



MINUTES OF THE IMPROVEMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021, 5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting. Public may join via Zoom.

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE

A. ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION.

I. This item contains documents which provide call in information and instructions for the Zoom meeting.

B. ROLL CALL.

Present: Ald. Randy Scannell, Ald. Chris Wery, Ald. Jesse Brunette

Excused: Ald. Lynn Gerlach

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to approve the October 27, 2021 Improvement and Services Committee agenda.

Motion Passed.

Vote: Yes- Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2021 Improvement and Services Committee meeting.

Motion Passed.

Vote: Yes- Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None.

E. REGULAR BUSINESS.

1. Consideration with possible action on request by Information Services Group, Inc. (ISG) to rent up to 41 parking stalls in River Ramp.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to open the floor for discussion.

Motion Passed.

Vote: Yes- Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to close the floor for discussion.

Motion Passed.

Vote: Yes- Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to approve the request by Information Services Group, Inc. (ISG) to rent up to 41 parking stalls in River Ramp.

Motion Passed.

Vote: Yes- Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None.

2. Consideration with possible action on request to install a street light on Parkwood Drive 300 ft south of Hazelwood Lane. (Ald. Vander Leest)

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to approve the request to install one 9,000 lumen LED street light on Parkwood Drive 300 ft south of Hazelwood Lane which is between 2450 and 2466 Parkwood Drive.

Motion Passed.

Vote: Yes- Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None.

3. Consideration with possible action on request by Department of Public Works to enter into a new Solid Waste Management Agreement with Brown County.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to approve the request by Department of Public Works to enter into a new Solid Waste Management Agreement with Brown County.

Motion Passed.

Vote: Yes- Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None.

4. Consideration with possible action on request by Department of Public Works to approve the

Pipeline Access and Abandonment Agreement with Westshore Pipeline Company, and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to approve the Pipeline Access and Abandonment Agreement with Westshore Pipeline Company, and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on request by Department of Public Works.

Motion Passed.

Vote: Yes- Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None.

5. Consideration with possible action on request by Department of Public Works on proposed 2021-2022 winter contractor rates report.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to approve the request by Department of Public Works on proposed 2021-2022 winter contractor rates report.

Motion Passed.

Vote: Yes- Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None.

6. Consideration with possible action on proposed 2022 Parking Division rate structure.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by None.

Motion Failed due to lack of a second.

Vote: Yes- None, No- None, Abstain- None.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to hold until the November 24, 2021 Improvement and Services Committee meeting the proposed 2022 Parking Division rate structure.

Motion Passed.

Vote: Yes- Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None.

7. Report of actions taken by Department of Public Works

A. Granting of Licenses

I. Sidewalk Builder

a. Rabine America Maintenance, LLC

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to receive and place on file the report of actions taken by Department of Public Works

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Motion Passed.

Vote: Yes- Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None.

F. INFORMATIONAL.

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

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

Motion Passed.

Vote: Yes- Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None.

2. The next Improvement and Services Committee meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2021.

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

H. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to approve to adjourn the Improvement and Services Committee meeting.

Motion Passed.

Vote: Yes- Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None.

VERBATIM MINUTES

- Actually Alder Wery it's Assistant Director Brunette is in the chair so.
- Yeah we'll let the chair drive the car today.
- Insurance is too high if I were behind the wheel.
- I don't know with that mustache and chin hair there, I think it looks like it's pretty authoritative there.
- We just waiting for Lynn or?
- Lynn is excused tonight.
- Oh Lynn is excused, okay. So we're waiting for five o'clock?

