

**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES, IL
GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
CHAIRPERSON RYAN BONGARD
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Silkaitis, Foulkes, Bongard, Muenz, Gehm, Pietryla, Wirball, Bessner, Weber

Absent: Lencioni

3. ADMINISTRATIVE

4. OMNIBUS VOTE

Items with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine matters and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a council member/citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in normal sequence on the agenda.

Chairman Bongard requested to remove items 5.H, 5.K and 5.O from Omnibus. All other items approved on Omnibus vote.

Motion by Ald. Muenz, second by Ald. Wirball to approve Omnibus items.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Aldr. Weber; Aldr. Silkaitis; Aldr. Foulkes; Aldr. Muenz; Aldr. Gehm; Aldr. Pietryla; Aldr. Wirball; Aldr. Bessner **Nays:** None. Chairperson Bongard did not vote as chair. **Motion Carried.**

5. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

A. Illinois Municipal Electric Agency (IMEA) Power Sales Contract.

Presentation by Peter Suhr.

Aldr. Silkaitis thanked Mr. Suhr for the presentation and asked what is the percentage goal we use for electricity? Mr. Suhr stated about 80%. Aldr. Silkaitis stated that speaking for himself, he feels we need to drastically reduce the use of coal. Mr. Suhr stated the sustainability plan that was presented last month is the plan to reduce goal significantly by 2035-2037 and 100% by 2050-2055. Aldr. Silkaitis asked that plan is dependent on us finding solutions that we don't have yet, correct? Mr. Suhr stated yes, absolutely, and that is the

main reason to enter into this agreement early so we know specifically what communities are on board after 2035 so we can go get those resources; we can buy more wind, we can buy more solar, we can look into battery storage – which is on the docket for next year. That is exactly what IMEA plans to do is replace the coal energy with sustainable, renewable energy; that is what the sustainability plan is all about.

Aldr. Foulkes asked if the NIMPA plan that Mr. Suhr talked about tonight has similar sustainability plans, or are they lacking to where Mr. Suhr doesn't have the confidence in them that he does in IMEA? Mr. Suhr stated that as far as he knows, there is not a sustainability plan, he didn't see anything on their website about a sustainability plan. Aldr. Foulkes asked Mr. Suhr if he is very comfortable with IMEA's plan and Mr. Suhr stated that as was mentioned several times last month, it is a plan intended to be reviewed frequently and he feels as comfortable with their plan as a Council member would feel with the Strategic Plan for our Municipality. We have control of going faster or slower, seeing what advances in technology bring and adjusting accordingly. Aldr. Foulkes asked what the reservation about looking at agencies in Wisconsin would be? Mr. Suhr stated Wisconsin agencies are built around the areas and regions that they supply and they know the legalities of it; Wisconsin doesn't have CEJA, as an example.

Aldr. Muenz thanked Mr. Suhr for the presentation and asked about the article that was in the newspaper; other municipalities responded to the reporter and she is curious why we did not respond? City Administrator McGuire stated there was not a lack of response; we told the reporter when he reached out that there are ongoing discussions happening with City Council and we told him the plan we had to address this, and we weren't prepared to respond at a Staff level without Council direction yet, but that we are actively discussing and would have a link to future discussions on our website. It wasn't that we were declining to answer, it was that these are big discussions that we are engaging with the City Council on and that's important to have these comprehensive discussions before we responded to some of the things he was asking us. Aldr. Muenz stated that is very different than what was printed in the paper; it said we had no response. Mr. Suhr added that they contacted Naperville and Winnetka before they made contact with us which was really late in getting a response before they published that article. Aldr. Muenz stated she wanted to ask that question in a public forum so that residents can understand this is not St. Charles choosing to not be transparent. City Administrator McGuire stated that Lisa Garhan is very engaged with reporters; we do have people regularly contact us about this. It's very important topic from our perspective and we are having a number of planned workshops on this, so we wanted to make sure we were not responding preemptively before we were able to fully vet and

answer a lot of those questions which were not simply distilled down to some of the answers they were looking for.

