THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
OF THE CITY OF CROWN POINT MET IN A REGULAR MEETING
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 101 NORTH EAST STREET ON
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021, AT 11:00 A.M.
PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF
THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY

Hybrid
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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Uran called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor David Uran, Member Bob Clemons, Member James Crook, Member Andrew Kyres and Member Bill Gomez. Also present, First Assistant City Attorney Alex Kutanovski, Clerk-Treasurer Dave Benson and Chief Deputy Bette Babjak.

Absent: City Attorney David Nicholls

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS - The Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

Motion to approve was made by Member Bob Clemons, seconded by Member Andrew Kyres.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ADDITION OF NEW ITEMS –

Proposal for Contract with FSG for General Obligation Bonds of 2021 – Mayor David Uran

Member Bob Clemons made a motion to add the item to the agenda, seconded by Member Bill Gomez.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Item was added as the second item on the agenda under new business.

PRESENTATIONS – None.

OLD and DEFERRED BUSINESS

Water Utility Update – Al Stong/Commonwealth

Al Stong gave a summary update on our Utility Projects.

Al reported Phase 1 construction on the 96th Pl. Redundant Tank has been completed.

As for Phase 2, the Kaiser Park Redundant Tank repairs were essentially complete, with minor supply chain delay issues. Once received, amenities at
the Kaiser Park Redundant Tank will be completed and a Change Order will be issued.

Phase 3, Division C – Chloramine Stations and Bulk Water Purchase Stations – Al reported supply chain issues were being experienced, but there had been coordination with the contractor to inquire about any schedule updates.

Phase 3, Division D – Service Line Replacement – Progress has been made and the contractual completion date of September 10, 2021, should be met.

A few financial items were also presented consistent with the Water Utility Projects.

- Division C (Phase 2) Thieneman Construction, Inc. was requesting partial payment in the amount of $77,061.00. Payment to Retainage in the amount of $4,055.00 was also being requested.

Alex Kutanovski confirmed both payments had been reviewed by Legal and recommended approval.

Motion to approve was made by Member Bob Clemons, seconded by Member James Crook.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- Division C (Phase 3) Hasse Construction Co., Inc. was requesting Partial payment in the amount of $101,224.00 and payment retainage in the amount of $5,328.00.

Alex Kutanovski confirmed both payments had been reviewed by Legal and recommended approval.

Motion to approve was made by Member Bob Clemons, seconded by Member Bill Gomez.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- Change Order #3 was brought to the Board’s attention, requesting an increase of $21,238.56, with no change of contract time. This amount was projected to account for items requested by operations staff for betterment of installation, leak detection for chemical piping, and to improve security for the buildings. If approved, this would leave $362,800.73 available for project contingency.

Motion to approve was made by Member Bob Clemons, seconded by Member Andrew Kyres.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

CSO 005 Sewer Improvements Phase 1 was nearing completion and is projected to be complete in early September.

CSO 005 Sewer Improvements Phase 2 has been authorized to go to bid. The City of Crown Point has committed to provide 25% of the payment, alongside the USACE (United States Army Corps of Engineers) 75% for construction costs. That amount is $325,000.00.
Motion to approve was made by Member Bob Clemons, seconded by Member James Crook.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The CSO Audit was addressed, with Al stating that the State Government portion was moving slowly, still awaiting IDEMs correspondence and review.

Al spoke on the State Water Infrastructure (SWIF) Grant Application and stated that the Notice of Award for first round projects had been pushed back a fourth time to be announced on September 10, 2021.

As for the CEI Invoice Disbursements, engineers have been sending invoices to the Clerk-Treasurer’s Office, which have been paid out of the Utility funds. This total reimbursement is $266,608.00, with $80,272.00 coming from the service line portion of the bond.

Al Stong asked for approval from the Board to execute this document to obtain reimbursement.

Motion to approve was made by Member Bob Clemons, seconded by Member Bill Gomez.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Review of the Wastewater Master Plan, Phase 1 Project – Al Stong/Commonwealth

Al Stong provided those in attendance with the same printout of his PowerPoint presentation that had been presented to the Utility Committee relating to the Wastewater Master Plan, Phase 1 Project.

Al went into finer details and broke down the structure of the plan, explaining the expansion of Wastewater Treatment for the City of Crown Point and possibly beyond, with the addition of a second Water Treatment Plant to the southeast of the City, projected to be completed in 2026.

This potential expansion would provide added wastewater treatment, accounting for future growth within the City of Crown Point and possible requests from people in an expanded service area outside of the City.

This would result in a contractual agreement from these unincorporated residents to receive wastewater treatment through the City of Crown Point, and this project then would be an added source of revenue for the City.

The Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plant Alternative presents an approximate $10,000,000.00 in additional capital cost but would then aid as additional revenue for the City for years to come.

