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COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSIT

Wednesday, March 3, 2010 – 9:00 A.M.

Courthouse Room 201 B

MINUTES

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

PRESENT: Supervisors Borkowski, Weishan, Cesarz, Dimitrijevic*, Thomas and Mayo (Chair)

EXCUSED: Supervisor Clark

*Supervisor Dimitrijevic was not present at roll call but appeared shortly thereafter.

Real Estate – 2

1. 10-96 (a)(a) From the Manager of the Real Estate Service, requesting authorization to enter into a five-year lease agreement based on the results of a bid opening for parking beneath the East-West I-794 Freeway between North Jefferson extended and North Milwaukee Streets (433 East Clybourn), Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

See Item 2 for Committee Actions.

2. 10-96 (a)(b) From the Manager of Real Estate Services, requesting the renewal of the lease of freeway land as surface parking located in the 4800 block of West State Street in the City of Milwaukee with Kennicott Brothers Company.

APPEARANCE:

Craig Dillmann, Manager, Real Estate Services

The minimal reduction in monthly fees for Item 2 is based on an appraisal of the land.

MOTION BY: (Borkowski) Approve Items 1 & 2 together. (Vote 6-0)

AYES: Borkowski, Weishan, Cesarz, Dimitrijevic, Thomas and Mayo (Chair)-6

NOES: -0

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Transit - 1

3. 10-T03 (10-140) From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works and the Managing Director of the Milwaukee County Transit System, a report on the design and color scheme of the new buses. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

APPEARANCE:

Anita Gulotta-Connelly, Managing Director, MCTS

Ms. Connelly provided a colored picture of the refreshed look of the new buses being purchased within the next few years. The buses will be predominately blue and green with white and gold accents. The Milwaukee County logo will appear on all buses.

MOTION BY: (Weishan) Require designation of all buses and/or projects using ARRA financing to be clearly marked American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) provided funding. (Vote 6-0)

AYES: Borkowski, Weishan, Cesarz, Dimitrijevic, Thomas and Mayo (Chair)-6

NOES: -0

Airport - 2

4. 03-525 (a)(a) From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to revise the Schedule of Minimum Standards for Commercial Aeronautical Activities on Milwaukee County's Airports.

APPEARANCE:

Barry Bateman, Director GMIA

A few former executives and employees of Midwest Airlines purchased and will operate a small engine plane to transport sports teams. This change of operations must be included in the Schedule of Minimum Standards.

Mr. Bateman provided a substitute resolution incorporating the changes to the standards into the resolution.

MOTION BY: (Cesarz) Approve a substitute resolution that reflects the changes to the minimum standards incorporated into the resolution for clarity and simplification. (Vote 6-0)

AYES: Borkowski, Weishan, Cesarz, Dimitrijevic, Thomas and Mayo (Chair)-6

NOES: -0

5. 07-283 (a)(k) From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to amend concession mall space for Airport Agreement CN-1906

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

between Milwaukee County and SSP America, Inc. and Airport Agreement CN-1917 between Milwaukee County and Host International Airport, Inc. at General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA).

APPEARANCE:

Barry Bateman, Director GMIA

The proposed changes to the location and additional square footage will result in a swap of concepts for the designated areas. This will also enlarge the seating space for the Alterra coffee concept area. Additionally, the amendments provide Host to retain the banquet room space.

MOTION BY: (Cesarz) Approve. (Vote 6-0)

AYES: Borkowski, Weishan, Cesarz, Dimitrijevic, Thomas and Mayo (Chair)-6

NOES: -0

Transportation and Public Works - 7

6. 09-391
(a) **2010 Adopted Budget Amendment 1A008**, requiring the Directors of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture and the DTPW-Highway Maintenance Division will prepare a plan that clearly defines what times of the year the 14.0 FTE Park Maintenance Worker 2 positions will be deployed to each department. **(01/10 Referred back to Departments for written report.) (Also considered by the Committee on Parks, Energy and Environment.) (INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

APPEARANCE:

Jack Takerian, Interim Director, DTPW

This report is in response to a request from the January cycle of the Parks Energy and Environmental Committee. This details the resulted actions of the deployment of the Park Maintenance Worker 2's and subsequent displacement of some Park Maintenance Worker 1's.

Mr. Takerian stated the employees deployed to the Highway Department would be transferred back to the Parks Department after March 19.

The Committee took no action on this informational item.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

7. 10-103 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting approval of the Department of Transportation and Public Works staff and consultant use plan for the September 2009 fund transfer and the 2010 Adopted Capital projects. **(Also to the Committee on Finance and Audit.)**

APPEARANCES:

Rollin Bertran, Director, Highway Operations, DTPW
Greg High, Director, AE&ES
Jack Takerian, Interim Director, DTPW
Pamela Bryant, Capital Budget Manager, DAS
Mildred Hyde-Demoze, Certification Section Manager CBDP

Mr. High explained this report differs from previous years, due to the fact that it includes bonding from two different years and includes projects from 2009 through 2012. Additionally, a column was added to provide approximate start and completion dates for the projects.