Aldr. Muenz asked about “scores of other utilities are preparing to quickly shift away from fossil fuel and that IMEA could continue to rely on Prairie State coal until 2050”. Can you clarify what that actually means and who is quickly shifting? Mr. Suhr stated those are difficult questions because we would be answering for other utilities. Mr. Suhr stated he would need to know who those utilities are so he could get an answer from them to compare what they are doing differently than St. Charles. Mr. Suhr stated that we are all going to get better together, but to answer a question as to who is going faster, there is no way we can answer that unless we understand the other side of the coin.

Aldr. Muenz asked about the statement in the article “we would miss an opportunity to reduce energy costs in an era when prices for renewable energy are steadily declining”. Aldr. Muenz doesn’t understand how they are making that assertion not understanding where our energy mix comes from, and again this is obviously written without our input. Mr. Suhr stated this is going back to the sustainability plan and IMEA is actively searching for renewable energy sources to replace our goal portfolio.

Aldr. Muenz said the article also mentions the costs to operate Prairie State break even with what it would take to replace the plants output with new wind farms and that’s according to a non-profit think tank called “Energy Innovation”. She would like to understand from the timeline where the wind power is in that mix and how does that play in? Mr. Suhr stated that again, it’s a plan that can be adjusted, but one analogy in regard to Prairie State is if you think about it like a home with a mortgage, the mortgage on Prairie State is done in 2035, so we own the building and at that point, we can do a lot. Getting to 2035 gets us to a 45% reduction at Prairie State, so by 2035-2038, we need to find renewable sources to replace that. Aldr. Muenz asked if all those things contribute to the net zero carbon capture, because she doesn’t get the impression from what has been presented to Council that IMEA has that as their entire goal because she sees many other types of renewables in the presentation and she sees that as one thing they have already started. Mr. Suhr stated that IMEA and Prairie State Coal have no interest in funding carbon capture directly; IMEA is not against the research and exploring new technology, but they have not made the commitment that they are interested in funding that technology. Aldr. Muenz stated that is very helpful to understand; there is a federal regulation for eliminating 90% of Co2 emissions by 2032 and how IMEA and Prairie State are going to do that. As an IMEA member, is the City of St. Charles responsible if a project like that goes over budget? Mr. Suhr stated at this point in time, IMEA is not interested in funding that, so that is not something we would be financially responsible for.

Mr. Suhr stated the renewable energy is not available right now, and that is the reality. The hope is that these sources become available faster than 2050 and if that's the case, there is no way IMEA and their agents would look elsewhere. That is going to have to be a wait and see game for everyone to see how fast this is going to go. Aldr. Muenz stated there is a misconception that it is very easy to deliver all of those renewables and it is clear from what Mr. Suhr has presented that it isn't as simple as it sounds, and she thanked him for the information.

Aldr. Gehm thanked Mr. Suhr for the excellent job; he is a huge fan of reducing fossil fuel. However, much like electric vehicles, it's going to take a while to get there. Aldr. Gehm stated that to support our City's electrical needs on an annual basis just to get rid of coal as quickly as we can with renewable energy sources that haven't even been discovered yet, has to be reliable. It is our responsibility to make sure we do it to best of our ability but also keep the cost per kilowatt hour reasonable too. Aldr. Gehm stated that we will get better, and there is a lot of information out there; he knows from past experience that some of the alternatives are very costly to try to bring in-house because basically, we would need an energy acquisition organization which would be a huge cost to the City to replicate that. Aldr. Gehm reiterated that Mr. Suhr did a great job and thanked him for all the information.

Aldr. Pietryla asked if Naperville is studying option C, the market option? Mr. Suhr stated from his understanding that is one part of the study. Mr. Suhr stated that our staff met with Naperville and Winnetka's staff just this morning to learn how they are doing on the studies and what they are doing to help prepare their council to make this decision. Naperville will be getting two separate consultants approved for two separate studies on June 2, so they haven't even started the consultant process yet. They are hoping to release the information from the studies in early fall; these things take time and Naperville is seeing that.

