



# MINUTES OF THE IMPROVEMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026, 5:00 PM**  
Immediately following Parks Committee.

## **AMENDED**

**In person at City Hall, Room 207**  
**Virtual attendance also available via Zoom.**

### **A. ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION.**

- I. Join Zoom Meeting Online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81854963871?pwd=Rl6oaf6sldZsTO0DuM0FC8MeAq4j57.1>

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### **B. ROLL CALL.**

- I. Members: Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, Ben DeBaker

Present: Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, Ben DeBaker

Excused: None

Absent: None

### **C. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE IMPROVEMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Moved by Ald. Ben Delie, seconded by Ald. Jim Ridderbush to nominate Melinda Eck for Chairperson of the Improvement & Services Committee.

Motion carried.

Yes-Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, Ben DeBaker, No-None, Abstain-None.

### **D. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE IMPROVEMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Moved by Ald. Melinda Eck, seconded by Ald. Ben Delie to nominate Ben DeBaker for Vice-Chairperson of the Improvement & Services Committee.

Motion carried.

Yes-Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, Ben DeBaker, No-None, Abstain-None.

### **E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.**

- I. Approval of the agenda for the Wednesday, April 29, 2026, meeting of the Improvement & Services Committee.

Moved by Ald. Ben Delie, seconded by Ald. Jim Ridderbush to approve the agenda for the April 29, 2026, meeting of the Improvement & Services Committee meeting.

Motion carried.

Yes-Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, Ben DeBaker, No-None, Abstain-None.

### **F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

- I. Approval of the minutes from the April 15, 2026, Improvement & Services Committee meeting.

Moved by Ald. Ben Delie, seconded by Ald. Ben DeBaker to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2026, Improvement & Services Committee meeting.

Motion carried.

Yes-Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, Ben DeBaker, No-None, Abstain-None.

### **G. REGULAR BUSINESS.**

- I. Consideration with possible action on request by Alder Prestley (District 6) to reduce charges for damage to a traffic light controller levied against Ayan Ahmed (PC-26-04) (previously held at the April 15, 2026 Improvement & Services Committee meeting).

Moved by Ald. Jim Ridderbush, seconded by Ald. Ben Delie to refer to staff the request by Alder Prestley (District 6) to reduce charges for damage to a traffic light controller levied against Ayan Ahmed and to have staff submit the claim to the City's insurance (PC-26-04).

Motion carried.

Yes-Melinda Eck, Jim Ridderbush, Ben DeBaker, No-Ben Delie, Abstain-None.

2. Consideration with possible action on request by Department of Public Works to award final design services for the Community Coastal Hazard Risk Reduction and Restoration at the Mouth of the Fox River project to GEI Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$859,983.00, and to authorize the Department of Public Works to enter into a professional services agreement for this work.

Moved by Ald. Ben Delie, seconded by Ald. Jim Ridderbush to approve the request by Department of Public Works to award final design services for the Community Coastal Hazard Risk Reduction and Restoration at the Mouth of the Fox River project to GEI Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$859,983.00, and to authorize the Department of Public Works to enter into a professional services agreement for this work.

Motion carried.

Yes-Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, Ben DeBaker, No-None, Abstain-None.

3. Consideration with possible action on request by Department of Public Works to award contract CITY HALL I-26 PARAPET WALL REPAIRS to IEI General Contractors in the amount of \$75,739.50.

Moved by Ald. Jim Ridderbush, seconded by Ald. Ben DeBaker to approve the request by Department of Public Works to award contract CITY HALL I-26 PARAPET WALL REPAIRS to IEI General Contractors in the amount of \$75,739.50.

Motion carried.

Yes-Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, Ben DeBaker, No-None, Abstain-None.

4. Consideration with possible action on request by Department of Public Works to grant licenses for:

- I. Sidewalk Builder

- a. Jim Fischer, Inc.
- b. Helmler Construction & Concrete, Inc.
- c. Total Construction (Joe Mains Concrete)
- d. Al Dix Concrete
- e. Allied Concrete Construction, Inc.

Moved by Ald. Jim Ridderbush, seconded by Ald. Ben Delie to approve the request by Department of Public Works to grant licenses for:

- I. Sidewalk Builder

- a. Jim Fischer, Inc.
- b. Helmler Construction & Concrete, Inc.

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- d. Al Dix Concrete
- e. Allied Concrete Construction, Inc.

Motion carried.

Yes-Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, Ben DeBaker, No-None, Abstain-None.

5. Consideration with possible action on request by Department of Public Works to award contract RESURFACING I-26 (INCLUDING SEWER & WATER) to Jossart Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$4,221,446.81.

Moved by Ald. Ben Delie, seconded by Ald. Ben DeBaker to approve the request by Department of Public Works to award contract RESURFACING I-26 (INCLUDING SEWER & WATER) to Jossart Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$4,221,446.81.

Motion carried.

Yes-Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, Ben DeBaker, No-None, Abstain-None.

6. Consideration with possible action on request by Department of Public Works to award contract PARKS 3-26 JBS URBAN BARN DEVELOPMENT to Milbach Construction Services Co. in the amount of \$1,345,075.00.

Moved by Ald. Ben Delie, seconded by Ald. Jim Ridderbush to open the floor for discussion.

Motion carried.

Yes-Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, Ben DeBaker, No-None, Abstain-None.

Moved by Ald. Ben Delie, seconded by Ald. Jim Ridderbush to close the floor.

Motion carried.

Yes-Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, Ben DeBaker, No-None, Abstain-None.

Moved by Ald. Jim Ridderbush, seconded by Ald. Ben Delie to approve the request by Department of Public Works to award contract PARKS 3-26 JBS URBAN BARN DEVELOPMENT to Milbach Construction Services Co. in the amount of \$1,345,075.00.

Motion carried.

Yes-Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, Ben DeBaker, No-None, Abstain-None.

## **H. INFORMATIONAL.**

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

A Director's Report was not shared.

2. Next Meeting: May 13, 2026

## **I. ADJOURNMENT.**

- I. Adjournment of the Wednesday, April 29, 2026, meeting of the Improvement & Services Committee.

Moved by Ald. Jim Ridderbush, seconded by Ald. Ben DeBaker to adjourn.

Motion carried.

Yes-Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, Ben DeBaker, No-None, Abstain-None.