

Chairperson: Supervisor Lee Holloway, County Board Chairman
Clerk: Carol Mueller, 278-4228
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Thursday, July 29, 2010 - 8:30 A.M.

Milwaukee County Courthouse - Room 203-R

MINUTES

PRESENT: Supervisors Mayo, Coggs, Borkowski, De Bruin**, Schmitt, Johnson, Weishan, Cesarz, Broderick, Dimitrijevic, Rice, West*, Jursik, Larson, Lipscomb, Sanfelippo, Thomas and Harris

* Supervisor West was not present at roll call and appeared shortly thereafter.

** Supervisor De Bruin was absent at roll call and appeared shortly after the Committee went into closed session.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. 10-19 A. From the Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works,
(a) submitting notification of emergency repair pursuant to Milwaukee County Ordinance Section 44.14(6) – Examination of the Exterior of Selected County Buildings. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE) (7/22/10 Finance and Audit laid over to Committee of Whole)**

APPEARANCES:

Jack Takerian, Director, Transportation and Public Works
Tim Schoewe, Acting Corporation Counsel
Cindy Archer, Director of Department of Administrative Services

Supervisors asked questions on the criteria used for the current inspections of Milwaukee County Buildings, the selection of the contractor, the process for an emergency declaration, the last time buildings have been inspected, the difference between Milwaukee County's normal review of buildings and the current inspections taking place by Gräef USA, how these contracts are funded and also requested updates prior to news briefings.

Mr. Takerian stated the inspection criteria included all County buildings with masonry facades over one story. Gräef USA was hired because of their expertise in masonry buildings, familiarity with County facilities and is a Milwaukee County

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

based business. Gräef has hired 12 additional area-engineering firms that have the needed expertise to complete the inspections in an efficient and timely manner.

The normal process for Milwaukee County to hire a contractor is through the request for proposal process. This process takes approximately six weeks from the time the request is drafted, submission of responses, review of the responses and the awarding of the contract. Due to the immediate needs as agreed by the County Executive and County Board Chairman, the contract was awarded as an emergency no bid contract.

The contractor hired for the O'Donnell Park Parking Structure is an independent third party firm that had no prior history with the parking structure.

Mr. Takerian provided the Committee with a report that detailed dates of the most current inspections of Milwaukee County buildings done by the Department of Transportation and Public Works. (Copy attached to the original of these minutes.)

The usual building reviews include plumbing, heating and air conditioning, in addition to interior inspections of the building with recommendations on repairs and upgrades. The current building inspections requested by the County Board Chairman and the County Executive pertain only to the exterior masonry facades. Currently 70 percent of the buildings have been completed.

Some buildings being inspected have closures related to a small portion of the building. At this time six of eight buildings have been cleared and are reopened. At no time has any other building been fully closed.

A final report from Gräef USA will be forthcoming upon completion of the inspections.

The Committee may adjourn into closed session under the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(g), for the purpose of the Committee receiving oral or written advice from legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to pending or possible litigation with regard to the following matter(s). At the conclusion of the closed session, the Committee may reconvene in open session to take whatever actions it may deem necessary:

- 10-19 B. From the Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works,
(a) submitting notification of emergency repair pursuant to Milwaukee County Ordinance Section 44.14(6) – O'Donnell Park Parking Structure.
(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE) (7/22/10 Finance and Audit laid over to Committee of Whole)

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Items 1B and 2 were discussed together in closed session.

APPEARANCES:

Jack Takerian, Director, Transportation and Public Works
Tim Schoewe, Acting Corporation Counsel
Jerry Heer, Director, Audit Department
Jason Gates, Director, Risk Management

MOTION BY: (Coggs) Adjourn into closed session under the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(g), for the purpose of discussing the following matters. At the conclusion of the closed session, the Committee may reconvene in open session to take whatever action(s) it may deem necessary on the items. 17-1

AYES: Mayo, Coggs, Borkowski, Schmitt, Johnson, Weishan, Cesarz, Broderick, Dimitrijevic, Rice, West, Larson, Lipscomb, Sanfelippo, Thomas, Harris and Holloway (Chair)-17

NOES: Jursik-1

ABSENT: De Bruin-1

2. 10-W1 A briefing from Corporation Counsel and the Risk Manager, regarding the June 24, 2010 incident at O'Donnell Park Parking Structure. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

The Committee convened into closed session at approximately 9:25 a.m. The Committee reconvened back into open session at 10:50.

MOTION BY: (Coggs) Reconvene into open session 18-0

AYES: Mayo, Coggs, Borkowski, De Bruin, Schmitt, Johnson, Cesarz, Broderick, Dimitrijevic, Rice, West, Jursik, Larson, Lipscomb, Sanfelippo, Thomas, Harris and Holloway (Chair) -18

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Weishan -1

MOTION BY: (Coggs) Refer to the County Board Chief of Staff and Fiscal and Budget Analyst, with assistance from the Department of Transportation and Public Works, Department of Administrative Services, Corporation Counsel and Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture on how to best keep Supervisors informed on the O'Donnell Park incident and other building inspections. In addition, direct Department of Transportation and Public Works staff to prepare a report on a proposal to inspect all County buildings, both internally and externally, and submit its findings to the Committees on Finance and Audit and Transportation, Public Works and Transit. 18-0

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

AYES: Mayo, Coggs, Borkowski, De Bruin, Schmitt, Johnson, Weishan, Cesarz, Broderick, Dimitrijevic, Rice, West, Jursik, Larson, Lipscomb, Sanfelippo, Thomas, Harris and Holloway (Chair) -18

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Weishan -1

This meeting was recorded. Committee files contain copies of communications, reports and resolutions, which may be reviewed upon request to the Chief Committee Clerk. The official copy of these minutes, along with the audio recording of this meeting, are available in the County Board Committee Services Division.

Length of meeting approximately: 8:40 a.m. to 10:58 a.m.

Carol Mueller

Chief Committee Clerk

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