that guarantee.

- Would you try your best, given your capabilities and staff?

- Alder, I can't believe you'd even ask that question.

- I can't believe you'd be offended by that question. I'm not trying to get under your skin, Director Grenier.

- That I, to imply that I would do anything other than my best, in 12 years of employment and seven years running this department, what would ever give somebody reason to even ask that?

- All right, let's keep the discussion focused on the issue here?

- It's not directed to you or your professional competence, I'm just relaying the concerns up here from the folks that I represent.

- Understood.

- Right.

- Director Grenier, you had mentioned, when we talk about the process and the need to do the bid, and then obviously, the permits, bidding, all that stuff, each thing consumes a little chunk of time. Is it under your purview to be able to bypass the bidding process.

- Absolutely, we'd rent the equipment and try to handle it with our own forces.

- Okay, so that could at least, depending on the outcome of what the Committee decides tonight, that could at least be an option to shave off some time?

- Potentially.

- Potentially, okay. Is there any other discussion?

- Would, is?

- I'm looking for a motion maybe?

- I'll make a motion to direct Public Works to come up with a plan to address the flooding issues along Hillcrest near the area of Westway to be implemented by November 1st, 2019. Did you get that?

- To come up with a?

- I'm open for revisions, it's a--

- No, I just want to hear it read back. Did you get that motion?

- I mean, if he doesn't get the permit, he can't--

- Well, who gets the motion? Who writes that?

- To direct staff to come up with a plan to improve flooding issues by removing dirt in ditches around culverts on Hillcrest Drive, specifically near Westway Drive, to be implemented by November 1st.

- That, it's like, but how can? To be implemented? If he's coming up with a plan to see if it can be done, that I agree with, but how can we make sure it's implemented by then?

- The plan, I guess, but a plan is nothing if it doesn't have any veracity to it. I'm just concerned, I'm concerned, and I'm concerned for many reasons.

- Right.

- And we do know my frustration.

- Right.

- Alder Brunette, if I can just suggest, if we drop the deadline of the date on there, and instead have the plan presented at the next I and S meeting, which would then, if there is an emergency solution

that is available to us, you could still have it implemented by early November without putting that constraint on us right now by simply having the plan presented at the next I and S meeting. Or not, or what options we have available to us.

- Options, yeah.

- For me it's a timing issue. There are a lot of things that need to occur before, we've heard that we get a permit, we have a plan, we get a permit, permit takes 90 days, we then have to go out to bid on the contract, and then that's a possible 45 day before, you know, it, it's too late, and I just think that there needs to be some--

- Yeah, and I agree, and I appreciate that sentiment, and that's why I'm thinking if instead of November 1st, we saying it has to be implemented, it's not within staff's control to be able to do that if we're not granted the permit from the DNR. So that's why I would suggest instead that we have the plan presented at the next I and S meeting, which is even before November 1st.

- Sure.

- And then if we are able to get some type of emergency resolution to it, we have the capacity to still do that by November 1st. But I think it would be difficult for us to bind staff to something that they cannot--

- Fair enough.

- Commit to do.

- That would be my concern.

- That's fine.

- Yeah.

- Okay. So you're going to, no one seconded the motion yet, so why don't you just restate the motion. Yeah, do you wanna, just the way that he worded--

- The same thing you said, instead of implemented by November 1st, have the plan presented at the next I and S meeting, which is on, for the benefit of those in attendance here, would be October 23rd.

- Okay, I make a motion, I'll just start fresh. I make a motion to direct Public Works to come up with a plan to alleviate flooding on Hillcrest near Westway and report back to the next Improvement and Service Committee meeting. Does that sound good?

- Second.

- Okay, we have a second by Alder Dorff. Director Grenier, within that plan, if you could identify what permits and lead times, things of that nature, that are also required.

- We'll do our best.

- All right, we have a motion by Alder Brunette and a second by Alder Dorff. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor say aye.

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed, motion carries.

- So, Alder Johnson, could you just explain to the folks.

- Oh yeah, so what we do tonight is a recommendation to the full City Council. Full City Council meets on Tuesday. It's possible the item could be pulled and discussed at that time. If not, and the full Council approves the recommendation of the Committee, then it would be the responsibility of the staff to bring a plan back to us for our October 23rd committee meeting. Good? Okay. Item number three. Consideration with possible action on a request by Alder Dorff that the Department of Public Works, when it is developing its 2020 services plan, prioritizes all areas in the city where residential flooding is occurring, that in-depth research and planning continues to be done to prevent future flooding with the understanding that this will be an extensive and expensive plan when completed. Does it have to be expensive?

- It's gonna be. It's gonna cost a lot of money.

- Alder Dorff.

- Okay, so, my purpose in having this communication is that we all know there's a lot of flooding issues throughout the entire city. And I just wanted to ask that when Director Grenier is developing the plan, and maybe this is already done, but that that residential flooding, in my mind, should be the highest priority. Now maybe there's a reason why it shouldn't be. Maybe there's others that are higher than that. I would say that if it's residential first, businesses second, that would be the way I would prefer it. But I would like to hear about how we prioritize, and if that is really, is that a legitimate request, is that a good request, to try to look at prioritizing residential flooding?

- I would think if you wanted to offer a suggestion to the staff that residential flooding supersedes business flooding, we would accept that suggestion. For you to state that your desire is for us to prioritize that, that to me means that takes precedence over pavement conditions, sewer, sanitary sewer condition, water main condition, condition of the storm sewers. That is the primary focus on how we select our projects.

- Oh, that's not really what I meant.

- So if you were to ask that we consider alleviating residential flooding as part of the development of our program, we would gladly welcome that suggestion.

