

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

Administrative Center – Room 3220

5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Spiker, Arlene Benrud, Ralph Geary (5:31), Jai Johnson, Leon Pfaff, Jeff Schroeder

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jim Berns

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Jim Speropulos, Steve O'Malley, Margaret Norden, Dick Mial, Dale Hexom, Charlie Handy, Gary Harter

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Charles Spiker called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

APPROVE OPTIONS FOR VINE STREET BETWEEN 3RD AND 4TH STREETS

Jim Speropulos reported on three options for Vine Street bordered by the LEC on the north and County Parking Lot C on the south:

- 1) Leave the configuration as is. New curb and gutter would be installed at La Crosse County expense on the north side and City of La Crosse expense on the south side.
- 2) Request that the City narrow the street and eliminate parking on the south side of the street, resulting in the loss of five to six parking spaces.
- 3) Request that the City close the street. A pedestrian mall could include plantings, such as rain gardens.

Speropulos reported that Option 1 would be the least expensive, and Option 3 the most expensive. Bill Shepherd stated that a request to vacate the street would require a petition to the City of La Crosse by the full County Board. Discussion was held regarding traffic patterns and the timeframe for a decision. Committee consensus was to refer the item to its regular meeting on May 10, 2010, with input from the City engineer's office and City planning office.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: MAY 10, 2010

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Johnson/Benrud to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Approved, May 10, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder