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Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting of the
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Committee Members

Chairman Benson
Alderman Musillami
Alderman Finn

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Chairman Benson called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Benson, Alderman Finn, and Alderman Musillami

Also Present: Mayor McDermott, City Clerk Kmet, Alderwoman Bolt, Building Commissioner Wagner, Property Maintenance Inspector Jordan, Engineer Fitzgerald, and Superintendent of Public Works Serna

3. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC.

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 12, 2026

4.a. Approval of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes – August 12, 2026.

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 12, 2026 were previously distributed to the members of the Infrastructure Committee.

A motion was made by Alderman Finn to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2026 meeting, seconded by Alderman Musillami and motion carried unanimously.

5. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMITTEE FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND IF SO DETERMINED, ACTION UPON:

5.a. Consideration to enter into an agreement with Novotny Engineers to update the City-Wide GIS Water Main Atlas in the amount of $26,000.

Superintendent of Public Works Serna said that currently Novotny updates some of the data into our GIS system that we purchased last year. Novotny is entering some of the newer water main projects that they have done. We would like them also to update a better quality GIS pins on some of our water mains in town. Our maps are so outdated they are not even close to where they are supposed to be. It makes it very difficult in an emergency situation to get a good locate on some of them.

A motion was made by Alderman Finn to enter into an agreement with Novotny Engineers to update the City-Wide GIS Water Main Atlas in the amount of $26,000, seconded by Alderman Musillami and motion carried unanimously.

5.b. Consideration of a master license agreement for Fiber Optic installation.

Engineer Fitzgerald said that all these cable companies are coming into the Chicagoland area. We do not have any Ordinances or statutes to regulate the installation for fiber. Many communities are entering into agreements with them so that the companies don't have to do multiple permits we would have a master

agreement in place for a ten year period.

Alderman Finn asked if they would have to pay the $10K and then they would be able to bury their fiber cable in our right-of-way. Engineer Fitzgerald said yes the communication tax. If they were falling behind on that then we would excess the $10K fee. Is that right Gail? City Administrator Paul said no they would have to pay the $10K fee plus they would have to notify us when the fiber is going to be in use so that we can collect our telecommunication tax. So they would collect it on our behalf. Alderman Finn said obviously any restoration that they would have to do they wouldn't be able to rip up our streets. Engineer Fitzgerald said we have a real good restoration Ordinance in place. Any company that digs in our right-of-way we have detailed specs on how to put it together, those are referenced in the agreement.

A motion was made by Alderman Musillami to consider a master license agreement for Fiber Optic installation, seconded by Alderman Finn and motion carried unanimously.

5.c. Consideration of amending Building Code 6-3-1 Nuisances Enumerated.

Building Commissioner Wagner said that this code conflicts with another Building Code. Code section 6-3-1 table Section 1.21 needs to be removed from the City Code because it contradicts code Section 6-12-2. (Grass over 8" tall).

A motion was made by Alderman Finn to amend Building Code 6-3-1 Nuisances Enumerated, seconded by Alderman Musillami and motion carried unanimously.

5.d. Consideration of amending Building Code 6-12-2 Grass and Weeds.

Building Commissioner Wagner that Chapter 12, 6-12-2 contradicts another section of Chapter 12. This will clarify the discrepancy regarding the time allowed to cut tall grass and weeds.

A motion was made by Alderman Musillami to amend Building Code 6-12-2 Grass and Weeds, seconded by Alderman Finn and motion carried unanimously.

5.e. Consideration of amending Building Code 6-3-1 Nuisances enumerated, 1.32.

Building Commissioner Wagner said that this is to clarify 6-3-1 to add language to 1.32 to include waste hauler truck under nuisances. City Staff regularly receives complaints regarding early garbage pickup before 7:00 am and on the weekends. The new language defines waste haulers specifically as a nuisance.

A motion was made by Alderman Finn to amend Building Code 6-3-1 Nuisances enumerated, 1.32, seconded by Alderman Musillami and motion carried unanimously.

5.f. Consideration of amending Building Code in Chapter 5, Section 8-5-1.

Building Commissioner Wagner said that the sign code has not been updated in the last fifteen years. The sign updates would include new definitions, clarifying the code language, adding additional prohibited signs, and updated the fees which have not

been updated since 2014.

A motion was made by Alderman Finn to amend Building Code in Chapter 5, Section 8-5-1, seconded by Alderman Musillami and motion carried unanimously.

5.g. Consideration of bulk salt purchase from Morton in the amount of $85.17 a ton through the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Program.

Superintendent of Public Works Serna said every that year we join the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Program. This year the price is $85.17 a ton, last year we paid $68.27 a ton.

A motion was made by Alderman Finn to consider buying bulk salt from Morton in the amount of $85.17 a ton through the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Program, seconded by Alderman Musillami and motion carried unanimously.

5.h. Consideration to purchase a Q820M Commercial Quik Track M series in the amount of $10,290.18 from Shorewood Home and Auto for the Public Works Department.

Superintendent of Public Works Serna said that Public Works is requesting to replace the existing, aging John Deere walk behind mower used for grass cutting.

Public Works currently has two John Deere walk-behind mowers, one is newer and one is older. Public Works is requesting to replace the older walk-behind mower used for grass cutting operations. The replacement will ensure reliable equipment is available for maintaining City properties and will improve efficiency for the Department.

A motion was made by Alderman Finn to consider buying a Q820M Commercial Quik Track M series in the amount of $10,290.18 from Shorewood Home and Auto for the Public Works Department, seconded by Alderman Musillami and motion carried unanimously.

5.i. Consideration to purchase a X758 Signature Series Tractor and attachments from Shorewood Home and Auto in the amount of $34,730.88.

Superintendent of Public Works Serna said that our current John Deere has reached the end of its useful life and is due for replacement.

A motion was made by Alderman Musillami to consider buying a X758 Signature Series Tractor and attachments from Shorewood Home and Auto in the amount of $34,730.88, seconded by Alderman Finn and motion carried unanimously.

6. OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS.

None.

7. ADJOURN.

Chairman Benson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Alderman Musillami made a motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Finn and motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Benson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted,

Alderman Mark Benson, Chairman

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