- Yeah, that's what I would ask. That's exactly it. In fact I thought I had the word consider in my communication. I try to always put the word consider.

- I guess the one thing--

- But it was rewritten.
- That I would suggest is I would hate for us to take a position on that and create some type of legal position for commercial businesses to have a claim against the City because we're not prioritizing flood damage that could potentially occur to their property.
- Okay, so then let's get rid of that word prioritize. That if I were to make a motion on, maybe we need to talk a whole bunch first, but let's say if I were to make a motion, I would be that I would ask that Public Works, hmmm, what?
- Well, if I might be so bold as to suggest for you, Alder Dorff?
- Please.
- Replace prioritizes with considers and strike residential.
- So you just, well, okay.
- What are we trying to achieve here?
- Well my understanding of what Alder Dorff wanted was to make sure that flooding is taking into account not just pavement condition and condition of the varied underground sewers and water main, but also areas where we're experiencing flooding, and that we don't forget about those areas.
- Right, like the far east side, which isn't next to the East River, and we're having lots and lots of issues, off of Nicolet Drive, on Beach Lane, on Wiggins Lane, on Sussex, it's crazy.
- What we have told you in the past, when we describe the processes that we're using for selection of candidate streets. Prior to about seven years ago, pavement was the primary driving factor. That was what drove our program. So the street rating was the largest single contributing factor to selection of projects. With the advent of a more robust GIS system for tracking our other infrastructure, we've been able to assign ratings to the sewers, and Water Utility has completed a system-wide evaluation of their infrastructure. Now they have a little bit different rating system, but we can interpret with them, how to prioritize what mains need to be replaced before others. And we're able to take all of that data together and look at the condition of the sanitary sewer, look at the condition of the storm sewer, look at the condition of the pavement, look at the condition of the water main, and with that homogenized data, we've been able to reshuffle the deck and figure out what projects rise to a higher priority and should be programmed first. My interpretation of what Alder Dorff was getting at was, don't just look at the sewer infrastructure, also look at areas where we're experiencing flooding and try to resolve that as well.
- And even further than that, while I'm very concerned about my own district, as you are about your district, and your district, I am concerned about everybody's homes in the whole city, so that I had put two communications in that, and one specific to something in my district, but I wanted to make sure that that I'm caring about this whole city and the flooding, and when it's people's homes, that's like the worst, I think.

- Well, and--

- So you talked to a business owner?

- Well I guess so .

- I'm not sure if you've been coming to all of the meetings, but--

- Well I've been watching them, it's just provided me with many hours of entertainment.

- Well, then you know that we've come before the Committee several times over the past few years, talking about the hotspots. We know where the flooding is occurring.

- Mm hm.

- And with those hotspots, we targeted specific drainage basins, so that's how we look at things. It doesn't matter to us what's inside of it. What we look at is the number of complaints and the probability of damage resulting from those complaints. So we look at the basin itself, and we've been targeting those basins that have the highest incidence of recurrence, and the highest probability of damage resulting from flooding, and that, we've been programming those exclusive of a street project. So for instance, when we did the upgrades of the storm sewer on Farlin, we did a project a year ago on Smith and St. George Street up in District 6, we did a replacement, an up-sizing of the storm sewer on Elizabeth Street between University and Main, I believe that was last year as well. One of the items that we're going to be talking about tonight is the bids that were received on the lift station project for Lift Station 110, which is in Alder Johnson's district, that's the one down by Shipyard. What we are actually doing over there, we're combining two small lift stations into one large lift station, and then repurposing that equipment over to the Eliza Street lift station in District 4. Okay, we have started taking on those types of projects, which are standalone flooding related projects, where we never did that before.

- Okay.

- So flooding is a concern for us, and we are currently evaluating and programming to handle that as best we can to give them the--

- So do you even need this? Do you need this, or are we already doing it?

- I, in my opinion, I think we're already doing it, but I want to make sure that you're comfortable with that before we do something like a receive and place on file.

- Right, because that's, and I hear what you're saying, Alder Johnson, I'm not saying businesses aren't important, of course they are, of course they are. So all areas where flooding is occurring, yeah. And I guess, here's another thing that I've been hearing, not from you, but I went to this Brown County meeting, and that roads, or whatever, the system wasn't developed for these types of storms. The system, or this much development, it was more about, we've developed so much, this so much development has happened, and that is what's causing part of the problem. So here we are, and this, our infrastructure wasn't designed for that, so here we are, but we're having a problem, so that the in-depth research and planning was about, well I guess we have to deal with the fact that we are more

developed and even if we didn't plan it to be this way, it is this way. So how, how can we redesign? And that's why I said extensive and expensive, because to redesign everything.

- I mean, they provided \$100 million report for us.
- Yes they did, and I, yes.
- So you've got your expensive report.
- I do have my expensive report.
- And so that's what's gonna have to happen, I guess I want to honor that the fact that I realize it can't all be done by next year.
- No it can't.
- Or November, it's just not gonna be.
- Again, in my opinion, I believe we're already doing what you're asking. But--
- And you did do that big report, 'cause I did watch it.
- We must not be doing a good job of communicating that because--
- No, it wasn't really that. It was more about people's homes. I didn't want to feel selfish by giving this next communication because I have homes in my district being flooded, I was feeling like I need to care about everybody's. So that was mainly the reason behind this, and then realizing that we need to design everything for this new reality that we now live in that we didn't plan to live in, right?
- And the caveat that I'm gonna put on it, okay, we're still gonna have problems, okay. We could invest half a billion dollars just looking, ignore street ratings, ignore sanitary, ignore water main. Just storm sewer alone, I could easily invest a half a billion dollars with a beat, okay. And let's say a half billion gets us up to the existing level of development, and I've tried changing the narrative, you're not gonna hear many people talk about it, they're starting to. But what we call a 25 year storm, okay, that's not a, it's a term that's been used but it's not a true term.
- I know, I understand it, since I listened to the Improvement and Services.
- Okay, the 25 year storm has a 4% chance of occurring.
- Chance of occurring, with any storm.
- Okay.
- I remember.
- We're currently designed on our systems, city systems, for a 10 year, or a 10% probability storm. That does not include all of the storm sewer we inherited in 1965 from Preble. Preble, if it was

