

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

5:30 p.m.

The Public Works Commission met on the above date and time. The following members were present: Alderpersons Dan Bartz, Myron Moldenhauer, and Tony Arnett; Citizen member Pete Thompson. Alderperson Brad Blanke was absent. Also present: City Staff Andrew Beyer, Pete Hartz.

1. **Call to order.** Chairperson Arnett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present.** Mary Anne Wieland of 1612 Lakeside Terrace spoke the care of Lake Victoria and proposed a public/private partnership to address maintenance issues surrounding it.
3. **Review & approve minutes dated April 8, 2025.** Mr. Moldenhauer moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Two minor corrections were made, including a comment mistakenly attributed to Mr. Blanke that was made by Mr. Bartz. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
4. **Review and take possible action: Set public hearing date as May 21, 2025 for the Public Service Commission (PSC) Rate Case findings and recommendations.** This will be a virtual meeting held by the PSC. Mr. Bartz moved to set the date as recommended, and Mr. Moldenhauer seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
5. **Review and take possible action: Award Ultra-Violet Disinfection System base bid to Trojan Technologies for a total of \$745,720.** Mr. Thompson moved to recommend to Council to award the base bid as recommended, and Mr. Moldenhauer seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
6. **Review and approve: 2024 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) – Wastewater Utility permit to discharge summary.** Mr. Bartz moved to forward the draft resolution to Council as submitted, and Mr. Thompson seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
7. **Update, no action required: Lake Victoria Vegetation Management.** The commission reviewed prior discussion and actions taken on this topic (including prior Public Works Commission action from 2000) and legal opinion indicating according to the State Constitution, Lake Victoria is public waterway owned by the State of Wisconsin (not by the city nor by the adjacent residents.) While some commission members showed interest in supporting maintenance activities around the lake, the commission was cautious about possibly setting a precedent without a clear policy. It was noted that staff is working on developing a policy and is targeting to have it ready for review in time for the 2026 budgeting process.
8. **Review and take action: S. Fifth Street 1000 Block right-of-way improvements.** It was noted that prior practice in subdivisions has been: a) right of way improvements are required before access is granted; b) Improvements are the responsibility of the subdivider or developer in both the administration of the project and funding of the project. Commission members did not see a reason to make an exception in this case. It was also noted there are multiple property owners adjacent to the proposed improvements and all should be involved. It was also noted the area is within a TID, which may provide an alternative source of funding. However, that is a separate process run through the Finance Committee. Mr. Moldenhauer moved to affirm the prior practice and deny the request for city to bear responsibility for the right-of-way improvements in this case. Mr. Thompson seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

9. **Review and take possible action: Sidewalk repair order for 207 Clark Street.** Mr. Bartz moved to approve the order, and Mr. Moldenhauer seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
10. **Adjournment.** Mr. Thompson moved to adjourn at 6:14 p.m., seconded by Mr. Moldenhauer. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Arnett, Chairperson