- Yeah, I'm ready to go here.
- Alright. And we'll get rolling. Improvement Services Committee will come to order. We'll note that Alder Scannell's present, Alder Brunette, Alder Wery, and Alder Gerlach is excused. Can I have an approval of the agenda.
- Motion to approve.
- Second.
- Motion by Alder Scannell, Second by Alder Brunette to approve the agenda any changes those in favor?
- Aye.
- Those in favor of the agenda?
- Aye.
- Opposed? Motion secured, making an approval of the minutes.
- Motion to approve.
- Second. By the way, I'm here. I don't know why I just disappeared, so I'm gonna try to figure that out. But know I'm here.
- Nope. We can see you.
- You can, okay.
- Yeah.
- I can't see myself. Ah go ahead.
- You're a vampire. Are you looking in here?
- No, I'm here trust me. I can't see myself. So I second that.
- Looks like Alder Wery froze.
- Yeah there we go. Boy everything's kind of jumping around. Alder Brunette, did you second the approval of the minutes?
- Yes.
- Okay. So those in favor?

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Closed, that carries. Regular business number one, consideration of possible action on request by Information Services Group, Inc to rent up the 41 parking stalls in River Ramp. Who gets this run?

- Chris gets this one.

- It's a parking division request. I put it in on behalf of ISC who had contacted Justin Linz, our field superintendent. And I think everyone knows is owned by Foxconn. So I contacted Foxconn just to make sure that they were okay with it, and they said yeah we're fine. But right now River Ramp is completely rented out just for everyone's knowledge of priority and all. Most of us don't anyways. River Ramp's completely rented out right now except for 41 stalls, which currently have meters. So I asked ISG, I'm sorry, Foxconn. I said, can we rent out the last 40 odd meters to the ISG who's right there near the building next door. Originally they said yes on Monday, and then they contacted me later on Monday and said, well we're just waiting to check in, maybe we want to keep a couple for turnover. I said, I don't care, I just need to know the number that we could rent out to ISG. So Terry Dellsman is the lady that I deal with there, there was another gentleman but he's gone. So I'm still waiting for Terry to get back to me. I was hoping I'd get an answer from her. I do pleasantly harass people, I don't like to go over people. So I'm still waiting for Terry to get back to me and I'll call her in the morning, and then I'll get in touch with Dan and let him know what the whole details are. But I don't know Dan if you have any questions for the group or for me or parking. You know, we just manage the ramp on behalf of Foxconn, it was just part of an agreement associated with that original development in that building.

- Motion, open to the floor.

- Motion by Alder Scannell. Second by Alder Brunette.

- Yeah those in favor?

- Aye.

- Closed, motion carried. If I could just get any ones for this item, if I can just get your name and address please.

- My name and address?

- Yep.

- Absolutely. So my name is Dan Nelson. I work at ISG. My address is 1651 Spencer's Crossing, it's in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

- Okay, go ahead. The floor's yours Danny.

- No, absolutely. So yeah, I spoke to Randy a little bit yesterday and in general. So you know ISG is, you know, we're growing very rapidly. We actually are looking to build out the other side of our

space currently in the watermark building to add around 50 employees, give or take, and we're gonna add another, you know, 25 plus spots. So we're gonna have well over 75 people in our space in the next, you know, three to six months here. And so really just kind of looking at some different options. We're aware that there's some spaces open and there's been a lot of conversations within our firm just about opportunities to improve, you know, just the daily lives of our staff. You know, just a couple of questions and comments that have come up and, you know, kinda was one of the things I was asked to do was look into some parking. We currently have, I believe it's 54 spots in the Cherry Street ramp. So yeah, I think that was really the biggest thing. We know that we actually talked to Terry quite a bit with different requests that we have and you know, constantly getting key cards and stuff like that. So, really that was it. You know we were just trying to look into see what other opportunities there were to just improve, you know, the day to day of our staff. We're really putting a lot of effort and time into the growth of our space, of the local community and just doing anything we can in general, you know, just for the city. So we want to be a part of the growth and help in any way we can.

- I just thought, well it's inconsequential to the rental agreement Dan. Are you talking about adding 41 of your stalls from Cherry into River Ramp?

- Possibly moving, yeah moving. You know, or some combination of. I mean we are aware that there's not gonna be enough stalls to accommodate everybody. So it literally was just trying to see what options there were, and then from there we can make decisions based on, you know, what worked best for all parties involved.