designed, some of it's designed to a 2% storm, or not a 2% storm, a 2 year, which is a 50% storm, that storm has a one in two chance of occurring, okay, so it'll flood out constantly.

- Right.

- Some of it is designed to a seven year return, or a 7% interval. Okay, very under-sized. So I could easily spend a half a billion dollars and maybe, maybe, I get us to the 4% storm, the 25 year storm. The storm that we received September 11th, the storm that we received March 15th, the storm we had September of 2018, and the storm that we had in August of 2018, all exceeded that storm event by a huge margin, okay?

- Right.

- The two storms in August and September of 2018 were a 750 year and a 1,000 year storm, respectively.

- And so how can there ever be a possibility to--

- So we could've spent a half a billion dollars upgrading the storms, and let's say that by doing that, I actually have room enough to get those pipes in the ground without sticking through the pavement.

- Right.

- And we still would've flooded.

- Right.

- We still would've flooded.

- So we can't ever guarantee that there's--

- So it's a combination of the amount and the type of build out that we do have, but it's also a function of the type of storms we're getting, and that's due probably, if you believe the meteorological experts, to climate change.

- Right.

- So we can expect those types of storms more and more and more.

- To continue.

- Yes.

- So I am content with, unless you guys disagree, I think that that's probably what he's working on, and that was a good explanation, so, I would move to receive and place on file.

- Second.

- Motion by Alder Dorff to receive and place on file, second by Alder Brunette, is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor say aye.

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed, motion carries.

- Oh look, it's me again.

- Item number five, right, no? What item are we on? My eyes are going a little.

- It's me again.

- We're water, we're flooding.

- We're water floodites.

- Item, so sorry, which one, four?

- Yeah.

- Consideration with possible action on a request by Alder Dorff that the Department of Public Works and Improvement and Services consider the proposal from Brown County to partner with the City of Green Bay to change and improve drainage to the Nicolet Drive and Beach Lane areas, to include the necessary funding in the 2020 budget. Alder Dorff.

- So I know this was really going to be a controversial communication because I've been to the meetings, and I know that Director Grenier has the research, but the County is in charge of Nicolet Drive, not of Beach Lane, but of the areas that are coming off, well you guys probably don't know the far east side, there's a ledge, and the water runs down and through the farmers' fields, and the houses get flooded, and it goes across the road, and Nicolet Drive gets all flooded, and from the entrance to UW Green Bay, all the way out to the end of the city, which near the Town of Scott, that's County, that's the County highway. And the stuff in is ours, is ours. So, the County has said, with their 1/2 cent sales tax, that they have this money, that they will put in \$500,000.00, that it would be about \$850,000.00, if we put in \$350,000.00. And they have a beautiful plan prepared. I went to the meeting, they had a great presentation, and it would alleviate the problem. If you know where the Eagles Nest is, if you guys know that part of the town, okay, out on Nicolet Drive, there would be something running on one side of that property, like a drainage river, and they'd be doing some other, but it's huge, hugely extensive project that probably needs to be done. So, Director Grenier, how do you feel about putting that in our budget for 2020?

- Well again, you're gonna hear me continue to come back to this. Not budget.

- Oh, I'm sorry.

- Capital program.

- Capital Improvement Program, I'm sorry, I put the wrong.

- Because we're doing verbatim minutes, I'm gonna consistently come back to you folks and make that correction, it's not in the budget.

- The Capital Improvements Plan.

- Okay. Well, what we do is we tend to look at things like this from a water rights issue.

- [Ryan] Do you want me to catch the door for you guys?

- No, we have to leave it open.

- No.

- No we have to leave it open.

- Oh, okay.

- Thank you, though.

- Thank you.

- So, the argument that the County is using, for lack of a better way to put it, okay, the other two Alders, Alders Johnson and Brunette, you've been hearing us talk about drainage basins as they related to flooding, so you're familiar with the term, okay. What we have is a drainage basin. And that basin is all City taxpayers, if you want to think of it that way, okay. And cutting through that basin, the high part of the basin, is the Niagara Escarpment. So water comes off the escarpment, hits the farm fields, and then runs downhill to the bay, and it's not a long distance and most of that's undeveloped farm field, so not a lot of slowing that water down, either, okay. Somewhere between the base of the escarpment and the bay, running across the flow path, is a highway, an impediment to the drainage course. Now since the last glacier pulled outta here, somewhere between 11 and 16,000 years ago, that water has followed that drainage path. Until somebody built a barrier across it. That barrier is a county trunk highway. If you build, whomever builds a barrier that restricts the flow of that water, and causes a backwater condition, or conversely, robs water resources from the downstream people, okay, there were wars fought over this in the American Southwest, the Water Wars, 'cause somebody was damming up a stream, and folks downstream couldn't irrigate their crops over it, and the cattle were dying, and all kinds of fun stuff, okay. So you can't cause somebody to flood upstream, and you can't rob somebody of a water resource downstream. Whoever creates that barrier is responsible for essentially equalizing that flow. In our opinion, that county trunk highway is what's doing that. So it's the County's responsibility to alleviate the problem. If the problem was flooding caused by a design of our sewer, then that arguably could be our problem. But from what I understand of this, the amount of water that's flowing into the county ditch exceeds the county ditch capacity and then spills over the road and kind of goes wherever, it doesn't follow the ditch, or the prior stream. So what the County wants to do is improve those streams, and channelize that water better to capture it. Okay, that's all well and good. But, in my opinion, that's not a City responsibility, we shouldn't be investing our money in there, that's their responsibility. Now how can I say that, okay, that's City water that's flowing in there. Arguably it's County water, okay. If they're part of Brown County, right, what the County is saying is we're only responsible for managing the water