Aldr. Pietryla asked if we are going to continue talking with Winnetka and Naperville more? Mr. Suhr stated yes, and he meets with IMEA Board Members regularly and we are a team and share resources, ideas and concepts.

Aldr. Pietryla asked if next month the IMEA representatives will be prepared to discuss the sustainability plan, or are we keeping the discussion to just the contract? Mr. Suhr stated the focus is going to be the contract, and according to his notes, that is the last piece – unless Council asks him for more information after that.

Aldr. Pietryla stated that Mr. Suhr mentioned that he would want direction from Council after July and from his point of view, he would like to wait to hear

Naperville's findings and he recommends that we wait to see what Naperville determines from their consultant. Aldr. Pietryla thanked Mr. Suhr for the presentation.

Aldr. Wirball stated that Mr. Suhr said IMEA is not interested in funding carbon capture directly and he would like to know if they are committed to putting that in the contract? Mr. Suhr stated no, that is an IMEA decision. Aldr. Wirball read an article in the Tribune that there are additional regulations that are trying to be passed because of the risks of carbon capture. Would they consider putting it into the contract that they are committed to not doing carbon capture? Aldr. Wirball stated that for him, that is a financial risk as well because we have ownership in the IMEA and if something doesn't go right, we are on the hook for it and it has to be paid for somehow, typically through a rate increase. Mr. Suhr stated we will talk more about the contract next month and provided Council with footnotes to get prepared, but the contract is a relationship contract, not a commodity contract. This contract defines the relationship between the 32 communities and the IMEA. That's why the contract is not extensive because it does not define all the purchases that the organization is going to make in the next 35 years. IMEA has always managed those decisions as they come up with their board with a vote, which has always been unanimous. Mr. Suhr stated it is a good question to ask next month, but the answer will be no to adding it in the contract, because at that point they will probably have at least 20 members that have signed a contract.

Aldr. Wirball asked what if there are 20 members who want to participate in a billion dollar carbon capture project and we don't. We are a member of IMEA, are we on the hook even though we didn't want to participate? Mr. Suhr stated that is a great question for them next month. Member Directed Resources is new to IMEA and the idea is that if St. Charles wanted to go faster than all the other communities, we can do so up to 10% of our total load and make those decisions for St. Charles only. The cost causer language in the contract was borne out of that, saying we can make that decision, but St. Charles will pay for it completely. Each community can make that decision on their own, but they are also not causing any more costs for the other members because of their decision. Aldr. Wirball stated that is where he is going with his question regarding the investment in carbon capture; would that apply to these extremely large projects? Aldr. Wirball stated the contract says "Clean Coal Power Facilities as defined in the IL Power Agency Act shall not be allowed as Member Directed Resources unless specifically approved by the Board of Directors by the IMEA". Mr. Suhr stated that this is a program that was meant to increase our total renewable energy; they simply say that coal is not going to be supported by IMEA. Aldr. Wirball stated that for us to have any independence or go on our own, we almost have to not have electric staffing, is that right? Mr. Suhr stated not exactly, the one that probably makes the most

sense having our own electric utility is the competitive procurement. If we don't have the IMEA in 2036, our options are number 3 or 4. We can still keep our own electric utility with those options, but they both come with a lot of responsibility. Aldr. Wirball stated option 4 doesn't seem practical, but for option 3, has anyone reached out to ComEd? Do we get a consultant? Is that something Naperville is doing? Mr. Suhr stated that is beyond the scope of anything that Council has asked for Staff to consider. Mr. Suhr stated that if Council wanted Staff to consider that, he would say that is going to take a couple years, with specialty consultants and attorneys to dig into that question. But that is also suggesting if we want to go the ComEd route, we don't have our own utility. ComEd customers don't have their own utility; ComEd the company IS their utility – it replaces St. Charles Electric Utility in that case.

