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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, December 10, 2024
6:30 PM
Christine Nuernberg Hall

Minutes

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Mayor Nerbun called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

Present:

Mayor Andrew Nerbun
Alderman Kelly Tolocko
Alderman Dale Mayr
Alderman Jeffrey Hansher
Alderman Gregg Bach
Alderman Brian Parrish
Alderman Peter Bratt
Alderman William Gebhardt
Alderman Robert Strzelczyk -- **Excused**

Also present: City Administrator Jones, Assistant City Administrator Schoenemann, City Attorney Sajdak, City Clerk Fochs, Finance Director Arnett, Director of Public Works/City Engineering Lundeen, Director of Community Development Tollefson, Assistant City Engineer McCraw, Parks and Forestry Superintendent Gies, Human Resources Coordinator Perszyk, Accounting Specialist Jester, Administrative Assistant Schlereth, Managerial Fellow Randall, press and interested public

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. October 30, 2024

RESULT: **Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]**
MOVED BY: Alderman Gebhardt
SECONDED BY: Alderman Bach

AYES: Nerbun, Tolocko, Mayr, Hansher, Bach, Parrish, Bratt, Gebhardt
DEEMED NO: Strzelczyk

b. November 12, 2024

RESULT: **Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]**
MOVED BY: Alderman Gebhardt
SECONDED BY: Alderman Bach

AYES: Nerbun, Tolocko, Mayr, Hansher, Bach, Parrish, Bratt, Gebhardt
DEEMED NO: Strzelczyk

3. Discussion

a. Overview of Draft Updates to the Mequon-Thiensville Bike & Pedestrian Way Plan

Discussion commenced with public comment. Alan Siggelkow of Thiensville is in support of the proposed updates with the suggestion of temporary sign usage for pedestrian and bicyclist safety on Buntrock Road.

Assistant Engineer McCraw introduced the active urban planner on the project, Craig Huebner from Graef. Mr. Huebner provided an overview of the draft including existing conditions, recommended bicycle and pedestrian networks, policies, programs, and implementation. The greatest concerns recorded from the online community survey were unsafe crossings and intersections and Mequon Road navigation.

Opportunities and recommendations from the study prioritize connections to high demand destinations such as schools, employers, and recreation. The goal would be to separate walkers and riders for safety, when possible, but bicyclists are allowed on city sidewalks.

The Committee expressed their desire to produce timely results to the public. While WisDOT limits the City's actions on Mequon Road, providing more signage could provide a temporary solution for safety concerns. The Committee inquired on the necessary maintenance for the current facilities and the proposed plans and associated costs. There was a reiteration of prioritizing routes to schools and a request to increase visibility in high pedestrian areas in the evening hours.

b. Overview of Draft Updates to the City's Park and Open Space Plan

Parks and Forestry Superintendent Gies gave a brief background and then introduced Morgan Shapiro of MSA Professional Services, Inc. Ms. Shapiro explained the analysis process, essential goals, fiscal impacts, and recommendations. While some of Mequon's park acreage is high, it remains concentrated and underdeveloped. She further clarified that Mequon's park amenities have exceeded their life span. Maintenance and funding for improvements such as planned pickle ball courts, increased safety measures, and playground assessments should be prioritized.

Committee discussion focused on budget and funding partnerships, maintenance, and the possibility of forming a dedicated committee to oversee ongoing projects.

4. Informational Items

a. Committee of the Whole Planning Calendar

5. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn at 7:30 PM.

RESULT: **Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]**

MOVED BY: Alderman Bach

SECONDED BY: Alderman Parrish

AYES: Nerbun, Tolocko, Mayr, Hansher, Bach, Parrish, Bratt, Gebhardt

DEEMED NO: Strzelczyk

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Meyer

Deputy Clerk

Approved 1/14/2025