that's generated on our paved surface, and that's not correct, okay. What I talked to Alder Dorff about was, there was a jurisdictional study that was completed, the Jurisdictional Study was completed in 1982, and it recapped some jurisdictional transfers that happened back in 1979 that became effective on January 1st, 1980. What happened at that time was, where county trunks entered the urbanized part of the City of Green Bay, they ceased to function as a county trunk highway and began to function more as a city street. So, if you're familiar, on the northeast side, where the Arnie Wolff soccer complex is, out by Fire Station 7, Humboldt Road is asphalt until you get just east of Arnie Wolff, and then it changes from a two lane asphalt to a four lane concrete, two lane with parking, okay. That was the point of demarcation, that is 875 feet east of Bascom Way. That was where the urbanized area began and ended in 1979. So jurisdictionally, the road was transferred at that point, and from that point in, the concrete section became a City street. We allow them to put the badging for County Trunk N on it, but it doesn't show up as a county trunk highway, it's not recorded, the right of way is not county trunk, and County was relieved of all future responsibility for construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and upkeep associated with that road. By the same token, they accepted from that point out to the east City limits as a county trunk highway. Now technically when we help participate in the reconstruction of Humboldt Road, we had no obligation to do that, we did it to be a good partner. And I made specific mention in the municipal agreement between ourselves and Brown County, that by our participating in that project, we did not waive or release them from any of the obligations of the prior agreement. They did not like having to sign that, I will tell you that. As Alder Dorff indicated, likewise on Nicolet Drive, the line of demarcation now happens to be the main entrance to UWGB. From that point in, the road is concrete and it's four lanes wide. From that point out, it's two lane asphalt, rural segment, that's County's responsibility, and that's where Beach Lane is, out beyond. All of Webster Avenue, if you look in Allouez, Webster Avenue coming through De Pere is marked as County Trunk X until you get to the south city limits in Green Bay, and then the County Trunk X badges disappear. County Trunk GB ceases to become County Trunk GB out by the Kroc Center. We let them have the badges, but it's not a county trunk highway, that's a city street, that's Lime Kiln Road. There are a number of those across the city, and what they're now asking us to do is they're saying, well that's City water, you guys should pay half. Now I know Alder Dorff indicated that they said 500 300, I have an agreement that was forwarded to me by their public works department earlier this week, asking me to sign, that indicates total cost of the project \$787,500.00, half of that coming from Brown County, half coming from the City. And our argument has always been, that's not a City issue. It's not the water, it's the fact that you're crossing it and causing that water to go somewhere else, that's your problem to deal with.

- So how would the problem be dealt with? I mean, there is a problem.

- I don't disagree, I don't disagree with the approach. I don't know that it's necessarily our financial responsibility to do that, I believe it's the County's.

- So then how do we force the County to do that?

- I don't know the--

- You contact your County Board Supervisor.

- Sieber, he's in on it. But, I mean, so, if the County, you know, throws down the gauntlet and says, yeah, we'll help you City, 'cause that's kinda how they're phrasing it, we'll give you half the money, and we'll help pay for half of it. And you have to pay the other half, so?

- Ultimately, if we can't agree--
- Yes?
- Then the project doesn't get done, and the people on Beach Lane file suit.
- Jesus.
- That's what's gonna happen.
- They're funding it with sales tax money, you say?
- Well, they're--
- I mean, if that's the case, it sounds to me like they've got some City investment then.
- Oh, that is not a good answer that the people on Beach Lane sue.
- We're not trying to be difficult, what we're trying to do is we're trying to be legally and financially responsible.
- Well there must be little spats between the City and the County a lot, right?
- We're trying very hard not to.
- Okay, so, what is the path that one takes when there are these?
- Well, we've been largely unsuccessful on this one, and that is we've been trying to tell them it's your issue to deal with. And they disagree with us.
- Okay, so then does this have to do to, does the Mayor have to get involved, does the City Council have to get involved?
- I would think, this to me sounds like an Administrative issue, where it should be, I mean, if it's, if we're not able to resolve it, although, if we're not able to resolve it at staff level, although it sounds to me like Steve has resolved it from the City's perspective.
- Right.
- I would think it rises up to the Executive level at that point.
- So--
- Direct staff to discuss with the Mayor--
- Yes.