Aldr. Wirball stated last month he asked about putting something in the contract about an incremental increase to get to where we need to be with CEJA; are they still opposed to that? Mr. Suhr stated Aldr. Wirball should ask IMEA next month, but Mr. Suhr thinks that traps us to put these specific targets in a contract – whose to say we can't go faster than the sustainability plan? In essence, you have to go back to 32 communities to change 32 contracts to adjust that. Aldr. Wirball asked if there can be multiple members who want to go faster; will the cost go down? Mr. Suhr stated that is a good question to ask, and that is the benefit we have been able to enjoy as an IMEA member.

Aldr. Pietryla asked if we went with Constellation, which option would it be? Mr. Suhr stated it would be a hybrid of options 3 and 4.

Aldr. Bessner thanked Mr. Suhr for the presentation and asked what will happen to St. Charles in 30 years if we are signed on with IMEA and they don't comply with CEJA regulations; will we take a hit? Mr. Suhr stated that is a good question for IMEA next month. Aldr. Bessner said for him, we currently have a very reliable electric system that is cost effective and he wants to know if we go another route, will it come at a higher cost even if it is reliable? Mr. Suhr stated that is a good question, but wanted to remind everyone that CEJA is state-wide to all electric providers in Illinois. If the technology is there, we'll be able to do it just like any other electric provider.

Aldr. Weber asked if we currently own 17%? Mr. Suhr stated that is the percentage of all assets that we own. Aldr. Weber asked if we went a different route and we are not part of IMEA anymore and we were to sell it; do they write us a check for \$220 million? Mr. Suhr stated no. Aldr. Weber asked if we own it for real and Mr. Suhr stated IMEA owns it. Mr. Suhr stated if an organization leaves in 2035 and doesn't renew and they want IMEA to write a check, that would be a no. Aldr. Weber asked if Mr. Suhr was positive on that? Mr. Suhr stated yes, he has asked the question and that is their stance right

now. Aldr. Weber acknowledged that currently we are at 11% renewable energy; no doubt it's going to increase. Aldr. Weber stated that with what he has seen so far, IMEA still is, in his opinion the best option for residents. Reliability and affordable are his priority and for him, reliability is ranked as number 1. Aldr. Weber thanked Mr. Suhr for the presentation and stated he looks forward to hearing more.

Aldr. Bongard stated that 11% of IMEA's portfolio is renewable, what is the impact of the portfolio if Naperville and Winnetka are out of IMEA? His assumption is that it will slow down dramatically in order for them to make the future purchase agreements to stay on the trajectory? Mr. Suhr stated he thinks the answer is no; if after 2035, IMEA doesn't have St. Charles and Naperville, the organization won't require as much energy, but the portfolio of that energy will stay the same, no matter if St. Charles or Naperville are in it – and those are decisions that IMEA Board Members make and after 2035 if St. Charles and Naperville aren't there; we won't be Board Members and we won't be making those decisions.

Aldr. Bongard stated there are certain lanes that different Council Members want to stay in. If you look at the projected costs for the next four years, while the power supply stays relatively flat the overall cost is increasing to the user because of transmission. Is there a way to offset and slow the rate of growth because realistically the technology or supply aren't there yet? Aldr. Bongard stated that he understands much more after the last two months that this is more of a working agreement between the municipalities rather than a formal financial contract and he thinks some Council members are having conversations with residents about the economics while still addressing about renewable, clean, safe energy. Aldr. Bongard stated Council Members are just trying to get a crystal clear understanding of the economics and the impact for the community moving forward. Mr. Suhr stated to ask those questions of IMEA and asked everyone to continue to remember that St. Charles and Naperville are in this contract until 2035, so all of these projects until 10 years from now – we're in that game. During these next 10 years, IMEA is going to be making decisions about the portfolio for the next 20 years. If Naperville and St. Charles aren't signed up and committed to IMEA, then those decisions will be made without St. Charles and Naperville. Mr. Suhr said from a cost perspective, that part of the benefit of the agency is the amount of buying power that we have. If Naperville, St. Charles and Winnetka are not part of IMEA in the future, their buying power is going to be less, no doubt about that.