- Sure, yeah and I'll work directly with you. I just need to, like I said, the only remaining clue if you will, or piece is just getting back from Foxconn, how many can we rent? I'll write the agreement today, not a big deal. If it's okay we'll type a thing anyway. You know, it's just standard procedure.

- No, absolutely. Like I said, we're happy to help and collaborate any way we can so. It is kind of sad to see a bunch of spots just sitting there too. So we figured, Hey, well we'll help you use them.

- Sure.

- Well we're happy to accommodate.

- All right thanks Dan.

- That was it. Definitely appreciate your guys' help and looking into that for us.

- Any questions from the committee?

- No.

- Nope.

- Anything else you want to add, Dan?

- No.

- I appreciate what you're doing down there.
- No, thank you very much. We appreciate you guys and what you do in our city so.
- Motion to close the floor.
- Motion to close the floor by Alder Scannell, second by Alder Brunette. Those in favor?
- Aye.
- Aye.
- Closed, motion carried. Well.
- I make a motion that we rent out whatever number of stalls Foxconn says we can rent out.
- All right. Is that agreeable with you Alder Brunette?
- Yes.
- Okay. Motion by Alder Scannell, second by Alder Brunette to rent out up to 41 parking stalls in River Ramp to ISG pending Foxconn approval, I guess, right?
- Yup.
- Okay. Any discussion on that? All right those in favor?
- Aye.
- Aye.
- Closed, motion carries. And good luck Dan, good luck Chris. Hopefully we hear back.
- I'll be in contact with you Dan then.
- I really appreciate it you guys.
- Yup.
- Have a really nice evening.
- Okay.
- You too.
- Thank you.

- Before we go any further, I just want to point out everything we do tonight gets reported to council for next week. And you know, we make recommendations to the council next week will be discussed and or approved or not. So we'll move on to number two, consideration of possible action on the request to install a streetlight on Parkwood Drive 300 feet south of Hazelwood Lane.

- This one I'll take. Alder Van der Lease had gotten a hold of us and had asked about this. So staff went out and took a look at this and it's staff recommendation that we install one 9,000 lumen LED streetlight between 2450 and 2466 Parkwood that fits in very well to the existing lighting system, and that keeps the spacing where it needs to be. So on this one, we just asked for approval to install the streetlight.

- Motion to approve.

- Motion by Alder Scannell, second by Alder Brunette to approve. Any discussion? Those in favor?

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Closed, and motion carries. Let there be light. I feel like Randy now. Consideration of possible action on request by Department Of Public Works to enter into a new solid waste management agreement with Brown County.

- And this one I'll start off with, as you know, Brown County is in the process of getting the new landfill up and running. And part of that process is developing a procedure and process for closing the old one. Well the old one has still got three to four years of life to it, and with the agreement, we now need the agreement modified so that it allows us to bring items to the new landfill as well, while they're closing the old one. The new rates were in the packet for you. The rates have gone up a little bit due to the fact that it's a new landfill and there was some capital costs there. What Brown County has done with that is for every tipping fee that we pay in, there's a percentage that goes into what they call a rate stabilization fund just for this purpose. So that now when the new landfill goes online, we don't get hit with a really high high rate based off of the true capital costs. What they do is they apply a percentage of that rate stabilization fund to the new tipping fees to keep them relatively low. So basically what we're looking for is authorization to enter into the agreement and to accept the new tipping rates.

- So I'm in.

- Motion by Alder Scannell, is there a second, second by Alder Brunette, under discussion Alder Brunette.

- Thank you assistant Director Brunette, no relation by the way, I always have to say that. You think that this is fair. I mean, from a city perspective, obviously we're part of Brown County and they have capital expense and tipping fees are growing. But in your opinion, is this sort of, we have no choice but to move forward with it or is there some wiggle room on the pricing?

- No, I think that this was actually a very fair and equitable agreement. We've been working with the county on this for over a year in conjunction with all the other municipalities in the area that used the landfills.

- Okay. All right thank you.

- One thing I was gonna add that Jim covered, is basically that all the department directors of public works in the whole county have met and discussed and nitpicked and negotiated, in my opinion, and their opinions, the best deal that we can you know, and a cost that will sustain the operating costs of the landfill operation. Obviously yeah, do we want a lower rate, everyone wants to pay nothing. But you know, zero's always the best price for a new car, but you never get it.

- Alright.

- Alright.

- Sounds good.

- Any other questions or comments? We have a motion and a second. Those in favor?

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Closed, and motion carries. Number four, consideration with possible action on request by Department Of Public Works to approve the pipeline access and abandonment agreement with West Shore Pipeline Company and to authorize the mayor and the city clerk sign the agreement.

- Okay this one I'll take is West Shore Pipeline has had a pipeline in the underground which basically fed the tank farms to a facility on South Broadway, kind of down by the, I'll refer to it as the old Fort Howard Plant. What they're doing now though, is they're actually gonna abandon that pipeline in place. So there are certain city owned parcels that they need to have an agreement signed with us for, they had an original agreement to have the pipeline in place, and now this agreement will allow them to abandon it in place and to leave the existing pipeline there. They're going to abandon this all the way from the tank farm all the way down to the facility on South Broadway. So it's not only the city that they're getting these agreements from, but any private residences as well. So if any, like for Randy, for example, if he's had the residents call him about West Shore trying to get people or getting the sign, that's what this is all about. They anticipate doing this I believe it's next summer, they want to get the abandonment complete.

- Questions from the committee?

- Sounds good. Motion to approve.

- Motion by Alder Scannell.

- Second.

- Second by Alder Brunette. Any discussion on that? Those in favor?

- Aye,

- Closed, motion carried. Number five consideration with possible action on request by Department Of Public Works down the proposed 21/22 winter contractor rates.

- Okay what this is for, this is for the rates that we actually pay contractors when they assist us with snow removal in the wintertime. And again, the rate table was on the attachment of the agenda. You can see that for the different pieces of equipment what we're paying this year. I mean, if you have any questions on how these rates were calculated, I would defer that to Chris.

- And I could summarize just real quickly. You know, when we look at the rates every year that we're paying contractors, obviously we want a lowest rate we can maintain, you know, for our fiscal responsibility. But we want competitive rates for the contractors we've had a lot of problems over the years getting contractors to come in and follow with us over the winter. So we haven't raised them since the winter of 19/20. So last winter it was the same, and it was a light winter anyways. But when we're looking at the state rates versus what we pay, this is the rate is the total rate of the the equipment, you know, usage and an operator. So that's why you know, you see highest, not just the you're paying for the person and the piece of equipment. But we've also, we have problems getting contractors to come in for meetings. Typically just have one before season meeting, but we were just hoping to entice them a little bit put that rate up. And I mean it's only like a half an hour, maybe they feel it's not worth their time, but we need to communicate with our colleagues here so we can coordinate our best effort for snow removal. Anyways, taking a look at it you can see that, you know, if we look at the state rate and what the city's rate would be for our rental usage, if we would rent, you know, our vehicle depreciation, and usage, and our labor rate. And we could justify that increasing the grader motor rate, but not really the small loader and grader, but what we did was we took that increase and we kind of spread it over all of the four different criteria, the four different units, just to give everybody a piece of the pie, if you will. So we're not really asking for any more increase than the total increase of the greater loader, we would just spreading out the wealth if you will. We feel it's very, very comfortable and very palatable with, and we have contractors who are coming in for this winter. But we're just always looking for more.

- Motion to approve.

- Motion to approve, is there a second?

- I'm not gonna second, but I have quick.

- Nope, that's fine Alder Brunette.

- Mr. Pirlot just can you explain this now? So we own the equipment, this will be contractors who are doing snow removal to benefit the city. Is that my understanding?

- Oh, the contractors are bringing their own equipment and their own operators. So they supplement our fleet with braun.