- To have discussion with the County Exec.
- That is exactly what my motion is.
- Okay.
- I would like to direct staff to have a discussion with the Mayor to have a discussion with the County Supervisor on--
- Well we could have--
- The County Executive?
- Well we could have them go all the way up to the County Executive as well.
- That's what I meant. I meant the Executive, I did not mean the Supervisors, I meant the County Executive.
- All right, we have a motion by Alder Dorff.
- Second.
- Second by Alder Brunette, is there any further discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor say aye.
- [All] Aye.
- Opposed, motion carries. Item five, consideration with possible action on a request by Alder Galvin to reconstruct on Congress Street and Spring Street.
- Again, I'm gonna take a little bit of liberty, based on how things historically have run, and how I envision a prior directive. I don't think what Alder Galvin is doing is directing that this be in the next Capital Program. I think what he's really asking is for us to consider this to be part of a future capital project, and for it to be a reconstruct and not a resurface, 'cause it wouldn't qualify as a resurface. If it would've qualified as a resurface it would've been done already.
- Okay, so Steve, would be take it under consideration?
- Yeah, I think what he's, don't forget about this one, and by the way, these do not have to come as formal communications, any Alder is free to come to our office, by email, by a phone call, what have you, and say, hey guys, I noticed this street is bad, could you make sure you take a look at this one and see where it slots in.
- Okay.
- Okay? That's my understanding of what Alder Galvin wants here. He chose to do it with a formal communication, but you can do this simply with a phone call, or email if you wish.

- All right, well I would entertain a motion that we receive and place on file. If Alder Galvin wants to pull at Council, he can do so.
- Okay, or, we could just ask for it to be considered, you know, which--
- I think Steve has acknowledged that he's got it booked.
- You have it logged already?
- Well, we will have it logged because he submitted a communication, but if you wanted to confirm that, again, with what Alder Dorff is saying, what I would suggest is request by Alder Galvin to consider a reconstruct on Congress and Spring.
- I would prefer to make that, I think it's just answers the Alder.
- It's your floor.
- So I would like to make a motion to, that DPW would consider a reconstruct on Congress Street and Spring Street.
- I'll second.
- All right, we have a motion by Alder Dorff, a second by Alder Brunette, is there any further discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor say aye.
- [All] Aye.
- Opposed, motion carries. Item six, consideration with possible action on a request by Alder Galvin to put in a crosswalk lighting system on East Mason Street at Hartung Street, similar to crosswalk lighting on South Webster Avenue at the hospitals, for the East River Trail crossing.
- Okay, we have a trail crossing that has been utilized at that location that is immediately east of the East Mason Bridge over the East River. So that is right at ground zero of the Spring floods, the March floods. Okay. A couple of years ago a request came in for a crossing there to connect two parts of the East River Trail. The crossing went in, we were having problems due to geometrics, that bridge has a crown on it, okay, so, as you come from west to east on Mason, as you cross through Baird Street and start heading down towards Goodell, the road slopes down and creates what we call a sag vertical. So you hit a dead low spot, then you hit a crest vertical on top of the bridge, and then you hit a sag vertical down between Hartung and John Street. So you're essentially doing kind of a loop de loop, okay? With the bridge being the high point in between the two lows. That creates some vision problems, because you're crossing on a low point, a pedestrian crossing on a low point of a bridge with east bound traffic, and though it's posted, I believe East Mason's posted 30, it's probably routinely driven closer to 40. So you can see where pedestrians may be a little uncomfortable making that crossing, trusting that motorists will yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk. So when the crossing was first enhanced, there was a request that went through Traffic, Bike, and Ped to put up some sort of a warning, pedestrian actuated beacon. So we put it in. It proved largely unsuccessful because pedestrians were pushing the button, and they didn't feel, I don't know if they weren't confident that people would stop, or if they weren't getting feedback from the lights we put in or what have, what

we found was people were pushing the button and not stomping out, and then drivers got desensitized to the warning device and they weren't responding to it. So rather than give a false sense of security, the request was to take the button and the lights out, so now it's just a marked crossing with an overhead, okay. What Alder Galvin is asking for is referred to as a RRFB, or a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon. If you have been on South Webster in front of the hospitals, since the reconstruction of South Webster Avenue, you've seen an RRFB there. The Packers have installed two of them, one on Oneida Street near the South entrance gate to the parking lot, one on Ridge Road across from the main entrance into the Titledown District. RRFB is a very discreet, configuration of the lights and how everything works, okay, it's not, you can't just use the term RRFB for anything. When somebody says an RRFB, it's something very specific, and that's what's being used there. RRFB, when you push it, I believe you get an audible chirp, so the user gets the feedback, and then it starts with a very specific flashing sequence and so on. Those are about \$35,000.00 for an install. Now the ones that went in on South Webster, those were paid for by the hospitals. We have not installed those at our cost. Consideration to put one in here, it may be justified, I'm not sure. I don't want to duck this, but because the discussion started at Traffic, Bike, Ped, I would almost recommend that we send this to Traffic, Bike, Ped for study and have them give us a recommendation back. If they feel it's justified and warranted, they can report back and recommend that I and S approve that and put it into a Capital Program or build it out of, we'd have to find a funding source for it.

- Yeah, I think I would support that. I actually wondered why it was on this agenda.

- Yeah.

- Because that was a communication we got from Alder Galvin, it was submitted to I and S.

- Sure, no, that's fine, okay.

- 'Cause I was on Traffic, Bike, and Ped for two years, and this is definitely a Traffic, Bike, and Ped.

- Okay, all right, so is that a motion?

- My motion would be to refer to Traffic, Bike, and Ped.

- Second.

- We have a motion by Alder--

- Oh, before we do--

- Oh, someone wants to talk about this.

- We do have somebody here who's looking to speak on this crossing, and he's been waiting patiently for the whole meeting.

- Okay, move to open the floor.

- Second.

