

STREETS & GRADES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
6:00 P.M. Monday, June 21, 2021
101 S. Illinois St., Belleville, IL

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| CHAIRMAN | Chairman, Alderman Kent Randle, Ward 3 |
| MEMBERS | Aldерwoman Carmen Duco, Ward 2 |
| IN ATTENDANCE | Alderman Raffi Ovian, Ward 4 Alderman Ed Dintelman, Ward 5 Alderman Chris Rothweiler, Ward 6 Alderman Dennis Weygandt, Ward 7 Aldерwoman Nora Sullivan, Ward 8 |
| ABSENT/EXCUSED | Alderman Joe Hazel, Ward 1 |
| STAFF | Sal Elkott, City Engineer Rene Thompson, Engineering Secretary Jason Poole, Director of Public Works Sarah Biermann, City Treasurer |
| GUEST/ALDERMEN | Alderman Bryan Whitaker, Ward 1 Mayor Gregory Jamie Maitret, Finance Department Dean Hardt, Purchasing/Risk Management Director |
| PUBLIC ATTENDING | Michael Hagberg Bennie Parr, Bennie's Pizza Pub Scott Schmelzel, Big Daddy's 618 Andria Powell, Circa Boutique & Gifts Javier and Stacie Gutierrez, Margarita's Restaurant Ronnie Phillips |

Alderman Randle, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Alderman Ovian joined the meeting at 6:05

Public Participation – Michael Hagberg requests information regarding the sidewalk and curb work along 17-28 West Main Street. Chairman Alderman Randle explained Fournie Construction is performing the work of the sidewalks, as they were the winning bidder for the 17-28 West Main Streetscape.

Bennie Parr gave an overview how the removal of 2 parking spots for an addition of a bump-out would benefit his business in the downtown area. He provided a document which includes the signatures of additional businesses along E. Main that support the removal of 2 parking spots for an addition of a bump-out. He also provided a previous parking study report.

Scott Schmelzel gave an overview how the removal of 2 parking spots for an addition of a bump-out would benefit businesses in the downtown area. He stated the 2 parking spots that are

requested to be removed will generate revenue and will keep people coming to downtown Belleville. Everyone enjoys dining out in front of our buildings. This may help Margarita's business also, but it will help the entire district overall. We are grateful Bennie purchased the former bread company. However, without a patio, it will make a revenue difference in his business. The removal of the 2 parking spaces are not as important as the extra revenue and jobs it will create and for what it will improve for the district overall.

Andria Powell gave her support for the removal of 2 parking spots for an addition of a bump-out. She stated her store resides on the corner of Jackson. She added, Bennie is a great business neighbor that takes care of his business along with helping others whether it is shoveling snow or sweeping to keep a clean outdoor atmosphere.

Stacie Gutierrez gave her support for the removal of 2 parking spots for an addition of a bump-out. She stated since 2015, they have been asking the previous Mayor for a bump-out. This would generate more revenue for both Margarita's and Bennie's Pizza. The bump-out would help improve the downtown area overall.

Ronnie Phillips gave his support for the removal of 2 parking spots for an addition of a bump-out. He stated, the bump-out would pull people to the first block of E. Main, creating more revenue in comparison of losing the 2 parking spaces. This would really improve downtown Belleville.

Alderman Weygandt asked Bennie if he received a signature from Chuck Blanquart. Bennie stated Chuck Blanquart and the Clock Shop were the only two businesses in the downtown area that were not in favor of the removal of 2 parking spots for an addition of a bump-out. Alderman Weygandt also expressed his concerns regarding the traffic around Lincoln Theatre.

Alderman Dintelman made a motion to approve the minutes from May 17, 2021. Alderman Rothweiler seconded the motion. Members voting aye in roll call vote: Duco, Ovian, Dintelman, Rothweiler, Weygandt, Sullivan, Randle. Motion carried.

Director of Public Works

Jason Poole encourages sending concerns or complaints via email, text or report of concern and he will add them to the list of work to be done.

New Business

1. Sale/conversion of two Zero Turn mowers from the Street Department

Jason Poole requested for the committee to table this item to next meeting. No action was taken.