Aldr. Muenz asked if we can create a joint action agency with Winnetka and Naperville; there are 3 municipalities in NIMPA. Can we explore that to have buying power? Mr. Suhr stated that is an option.

Aldr. Muenz asked about the \$1.3 billion in assets – does that include Prairie State which will be a defunct asset at some point, so it isn't an asset to some degree? Mr. Suhr stated that it will be replaced with other assets; when that goes off line, we will own part of a wind farm or a solar farm. Aldr. Muenz stated but today it is a depreciating asset and will cease to be allowed to exist. Mr. Suhr reiterated that is correct, but those resources will be replaced with other ones.

Aldr. Wirball asked if Mr. Suhr could find out through IMEA what their financial obligation for cleaning up Prairie State will be? What are the costs and how will the costs be paid for? Mr. Suhr stated that is a great question for them, and it has been discussed. Everyone who owns a part of that plant will be responsible for decommissioning it. IMEA has already started planning for that, and if that is done over time in the next 10 years, then the affect on the rate payer is very low. But the IMEA representation next week will probably be able to give you that number to a tee.

B. Recommendation to Amend City Code 13.08.320 to equalize credits earned by Customers' solar produced kWh returned to the City's Distribution System for City Rates 1 and 3.

Presented by Paul Hopkins.

Aldr. Bessner asked if it costs \$1,500 for a customer to hook up? Mr. Hopkins stated no, in the CEJA Act, there are financial limits on what a utility can cause that customer if there are complications to the system. The only thing that St. Charles charges a solar customer to come on are for the meter and an interconnection fee. If it's 10kW or less, it's a one time \$200 charge; if it's more than that, it's a \$300 one time charge.

Aldr. Weber asked if this is any extra effort to calculate this to return the credits to customers? Mr. Hopkins stated no, readings are done monthly, but the return is done in three month periods; he calculates the credits earned and that goes back on the customers bill.

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Muenz to approve Item 5.B.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Aldr. Weber; Aldr. Silkaitis; Aldr. Foulkes; Aldr. Muenz; Aldr. Gehm; Aldr. Pietryla; Aldr. Wirball; Aldr. Bessner **Nays:** None. Chairperson Bongard did not vote as chair. **Motion Carried.**

C. Presentation – Update on Lead Line Replacement.

Presented by Tim Wilson.

Aldr. Wirball asked if this includes galvanized also? Mr. Wilson stated yes.

Aldr. Muenz asked if the presentation could be put on the website? Mr. Wilson stated yes; all the presentations will be put on the website.

D. Recommendation to Approve a Resolution Authorizing a Construction Contract for the Swenson Avenue Base Reclamation Project.

Aldr. Weber asked for the timeline? Mr. Gottlieb stated the project will start in June with completion in August.

Motion by Ald. Muenz, second by Ald. Pietryla to approve Item 5.D.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Aldr. Weber; Aldr. Silkaitis; Aldr. Foulkes; Aldr. Muenz; Aldr. Gehm; Aldr. Pietryla; Aldr. Wirball; Aldr. Bessner **Nays:** None. Chairperson Bongard did not vote as chair. **Motion Carried.**

E. Recommendation to approve a Resolution Authorizing a Construction Contract for Prairie Street Bridge Repairs.

Aldr. Muenz asked as this work is being done, will any work be done as part of the Bike and Pedestrian Plan? Mr. Gottlieb stated there are no recommendations for lanes or striping changes in the Bike Plan, so we won't be doing anything like that – just standard maintenance.

Aldr. Silkaitis asked if references were checked and Mr. Gottlieb stated yes and all were very favorable; while they are a new contractor to us, they are not new in the business.