- All right.
- Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor say aye.
- [All] Aye.
- Opposed, motion carries. Mr. Juelich, step on up to the podium.
- Ryan Juelich, 2320 Remington Road. So yeah, the RRFB I think would be a good idea, but if that wouldn't happen, and I don't know if it has to have signage there, but it would almost be better to either have something that's brighter, or just take the signs down completely. What I've had happen, 'cause I bike that quite a bit, what happens is you'll sit there, some car will stop, and then they kind of wait, expecting you to go, but all the other traffic's still going, so it's like . So then, otherwise sometimes there's, the one this way, one that way, and the other lanes are still moving, so it just creates one of those situations where now I feel like I have to go, but I don't want to. So if there were no signs at all, then the onus is on me that no one's gotta stop, so I just wait for an opportunity to cross. So I think the signs there without the flashing lights makes it worse than if they weren't there at all. But, the lights I think would be a good thing 'cause the lights before weren't very bright, and I don't know if they were solar powered, but, yeah, the ones over by the hospital are just much brighter, grab your attention. The ones there were like pretty weak, and I think the sun, too, crossing that bridge where, that sometimes you couldn't see those lights. I would say if brighter lights weren't an option, it's probably safer, I know it seems counterintuitive, but just to take the signs down. But again, I don't know if that could be done.
- It does, yeah, a false sense of security, you're right.
- That's like JoePa From Penn State, always used to say, if you want to get rid of the football accidents, get rid of face masks, right? So it sounds counterintuitive, but it's.
- Yeah, counterintuitive, but, yeah. You make some good points.
- [Ryan] And 'cause, I'm aware of that intersection, and a couple of weeks ago I was going past it, and I saw a postwoman there waiting to cross, and so I, I'm like, oh, I hit my brakes, and the person behind me almost rear ended me, so, it's just one of those things where, like I said, I don't think anybody pays attention to the signs now. And so, if one person says, oh, I need to stop, most of the other traffic isn't going to stop, so it's like--
- And it's an actual marked crosswalk?
- Oh yeah, and there's signage, it says like, State law, you must yield to pedestrians.
- We need to do a frogger there, don't you think? A frogger there would be really good.
- I bet if we painted the crosswalks.
- If we had some really cute artwork in the crosswalks.

- [Ryan] And yeah, and I remember, I had emailed former Alder De Wane on this, going back I looked like, to 2015--

- Sure, that's when I was on Traffic, Bike, and Ped.

- [Ryan] Yeah, I was kind of like, oh, I saw it on I and S, and I was like, huh, but yeah, I know it's got a lot of money and stuff for that, but like I said, to save money, I think it'd be better if it--

- Just didn't have them?

- [Ryan] Yeah, just 'cause, then, like I said, no one's gonna be under the presumption that they have to stop and then it's like, okay, I just need to wait until there's an opportunity. I know Alder Galvin also mentioned in the email, like possibly going under the bridge, and I'm like, I don't think that's probably gonna happen now with the water and that's probably a lot more expensive too.

- Yeah, I hope you will go to Traffic, Bike, and Ped when this gets on their agenda.

- [Ryan] Okay, yeah.

- Because you have some experience with it, and I think it would be good if they could hear from you. I know, thank you for being so patient with us tonight,

- [Ryan] Oh, that's all right.

- It's a lesson in Civics.

- [Ryan] Yeah, I usually watch these at home, you know, on YouTube, so it's, it's a lot closer.

- Yeah, thank you.

- [Ryan] Yep, thank you.

- Motion to close the floor?

- Motion, so moved, or second.

- Second by Alder Brunette, any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor say aye.

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed, motion carries.

- Okay, and now the motion--

- The motion's already been made, so--

- So it's still on the floor.

- Is there any further discussion?

- No.

- I would just maybe add that again, I just, the Traffic Commission obviously has much more expertise in this area, and so I would really look to them for their guidance. I'm not opposed to spending the money, and if it means that we're keeping residents safe, and if it is a highly trafficked area, and I think that's all great information that the Traffic Commission can dissect to determine if there's a reasonable return on investment for that. Okay, any further discussion? All right, all those in favor of referring to Traffic Commission say aye.

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed, motion carries. Thank you.

- [Ryan] Yep, thank you.

- Let me see, what item are we on?

- Seven.

- Seven, consideration with possible action on a request by Alder Vander Leest on behalf of Kennedy School and parents of students that City plow crews plow Chantel Street from 9th Street to 7th Street in front of Kennedy School during school hours and after school hours as buses and parents pick up and drop off students. Director Grenier, do you have any feedback on this one?

- Well, what I understand, I have not spoken with Alder Vander Leest, he did not reach out to us on this. But from what I understand, based on the communication and his discussion at Council last week, what he's asking us to do is to clear out in front of the school during the school hours so that parents have the ability to pick up and drop off. Well, I'm gonna defer to Alder Dorff, she may know how many schools we have within the corporate city limits.

- 42.

- And that's public schools. Correct?

- Right, oh yeah. That, way beyond.

- That doesn't include the parochial schools.

- Right, it doesn't include them.

- I think it would be kind of presumptuous of us to give preferential treatment to one school and not all of them.

- Plus what if the snow doesn't stop by then, or the timing?

- Plus, we can't say when the snow is falling, so why would I limit myself to plowing during school hours? If the snow falls at 11:00 o'clock at night, should we wait until 8:00 o'clock in the morning when school's in session and then go plow it? I don't think that's what he's asking. So I understand he wants a special point of emphasis because there's drop off and pick up in front of the school, but that situation exists in front of all schools. And I'm going to be not a little, but a lot biased, and tell you that I think my snow removal crews do one heck of a job. So, I understand what he's asking, and what I will do is I will share with my crews that, hey, guys, and girls, keep an eye on school zones and do the best you can to make sure school drop offs are taken care of. But beyond that, I don't know that we can fulfill the request as he's asked for.

