

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

5:30 p.m.

The Public Works Commission met at the above date and time. The following members were present: Alderpersons Myron Moldenhauer, Ken Berg (arrived approx. 5:45), Tony Arnett (remote), Gina Nitecki, Citizen member Pete Thompson. 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.** - Michelle Elias of 760 W Main St. encouraged the Commission to look long-term at sea wall project discussed at the last meeting. She expressed concern that an approach utilizing rip rap would end up having larger long-term costs.
3. **Review and take possible action. Minutes of PWC meeting of August 25th, 2026.** Mr. Thompson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Moldenhauer. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
4. **Review and take possible action: Approve resolution declaring official intent to reimburse expenditures from proceeds of borrowing** – Pete Hartz presented this as the next step in securing federal Clean Water Fund financing for the Allerman Lift Station project (currently slated for 2027.) Mr. Moldenhauer moved to recommend the resolution to Council, seconded by Ms. Nitecki. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
5. **Review and take possible action: Approve the purchase of one (1) Hach NP600 Phosphate Analyzer with Warranty Plus from Energenecs for a total cost of \$60,510** – This will replace an existing analyzer unit from another manufacturer that experiences frequent failures. The new unit is expected to last 15 years and has already been in trial use for several months with no issues. Ms. Nitecki moved to approve the purchase, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
6. **Review and take possible action: Change Order No. 2 to Contract #6-26 Bituminous Surfacing with Wolf Paving** – This change order will add E. Main Street from S. Maple Street to S. Concord Avenue to this year's bituminous surfacing. This will be paid for by savings from other portions of the bituminous surfacing work this year. Mr. Thompson moved to approve the change order, seconded by Mr. Moldenhauer. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
7. **Review and discuss: Infrastructure backlog discussion** – Mr. Arnett walked through a brief presentation on the accumulated backlog of infrastructure projects, focused on the streets in the worst condition (1 or 2 out of 10 on the PASER scale) and the associated water, wastewater, and stormwater work involved in reconstructing those streets. This is currently estimated at more than \$150 million. In addition, a short list of other street, water, wastewater, and stormwater projects due in the next few years totaling more than \$90 million was provided. The intent of the presentation was to bring focus to this issue, driven by decades of under-investment in repair and replacement of this critical infrastructure. Mr. Berg added that driving more growth in the city is important to helping solve this issue over time. Mr. Thompson shared that some communities use a wheel tax to support street maintenance.

8. **Adjournment.** Ms. Nitecki moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Arnett, Chairperson