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Muenz to approve Omnibus Item 5.E.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Aldr. Weber; Aldr. Silkaitis; Aldr. Foulkes; Aldr. Muenz; Aldr. Gehm; Aldr. Pietryla; Aldr. Wirball; Aldr. Bessner **Nays:** None. Chairperson Bongard did not vote as chair. **Motion Carried.**

F. Recommendation to Approve a Resolution Authorizing a Construction Contract for the Riverside Culvert Improvements Project.

Aldr. Wirball asked how the bike crossing will be improved? Will there be flashing signals? Mr. Gottlieb stated right now it is a configuration change from a skewed crossing to a 90 degree crossing which reduces about 25 feet crossing distance in the roadway. Aldr. Wirball asked if additional signage requires approval from IDOT and Mr. Gottlieb stated yes.

Aldr. Foulkes stated closing Rt. 25 causes a lot of additional traffic and asked Chief Keegan if there can be more of a police presence during the street closure to prevent speeding? Chief Keegan stated absolutely; Police will work in concert with Public Works.

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Muenz to approve Omnibus Item 5.F.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Aldr. Weber; Aldr. Silkaitis; Aldr. Foulkes; Aldr. Muenz; Aldr. Gehm; Aldr. Pietryla; Aldr. Wirball; Aldr. Bessner **Nays;** None. Chairperson Bongard did not vote as chair. **Motion Carried.**

G. Recommendation to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Vehicles and Equipment Budgeted in FY24 and the Sale or Trade of Corresponding Vehicles to be Replaced.

Motion by Ald. Muenz, second by Ald. Bessner to approve Omnibus Item 5.G.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Aldr. Weber; Aldr. Silkaitis; Aldr. Foulkes; Aldr. Muenz; Aldr. Gehm; Aldr. Pietryla; Aldr. Wirball; Aldr. Bessner **Nays;** None. Chairperson Bongard did not vote as chair. **Motion Carried.**

H. Recommendation to Approve a Resolution Awarding a Proposal for SCADA Program Management to Concentric Integration.

Aldr. Wirball asked how many more phases there will be and Mr. Wilson stated this is the last big phase that takes care of the Main Wastewater Plant. However, there will always be expenses in the future for renewing and replacing aging equipment. This is a major asset so there will always be continued replacement.

Motion by Ald. Muenz, second by Ald. Wirball to approve Omnibus Item 5.H.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Aldr. Weber; Aldr. Silkaitis; Aldr. Foulkes; Aldr. Muenz; Aldr. Gehm; Aldr. Pietryla; Aldr. Wirball; Aldr. Bessner **Nays;** None. Chairperson Bongard did not vote as chair. **Motion Carried.**

***I. Recommendation to Waive the Formal Bid Procedure and Approve a Resolution to award Purchase of the Primary Clarifier Repair Parts.**

Motion by Ald. Bessner, second by Ald. Wirball to approve Omnibus Item *5.I.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Aldr. Weber; Aldr. Silkaitis; Aldr. Foulkes; Aldr. Muenz; Aldr. Gehm; Aldr. Pietryla; Aldr. Wirball; Aldr. Bessner **Nays;** None. Chairperson Bongard did not vote as chair. **Motion Carried.**

***J. Recommendation to Approve a Resolution Authorizing a Consultant Contract with Arcon Associates, Inc. for Architectural Services.**

Motion by Ald. Bessner, second by Ald. Wirball to approve Omnibus Item *5.J.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Aldr. Weber; Aldr. Silkaitis; Aldr. Foulkes; Aldr. Muenz; Aldr. Gehm; Aldr. Pietryla; Aldr. Wirball; Aldr. Bessner **Nays;** None. Chairperson Bongard did not vote as chair. **Motion Carried.**

K. Recommendation to Approve a Budget Addition to Replace 32' Dump Trailer.

Aldr. Silkaitis asked what budget is the money coming from? Mr. Wilson stated it is coming from the Wastewater Budget and also money from the insurance claim.