- Yeah, and I think it's fire departments, it's police departments, and it's hospitals. I mean, the list is pretty extensive.

- Right.

- I've always had an empathetic place in my heart for snow plow drivers as someone who used to own a private snow plowing company. And everybody wants to be first. And it's just impossible. But I think in this particular scenario, I think very similar to a motion we made not long ago, just asking staff to consider ways that they can maybe take care of those situations, like giving your plow drivers maybe some discretion when they're out, you know, like hey it's school hours, but I feel like it's something that maybe staff could really handle by talking to their Alderperson.

- Well, and--

- So, can we just refer to staff, I'm sorry.

- We do have, you'll hear us talk about the primaries, our primary routes, and then residential routes. Not only the school themselves, but the primary busing routes to and from the schools automatically qualify as primaries for our plowing purposes.

- So they're already receiving preferred treatment?

- They're already receiving top billing as far as our addressing it. And the reason I make mention of that, if we had an extended event, we have an event that occurs at unusual times, and for me, snowing during the day is unusual. I would rather have it snow at night, because a lot of times folks get home, a snowstorm typically doesn't, a measurable snowstorm, typically doesn't pop up out of nowhere. You're gonna have a couple of days warning that it's coming. So if you've been warned that a snowstorm is coming, and it's going to hit at midnight, it's gonna hit at 7:00 o'clock that night, what have you, typically people will get home, hunker down, and wait for the plow to go by. If instead it happens during the workday, that snowstorm develops and we start receiving at 10:00 o'clock in the morning and it doesn't stop snowing 'til 10:00 that evening, we may run into issues because we can only work 16 hours and then I have to send folks home to get four hours rest, and then we can come back and hit 16 again. So when we go into that rotation, I have to pull folks back. I normally have about 85 pieces of equipment and associated bodies on the street during a full plow event. And I can't sustain that for very long. We've got probably two good rotations in us, and then I need to get people rested. So, as we get through that first rotation, we start relieving folks to send them home. I can't send everybody home at once. So we will keep drivers in our primaries, and the order of the day is hold the primaries, okay. And we will hold the primaries until we get workday traffic home at

night, 7:00 o'clock, or get people into work in the morning, if we had an evening event, and it continues to snow on into the day. So order of the day becomes hold the primaries, which are the school busing routes, as well as our high volume streets. Then when we get our full complement back, then we'll spread out and go back into the residential. So just with that, again, there is an automatic emphasis on our high volume streets, our critical infrastructure, like hospitals, and police stations, and that kind of stuff, and schools, they're already there, we're already doing those.

- What would be an appropriate motion, just to refer to staff, receive and place on file, what?
- You said something already a few minutes ago, but I forget what you said.
- Well, just I guess ask for staff to give special consideration and--
- How 'bout to continue to give.
- Continue, very good.
- I like that. I move that staff continue to give special consideration to all primary routes, which would include all schools.
- That's poetic.
- Thank you.
- Second.
- All right, we have a motion by Alder Dorff, a second by Alder Brunette, any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor say aye.
- [All] Aye.
- Opposed, motion carries. Item eight, consideration with possible action on the report of the Purchasing Manager. Rick, thank you for your patience. Item A.
- Oh, we should've moved it up.
- Request approval to award a three-year contract to Garrow Oil Company for diesel and unleaded fuel for the estimated amount of \$5,201,316.00, which is \$1,733,772.00 per year, with options for two one-year renewals.
- [Rick] Well this is a contract that we bid out every five years. And we put this out to bid. We received four bids, and we're recommending the award to the lowest bidder. We dealt with all these companies. They're all qualified and provide good service. The amazing thing to me is that the difference between high bid and the next high is less than 4/10 of 1%, I mean, this was just that competitive of a market. So we're recommending the award to Garrow Oil Company.
- Okay, move to approve.

- Second.

- We have a motion by Alder Dorff, second by Alder Brunette. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor say aye.

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed, motion carries. Thank you, Rick, for being patient with us tonight.

- Yeah, no problem, thank you.

- Item number nine, consideration with possible action on the review and award of the contract Sewers 5-19 Storm Lift Station 110.

- I'm gonna take an opposite tact, if he's retiring in November, I don't feel one bit bad holding him here this long. We're not gonna be able to do that to him anymore.

- [Rick] I'm gonna miss these meetings, I'll tell you that.

- Come on, tell the truth.

- [Rick] I'm just gonna show up as a resident.

- So what I've handed out to you is a summary of bids received last Tuesday for the Storm Lift Station 110. Again, that's the Shipyard. Four bidders, Staab Construction came in as the low responsible responsive bidder at \$1,123,000.00. As you can see, substantially lower than everybody else. We have had several conversations with Staab to make sure this is a valid and bona fide bid. I can't, I wish I could come in here and say there was one thing in the bid that made the difference. There was not. How individual line items, how different contractors accounted for their costs or didn't account for their cost was kinda all over the board. So what we were able to do is we were able to kind of look, take Staab's bid out, and take the three remaining bids, and not look at the average price, but look at the median price, the middle bid from everyone, and the low bid from everyone. And when we did that, Staab's number started to look a lot better, more in line. Every contractor had some money somewhere. About the only thing that we can come up with is Staab is more along, and I don't know how familiar you are with the construction industry you are, so if what I say doesn't resonate with you, let me know. Staab is more like a Miron or an Immel, they are a building station contractor. They build lift stations, they build wastewater treatment plants, they build water filtration plants, they build facilities. The other three, PTS, Advance, and Dorner, are our sewer contractors. They're used to building pipes. I think in this case, Staab took a different approach to managing water, water in the trench resulting from, 'cause what we're gonna do is we're gonna intercept a storm sewer system that is taking flow for over 300 acres worth of land, okay? There's a 54 inch diameter pipe that flows into this station that has to get cut off, and that water still needs to go some place. I think Staab has a different way of how they're managing that, and again, we're also building this station into what's going to be the Shipyard project. Staab has a different way of building the station so they're not as concerned with water from the river or from the slip flowing back, groundwater getting into their excavation.