- So what we pay them-

- For the use of their equipment and their labor hours to operate their own equipment.
- So do they do roads, alleys, parking lots? What do they do exactly?
- This is for roadways. We need extra loaders for and tractor type, you know, bucket units for doing cul-de-sacs and that type of thing. And then the graders and the larger loaders with a wing would plow on in a row, just like our loaders and graders and dump trucks.
- All right so obviously it's a bit of an increase in some of their rates, but the alternative would be the city buying the equipment on our own, leasing it or whatever it may be, paying additional labor of the city's labor base to do it like hiring more. So basically it saves the city money to it this way, even though-
- Right exactly. 'Cause we only need the extra units and extra labor time to operate those units when it snows. We don't need those necessarily at other times of the year or other times of the winter. So they come in when we need them.
- Okay. I'll second that Alderman Wery.
- All right, so we have a motion by Alder Scannell, second by Alder Brunette, any other discussion on that? Those in favor?
- Aye.
- Closed, that carries. Number six consideration of possible action on proposed 2022 parking division rate structure.
- Okay, I'll start this one off and then hand it off to Chris. This like every other year, the parking utility goes through at budget time roughly. And we go through and we look at what our budget is for the following year, and then we look at, you know, what our parking rates have been and then what our parking usage has been so we can try to predict, you know, what we're gonna have in for revenues so we can cover our costs. Obviously this is a parking utility is not covered by the levy. So basically this is the balancing act of trying to predict how much parking usage we're gonna have next year so that we can figure out what we can charge the people for it, so. And obviously again the, you know, Chris has done a nice job with the memo showing you the history of, you know, the different rates and then what the new rates will be for next year. What we're proposing.
- I always try to increase rates as little as possible. Of course, we're in the midst of a pandemic and believe it or not, you know, coming up on February, we'll be about two years since the pandemic started, and we're only back to about 56% of our occupancy as we had before the pandemic. So people are still working from home. Our patronage, if you will, is down, but certain costs are fixed. And we still have to look at maintaining what we have. So as you can see, if you go to the bottom of page two of the memo, it boils down to where we're looking at a 3% increase in rental rates, and then just adjusting the parking meter rate from 90 cents per hour to 95 cents per hour. Pretty nominal obviously. And then the Adam Street lot, which is by far the most popular parking location in the downtown area, going from a dollar to a dollar 10 per hour. And if you'd look, you can see it's been a little bit, you know, there's been some time since those increases went up. Everything else

would remain unchanged. In a parking ramp, 85 cents an hour, and then no change in the parking citation rates. So it's a relatively modest, just to make sure that parking operates in the black or at, or near that breakeven line.

- Well, first of all Alder Brunette.

- Chris, Mr. Pirlot, how about that? Not sure how to say your position in a professional way that doesn't sound quirky. Anyways, I remember two, three years ago, when this came through the committee, we actually discussed this for an hour or two. There was concern about, was the increase enough or was it to pad our account in a way to offset future increases to parking ramp construction. And it was a pretty vigorous conversation. I think the increases at that time, I may have supported, it made sense, it was nominal. We had to go in the right direction. But I guess my concern is that by increasing the nickel here, dime there, especially if parking is down over the next year, because like you said, in the last two years, it's been greatly reduced. Are we going to be raising enough revenue to make an increase even necessary or wise in the fact that a lot of the businesses downtown may be struggling to get patrons. And if we're gonna, even though it's a nickel, it's a dime, I get that it's small. But after a certain point, is it going to be a detriment? Is the perception gonna be that okay, we have COVID, we have a crisis, businesses are suffering, but here's the city yet again increasing, you know, the money that it requires to park downtown. And I get what you're saying, it's the breakeven point. We have to kind of play with it a little bit to make sure we don't go in the red, but what are your thoughts to that? Like, is there concern that this downtime might be pushing back a little bit?