Motion by Ald. Gehm, second by Ald. Wirball to approve Omnibus Item 5.K.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Aldr. Weber; Aldr. Silkaitis; Aldr. Foulkes; Aldr. Muenz; Aldr. Gehm; Aldr. Pietryla; Aldr. Wirball; Aldr. Bessner **Nays;** None. Chairperson Bongard did not vote as chair. **Motion Carried.**

***L. Recommendation to Waive the Formal Bid Procedure and Approve a Resolution Awarding a Proposal for the Eastside Lift Station Pump Repair.**

Motion by Ald. Bessner, second by Ald. Wirball to approve Omnibus Item *5.L.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Aldr. Weber; Aldr. Silkaitis; Aldr. Foulkes; Aldr. Muenz; Aldr. Gehm; Aldr. Pietryla; Aldr. Wirball; Aldr. Bessner **Nays;** None. Chairperson Bongard did not vote as chair. **Motion Carried.**

***M. Recommendation to Approve a Resolution Authorizing a Consultant Contract for Phase III Construction Engineering for Swenson Avenue Base Reclamation.**

Motion by Ald. Bessner, second by Ald. Wirball to approve Omnibus Item *5.M.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Aldr. Weber; Aldr. Silkaitis; Aldr. Foulkes; Aldr. Muenz; Aldr. Gehm; Aldr. Pietryla; Aldr. Wirball; Aldr. Bessner **Nays:** None. Chairperson Bongard did not vote as chair. **Motion Carried.**

***N. Recommendation to Approve a Resolution Authorizing a Consultant Contract for Phase III Construction Engineering for the Riverside Culvert Improvements Project.**

Motion by Ald. Bessner, second by Ald. Wirball to approve Omnibus Item *5.N.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Aldr. Weber; Aldr. Silkaitis; Aldr. Foulkes; Aldr. Muenz; Aldr. Gehm; Aldr. Pietryla; Aldr. Wirball; Aldr. Bessner **Nays:** None. Chairperson Bongard did not vote as chair. **Motion Carried.**

O. Recommendation to Approve a Contract Change Order to Martam Construction for IDOT Right-of-Way Work for 1st Street Plaza Project.

Aldr. Wirball asked when the project will start, how long will it take and will access from the north be blocked for pedestrians to come in? Will it impact businesses? Mr. Adesso stated he cannot say when the project will start because he cannot say when we will get the permit. When the permit does come in, Mr. Adesso will be coordinating with the contractor. Unfortunately, at this time, the contractor has demobilized from this site and moved on to other projects. Aldr. Wirball asked for a general timeline and Mr. Adesso stated if he had to guess at this point, it would be some time this fall. In terms of disruption to the businesses, there will be a dramatic increase in traffic control and that is because the project requires 13 independent traffic lane closures to complete the work; so while it is a big disruption in traffic, it's a short duration lane closure. Aldr. Wirball asked if this will coincide with the west side of the Plaza where we make the opening in the archway? Mr. Adesso stated yes, they are willing to do that when they remobilize to do the IDOT work.

Aldr. Pietryla asked if we are anticipating any more delays from IDOT and if we needed to reach out to our State Representatives? City Administrator McGuire stated we have been in contact with Senators and Representatives on this issue. Part of the delay is an engineering issue; IDOT normally has 400 engineers and currently they have 200 engineers, so this is a staffing issue regarding what they can turn around.

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Gehm to approve Omnibus Item 5.O.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Aldr. Weber; Aldr. Silkaitis; Aldr. Foulkes; Aldr. Muenz; Aldr. Gehm; Aldr. Pietryla; Aldr. Wirball; Aldr. Bessner **Nays;** None. Chairperson Bongard did not vote as chair. **Motion Carried.**

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Russo, Batavia resident spoke regarding IMEA contract renewal.

Bill Kale, Geneva resident spoke regarding IMEA Contract renewal.

7. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, STAFF OR CITIZENS

None.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Pietryla to adjourn the Government Services Committee meeting at 9:40 pm.

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