- When's the expected installation timeframe?

- It will be constructed in the Winter.
- And activated at that time as well then?
- We expect to have it online before storms hit in April.
- Okay.
- Well that's good.
- And the reason I ask, Steve, is you know we had some interested parties here not so long ago that were looking for some timeframes of when that was going to happen. So this will give me the ability to go back to them with some updates.
- Well, and now, not only that, again, what we have is a rather large basin, which is 110. And a substantially smaller basin, which is 108, which is immediately to the north of it.
- Right.
- Okay. We looked at doing some improvements to 110 alone, which is this, but decided it would be better to take and manifold those two together and just build a slightly larger station and handle both of them at once, 'cause that's gonna handle a lot more of our problem areas. And that's what this represents. The equipment that's currently in those stations is undersized for its current application but still in very good condition. There's nothing wrong with that control equipment and the pumps themselves. They happen to be the right size to be properly sized for Eliza and Suydam, the East River flood area. So we're actually gonna build this station, and when we take these existing stations offline to put the new pumps in, we're taking the old pumps and those are going over to correct another area on the East River, so we're getting double bang for the buck here.
- Matt Heckenlaible and I had talked about that, those combinations, is this the same lift station that's intended to relieve some of the flooding that is occurring over on Military Avenue? Is that the same drain basin, or is that a different solution? I'm putting you on the spot.
- I don't know if this is gonna go all the way to Military.
- I thought Matt said that this pump might handle that, but again, it's more of a curiosity thing.
- I thought, to be honest with you, I thought the basin ended around Ridge.
- Okay, maybe I was mistaken.
- But I could be wrong. I would definitely talk to Matt, he's got that stuff memorized.
- Okay.
- That's what he does.

- I like the bid.

- I like the bid.

- You have no concerns about Staab, they're?

- No, like I said, we've been answering some questions, and again, they had some unique approaches to things. It's really their risk. If their approach doesn't pan out, that's the number, they've gotta perform, and they gotta meet that number.

- All right, I'm gonna move to approve, since it's my district, if you guys are all right with that?

- All right. Second.

- Second.

- Oh, he can second.

- All right, motion to approve by Johnson, second by Alder Brunette, is there any further discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor say aye.

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed, motion carries. Item number 10. Consideration with possible action on applications for Concrete Sidewalk Builder Licenses by the following. A, A & M Concrete and Construction, Incorporated. B, Al Dix Concrete, Incorporated. C, Delrar, Incorporated. Steve, any concerns?

- All three good, recommend approval.

- I'll entertain a motion to approve.

- Move to approve.

- Second.

- A motion by Alder Dorff, second by Alder Brunette, any discussion, seeing none, all those in favor say aye.

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed, motion carries. Item E, Informational. One, Director's Report on Recent activities of the Public Works Department. Three very, very quick items for you. First of which, I think we've already put the additional public notice out, but we will be blasting it again through the rest of this week. Leaf collection starts on Monday and will likely wrap up in the second week of November. Item number two, the docks at Metro, we have started pulling those out and will have them fully, we're gonna get as much out as we can early in the season. We typically do, we typically leave one or two in for late season fishing and duck hunting. If weather conditions allow we'll pull that out in November. We'll play that one by ear, but the docks have started coming out as well, in addition to the floating docks

downtown. Third item, I hate to even bring it up, but I have the weather services telling us that there is a possibility that we may have snow in the forecast, so we are already getting equipment ready for the conversion from summer to winter.

- Like when, what day?

- They're talking about it next on Saturday and Sunday. Right now they're anticipating that it could hold north of 29, and it might miss us, but two days ago we were prepared to get hit with a wet slushy mix on Saturday already. Geez.

- So, we are starting to make plans for conversion. I don't know what you subscribe to, I use a lot of different sources, an actual weather service. I got weather stations and weather reporting stations across the northern tier of continental United States. I've got some in the southern portions of the Canadian prairie provinces all the way out to Vancouver and Seattle that I will regularly monitor to see how the storms are developing going across the states. We use a little bit of Voodoo and an Old Farmer's Almanac.

- Well, I use Brian's psychic, he introduced me.

- And the Old Farmer's Almanac this year is predicting seven named Winter storms, so if you place any kind of--

- How many?

- Seven.

- Seven major storms.

- Seven named Winter storms.

- Named, named. How many did we have last year?

- I think four.

- Oh no, that's more than last year.

- And they, I think since 1787, they were like 82% accurate.

- Wow.

- So they have a pretty good batting average. I will be making my predictions by the end of the month. I've been doing that with my staff for the last couple of years.

- All right.

- Move to, or receive and place on file.

- Second.

- Motion by Alder Brunette, second by Alder Dorff. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor say aye.
- [All] Aye.
- Opposed, motion carries. Item two. The next Improvement and Services Committee meeting is scheduled for October 23rd, 2019.
- Move to adjourn.
- Second.
- Motion by Alder Brunette to adjourn, second by Alder Dorff, any discussion? Any discussion at all?
- Would you stop. Aye.
- Say aye.
- All those in favor say aye.
- [All] Aye.
- Opposed, motion carries.
- Thanks to Barb for filling--