The expansion of Wastewater Treatment for the City would also provide immense relief for the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant in the event of heavy rainfall or inclement weather.

The Indiana Finance Authority has a significant sum of money, provided to them by the American Rescue Plan. The IFA has been tasked through the Governor’s Office to promote Regional Solutions. Because this project has the theme of being a Regional Solution, it is a project the IFA supports.
Mayor Uran indicated that he felt this project could potentially improve the quality of life for residents of the City of Crown Point in wet weather. He has seen intense rainfall in the past, severely increasing the volume being handled by the single, existing Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mayor Uran also noted other surrounding municipalities expanding their water services outside their own borders in order to increase their City’s revenue. He added this would by no means be an annexation of any kind, but simply a provided utility.

**Award of Proposal for Refuse Enclosure at 109 N. East St. Parking Lot – Alex Kutanovski / First Assistant City Attorney (Deferred from 08-18-21 meeting.)**

Alex Kutanovski stated Legal and Engineering had reviewed the Proposals for the Refuse Enclosure at 109 N. East St. Parking Lot. He advised their recommendation was to proceed with acceptance of the bid and notice to proceed with Austgen Equipment, with a bid of $79,520.00.

Member Bob Clemons made a motion to approve, seconded by Andrew Kyres.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Deferred to the September 15, 2021, Meeting – Proposal Openings for Monument Sign Construction at Bulldog Park – Mayor David Uran (Deferred from 08-18-21 meeting.)**

Mayor Uran stated no bids or proposals were received at the last meeting held on August 18, 2021.

Alex Kutanovski confirmed he was currently working with Planning and Engineering to revise the notice of the Proposal and put together a more specific document. He then requested the Board’s approval to proceed forward with publishing the notice, with a deadline of Proposals to be submitted by October 6, 2021, at 11:00 A.M.

Member James Crook made a motion to approve, seconded by Member Bob Clemons.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Bid Opening for Demolition of Building Improvements at 143 and 149 N. East Street – Alex Kutanovski, First Assistant City Attorney**

Alex Kutanovski indicated there were three bids received before the deadline of September 1, 2021, 11:00 A.M. and proceeded with opening the bid packets, with the bid amounts as follows:

Actin Contracting, Inc. – $35,235.00

Austgen Equipment – There was some confusion as the numbers on the bid stated "$63,700.00" and the written numbers stated on the bid implied forty-six thousand, eight-hundred and ninety dollars OR "$46,890.00".

Ryan Construction – $79,000.00
Alex Kutanovski recommended that the Board allow the Legal Department and Engineering Department to review these bids and then proceed with the lowest, most reasonable and most responsible bid.

Member Bob Clemons made a motion to approve, seconded by Andrew Kyres.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Proposal for Contract with FSG for General Obligation Bonds of 2021 – Mayor David Uran

Mayor Uran stated at the Special Council meeting, FSG had permission from the Council to move forward with the recapturing of the additional assessed valuation of the City of Crown Point for 2021, to be put into use in 2022. The contract to provide a General Obligation Bond for the City of Crown Point was a total issuance of services not to exceed $30,000.00.

Alex Kutanovski stated the Proposal had been reviewed by Legal and it was their recommendation for the Board to proceed with approval.

Member Bob Clemons made a motion to approve, seconded by Member James Crook.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chief of Staff Greg Falkowski brought to the Board’s attention, the Fire Department had applied for the 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant from FEMA and were recently awarded $90,909.06 for an updated and new vehicle exhaust system. He requested for the Board to recognize the achievement and give authority to the Fire Department to begin the process with FEMA.

Mayor Uran congratulated the Fire Department on the award and requested action by the Board to accept the award.

Member James Crook made a motion to accept the award, seconded by Member Bob Clemons.

Mayor Uran then requested the Board to authorize the Grant awarded by FEMA.

Member James Crook made a motion to approve, seconded by Member Bob Clemons.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Debbie Thill from the Eastside Historic District gave her opinion of the Demolition of Building Improvements at 143 & 149 N. East Street.

Member Andrew Kyres thanked the Administration for sponsoring the City Employee Picnic held at Bulldog Park and for recognizing long-standing employees for the years of service. He also thanked Karen Marben’s team for working the event they should have been enjoying.
Mayor Uran then held a moment of silence for City Employee Brad Hefner. He served the City of Crown Point for over 14 years. Mayor Uran extended thoughts and prayers to his children and his family.

Next Regular Meeting - Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 11:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

1. Member Bob Clemons motioned to adjourn, seconded by Member Andrew Kyres.
   
   Motion carried by voice vote.

2. Meeting Adjourned at 11:56 A.M.

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David D.F. Uran, Mayor

Bob Clemons, Member

James Crook, Member

Bill Gomez, Member

Andrew Kyres, Member

Attest:

David B. Benson, Clerk-Treasurer

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