- I don't know. Honestly as a person, yeah I think about that, but I look at the operating side of the parking where there's debts, that's my charge if you will. We do the operating budget first, the last two years I've done an operating budget that, you know, I want to believe that we didn't ask for any more than we really need to, especially in these times. Parking division lost about \$200,000 last year, you know they were operating in a red, so that came out of capital. We can't keep going backward. We did not resupply the vehicle and equipment replacement fund for future needs that are programmed out through 2042, I put a program together, or at least a proposed program. So based on, you know, our minimal increase operating costs, our operating costs to parking a pretty costly and revenue has balance otherwise, if the revenue is less than the operating budget, the difference has to come from somewhere and we're charged with operating a standalone. So these are the minimum increases that I recommend to-

- Yeah. I respect that, yeah. I respect that. But how much do you think, how much in revenue do you think this change would generate? What are the numbers on that?

- I can go back and report back to you. I don't have that with me right now. All those calculations are made at the time we do what I call a sensitivity analysis. How much do we have to raise the rates to stay in business?

- Yeah and that's fair. I mean, I understand that, but I guess what I'm getting at is we have potential \$23 million from the federal government that can be used for a variety of things, and part of it is loss of revenue and business development or things like that. So potentially with that federal dollars, we could possibly use some of those funds to offset any loss to parking revenue. Is that acceptable? Has that risen to the level of the administration to discuss it with them?

- I've heard some talks of that. I am not involved in that discussion, so I don't know.

- Okay that's fair. Alderman Wery, I'm not going to second motion. I think we could look at sourcing some of the federal dollars to offset any increase, even a nominal increase in parking revenue could generate. So again, I could change my mind. I just, I don't want to second it until I know for sure we couldn't use that revenue for this purpose. You know, dime nickel doesn't seem like a lot, but to put some of those businesses perception is that we're increasing parking at a time where we have 23 million coming in that could offset it. I respect you Mr. Pirlot, I don't question your decision. It's just, that's something that I don't feel comfortable voting yes on right now.

- All right fair enough. Well, Mr. Scannell you still have a motion to approve.

- Yeah. I think, you know, we've done a lot to help businesses with parking. We've done the, you know, we were gonna put in meters on Broadway that had been taken out, we'll put those back in and that's been on hold for years now because of COVID and everything. I think we've done a lot and I'm not sure if the ARPA dollars are gonna, you know, we're gonna stretch those so many ways, I'm not sure. I mean, possibly, you know, look into it. I think that's a possibility, but I would assume, or maybe that's the wrong assumption that Director Grenier and the mayor and others have had talks on this, but maybe nothing's quite done yet. I don't know Alder. I'm not too sure, nevermind.

- I went to both of the budget meetings and at the one last night at EW Green Bay, they talked about using that money for things like the bridge repair that we need to get done, that they're hoping to use it for that, so for some very bigger things. And so I really think that they've designated a lot based on the public comments and such and this is so small, if it comes to council I would be in favor of raising these rates by the dime, rounded up to the nearest dime. I think it makes sense, I don't think it's gonna make that much difference. But every year we don't raise them, and then if we have to raise them a lot, as we've done with taxes in the past, then it just gets a lot worse when you get more and more into the hole. So I think it is a good idea to make smaller steps. But yeah, they laid out a lot of stuff last night, more so than at the first meeting, I think. It went a little longer, there were a lot more questions, there were maybe doubled the people there, but that's what I got from it.

- Thanks, Alder Scannell.

- Operations director Pirlot, when would these rates go into effect?

- They're proposed to go in on January 1st or January second, first business day of next year.

- So we do have a little time to, if we held this to our next meeting and headed back-

- Yes.

- Okay, well then I'd make a motion to hold till our next meeting. We can look at the ARPA stuff, you know we got the time and we'll see what happens.

- Yeah.

- I'll second that, and if we can just get a general idea how much a change like this would increase revenue for the city based on like 50% of the parking rate as compared to two years ago or

something like that. It's such a minor increase, I don't want to belabor the point, but it is worth holding at least for.

- And we're also trying to make up a little bit for just FYI which I'm sure you understand for the losses from last year, because you know, you can't keep losing and going backwards.