2-4. Sale/conversion of vehicles

Jason Poole gave an overview of the following:

2. 2000 Chevrolet 3500 from the Street Department, Serial 1GBKC34F1YF458773
3. 1988 Chevrolet 3500 from the Street Department, Serial 1GBJR34W4JJ138893
4. 1993 Ford F800 from the Street Department, Serial 1FDXK84E4PVA07443

Alderman Ovian made a motion to approve items 2-4. Alderman Weygandt seconded the motion. Members voting aye in roll call vote: Duco, Ovian, Dintelman, Rothweiler, Weygandt, Sullivan, Randle. Motion carried.

5. Public Works to hire 4 employees

Discussion in regards to Public Works staffing. Jamie Maitret gave an overview of the cost of 4 new employees. Chairman Alderman Randle gave an explanation of the City's Code of Ordinances Budget System. He added this discussion is part of the budget process. As to what is available to be budgeted, is a discussion to take place between the Finance Director, the Department Heads and the Mayor. Alderman Ovian requested Jason to give an overview of the tasks additional personnel could perform. Alderman Weygandt stated suggests hiring a minimum of 2 additional employees if the budget does not allow to hire 4. Chairman Alderman Randle added, this needs to be revisited going into the budget process for the next fiscal year so we may be able to find additional support. Jamie added this should be a priority to the Department Heads and Mayor, as the budget is formulated from.

Sal added, the Streets Department needs to be equipped with the proper equipment they need to perform minimal street repairs properly.

6. Engineering Department to hire 1 Construction Inspector

Discussion in regards to the Engineer Department staffing. Alderman Ovian agrees we need our own Construction Inspector, not only for the position but also helping the Engineer. Jamie added, this position is in the budget. Once the position became available, the funds were not removed from the budget therefore there is no question regarding the approval of funding for this position. Sal added he agrees we need a Construction Inspector, and he will provide Human Resources the proper description along with the proper qualifications and proper certifications for such inspector. Chairman Alderman Randle requests for the job description and qualifications to be expedited and sent to Human Resources Department to have the job posted to help the Engineer Department become staffed and we can move the city within the direction we need to go.

7. Bump out barriers

Discussion in regards to new dining bump out at 113 East Main, bollard request 18 East Main, and dumpster enclosure in the public parking lot on East A St between North High and North Jackson. Alderman Ovian expressed his concerns as to who will be paying for the bump-out at 113 East Main. He explained he would entertain an option for businesses to pay a percentage of the cost, but not for the city to pay for entire amount. He stated he previously participated in the 50/50 Sidewalk Program and believes the funding from the city should be a percentage with the business owner requesting the bump-out. Alderman Weygandt expressed his concerns with the traffic around Lincoln Theatre. Alderman Rothweiler supports the removal of 2 parking spots for an addition of a bump-out. He believes it will help improve the downtown district. These are only two parking spaces, not twenty. There are additional parking behind businesses. His concerns are how it will be paid for. Alderman Dintelman also expressed his concerns how it will be funded. He believes the city and business should split the costs.

Chairman Alderman Randle gave a report of counts for parking spaces, ADA spaces, bump-outs, bollards, bike racks, dimensions of the parking spaces and dimensions of the roadway. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to approve a dumpster enclosure in the public parking lot on East A St between North High and North Jackson. Alderwoman Duco seconded the motion. Members voting aye in roll call vote: Duco, Dintelman, Rothweiler, Weygandt, Sullivan, Randle. Motion carried.

Chairman Alderman Randle gave motion to authorize a proposal for bump-outs and fencing at the locations described. Alderman Rothweiler moved, Alderman Duco seconded the motion. Duco, Ovian, Dintelman, Rothweiler, Sullivan, Randle. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous/Aldermanic Discussion

Alderman Ovian proposes it shall be mandatory for all dumpsters to be enclosed. Jason added there is an ordinance that all public dumpsters are to be enclosed within the city. It is the responsibility of the code enforcement officer to enforce any issues.

Alderman Weygandt requested an update regarding Forest Ave. Sal explained he has not reviewed the information, but we will get an answer for him.

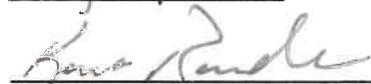
Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Alderman Rothweiler at approximately 6:57 p.m. Alderwoman Duco seconded the motion. Members voting aye in roll call vote: Duco, Ovian, Dintelman, Rothweiler, Weygandt, Sullivan, Randle. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rene Thompson
Engineering Secretary

Date Approved: July 19, 2021



Alderman Kent Randle
Committee Chairman



Sal Elkott, P.E. July 6, 2021
Engineer