- And so that's what I'm saying, the loss revenue, I mean, there's gotta be some provision in that those funds that we could justify taking some of that over that. But anyways, those are just my thoughts.

- Fair enough, all right. Any other discussion on this? All right, we have a motion and a second to hold this till our next meeting. Those in favor?

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Closed, motion carries.

- With both hands.

- Tightly. All right seven is a report of actions taken by Department Of Public Works granting of licenses, sidewalk builder, America Maintenance LLC was granted. We just need to receive it and place on file unless you have a question about this one.

- Motion received and placed on file.

- Second.

- Motion by Alder Scannell, second by Alder Brunette to receive and place on file. Discussion, those in favor?

- Aye.

- Closed. And the Informational assistant director report, we have to change it today.

- The only thing I really have is that we're into the well loose-leaf stuff. And I think I'd like Chris to talk to that, and I think that's about the only thing we have to report on tonight.

- Sure we finished one full round, both east and west. West, our first round east, we completed on last week Friday. Our first round west, we completed just actually this morning. There was just a little bit left, so technically yesterday. West it just seems, not seems, it does, has more leafy trees than the east side. And we're trying to balance the routes. So, cause we don't want one side of the river to get more rounds than the other side. We want to be able to pick them all up. So if we get too far ahead on the east side, we move people to the west side, because we've got to pick up the side that has more leaves too. It's doing really well, we really haven't had a lot of complaints from the residents in general regarding our enforcement and we're watching over the people placing yard waste in the street. At this time last year we had almost 1300 noted locations where there were

violations. As of Friday I think there was like 630 this year. So our message has been getting out. I feel pretty confident that it's because of our message and public education efforts that the compliance is getting better. And I, by far you've heard me say this, prefer to have compliance than go out there and be mean to people and issue citations.

- Any questions from anybody? Alder Brunette?

- Yeah I mean as long as there's some flexibility for really rare circumstances, which there have been a few in my district and I commend public works for working on an acceptable solution to the property owner. So yeah, I agree. I mean, if it needs to be done, it needs to be done, but just keep allowing some flexibility for extra ordinary circumstances.

- Oh yeah. And we are continuing to do that.

- Yep.

- And director Pirlot, I understand contractors have to remove like if they come in and cut grass and rake leaves, they have to remove it. They can't place it on the curb is that?

- If a contractor does work at a residence, they have to take the yard waste with them. That's kind of part of the cost of doing business.

- And then I have an added issue with that, but with more and more of the packer houses popping up, I think I messaged you with one and you were on top of it right away. They were putting it on the curb and in the street and.

- Yeah, that we followed up on that one. Our biggest issue with the contractors is really when they cut the trees down. And to me, I mean just from professional and personal experience, you know, if it's a hardwood tree, I don't understand exactly why contractors don't want to take the stumpage because if it's all for firewood and make it about 2.50 extra on it.

- All right thank you. Alder Scannell did you have your hand up?

- I was just gonna say that you know, my own leaves are really hanging onto the tree. So hopefully they start coming down pretty soon. I mean, I got a bunch down, but man.

- That is late in the season and there are some trees that still have a lot of green on them.

- Yeah it's crazy.

- All right. I'll entertain a motion to receive and place on file.

- Motion to place on file.

- All right motion received and placed on file with Scannell.

- Second.

- Thank you Alder Brunette. Those in favor.
- Aye.
- Closed, that's good. Looks like we are meeting again, is it November 24th? Does that sound accurate?
- Chances are that will get moved because that's like the Wednesday right before Thanksgiving.
- Yeah, yeah that so date to be determined. How's that, because I don't think, I know I won't be here. All right that's all we have. We can adjourn, unless you want to keep chatting. What else?
- We just have to congratulate the assistant director Brunette, you did a great job, and of course, Chris thanks. And a motion to adjourn.
- Motion to adjourn by Alderman Scannell.
- I'll second that.
- Alderman Brunette. Those in favor?
- Aye.
- Closed. Okay have a great day.
- Thank you guys.