Ms. Bryant explained the bonding requirements for the Build America Bonds that were only offered for 2009 and 2010. She explained by having two bond issues each in 2009 and 2010, Milwaukee County compacted funding into two years which would usually be spread over four years. The financing of projects will start in 2010, but some actual construction may not occur until 2011 with completion by 2012 due to the number of projects, bid process, staff, etc. Federal regulations on bonds require the money be spent within 18-24 months.

A lengthy discussion on specific projects, staffing, DBE goals, engineering duties and constructional services ensued.

Supervisor Weishan requested a report for the April cycle that details the affect of the March 13 layoffs on each department having layoffs.

Supervisors suggested a re-evaluation for start dates on some specific projects.

MOTION BY: (Borkowski) Approve the staffing plan except for the Highway Division. Lay over the Highway Division with a report for the April cycle, detailing the progress of each Highway project, identify delayed projects, explain what happens to the funding on delayed projects, how that funding is restored and differentiate the designation of bonding authority by American Recovery Bonds and County Bonds.

(Vote 4-2)

AYES: Borkowski, Cesarz, Dimitrijevic and Thomas-4

NOES: - Weishan and Mayo (Chair)-2

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

8. 10-105 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to apply for and accept a Wisconsin Community Development Block Grant Supplemental Disaster allocation Emergency Assistance Program for Floodplain Mapping Improvements.

APPEARANCES:

Greg High, Director, AE&ES
Bill Shaw, GIS Supervisor

Mr. Shaw explained the applications of the Lidir program and how beneficial it is in topographical mapping and floodplain analysis.

Mr. High spoke to the Committee on plans to have temporary staff supplement the Department due to the recent lay-offs.

Supervisor Thomas requested an updated report for the May cycle detailing staffing plans, cost comparison of temporary staff versus county employees and any lost revenue incurred by using temporary staff.

MOTION BY: (Weishan) Approve. (Vote 6-0)

AYES: Borkowski, Weishan, Cesarz, Dimitrijevic, Thomas and Mayo (Chair)-6

NOES: -0

9. 10-100 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to amend General Ordinances Chapter 71, Section 71.30 Speed Limits on South 13th Street.

This Item was withdrawn prior to the start of the Committee meeting.

10. 10-101 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to amend General Ordinances Chapter 71, Section 71.24 Speed Limits on West Silver Spring Drive.

This Item was withdrawn prior to the start of the Committee meeting.

11. 10-102 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to amend General Ordinances Chapter 71, Section 71.02 Speed Limits on College Avenue.

This Item was withdrawn prior to the start of the Committee meeting.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

12. 10-109 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works and the Managing Director of the Milwaukee County Transit System, a report on the recommended use of Interstate Cost Estimate (ICE) funds allocated to Milwaukee County for the development of a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) route alignment operating Fond du Lac Avenue and National Avenue.

APPEARANCE:

Brian Dranzik, Budget and Policy Administrator DTPW

The Department recommends using the ICE money for the BRT project.

A discussion ensued on other options for this money. Concerns regarding the fate of the underlying routes as well as operational costs were voiced.

MOTION BY: (Weishan) Lay over to the call of the Chair. (Vote 4-2)

AYES: Weishan, Dimitrijevic, Thomas and Borkowski (Chair)-4

NOES: - Cesarz and Mayo-2

Community Business Development Partners – 1

13. 10-T04 From the Director, Community Business Development Partners (CBDP), a
(10-139) report on the CBDP 2010 Business Expo. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.) (Recommendation: Receive and place on file.)**

APPEARANCE:

Mildred Hyde-Demoze, Certification Section Manager CBDP

A discussion ensued regarding the timing of the Expo in relation to the time of year that projects usually are bid and awarded.

Ms. Demoze informed the Committee that DBE vendors do not need to be certified to bid on projects.

MOTION BY: (Borkowski) Receive and place on file. (Vote 6-0)

AYES: Borkowski, Weishan, Cesarz, Dimitrijevic, Thomas and Mayo (Chair)-6

NOES: -0

Appearance – 1

14. 10-T05 From Wackenhut Corporation, a verbal report regarding Wachenhut's minority
goals. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

APPEARANCE:

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Mark Schaefer, G4S Wackenhut

Mr. Schaefer provided a report (attached to these minutes) and spoke to improvements made in Wackenhut's presence on Milwaukee County Transit System buses. He said that recent third party surveys have shown favorable improvement in rider satisfaction with security services. The company has been working to improve their minority goals.

Supervisor Thomas questioned the company's commitment to the minority goals. He pointed out that no minorities exist with their management. Additionally, minority percentages include women in the calculations.

The Committee took no action on this informational item.

Fund Transfers

15. 10-1 A summary of 2010 fund transfers being presented to the Finance and Audit Committee. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

The Committee took no action on this informational item.

16. 10-T06 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, a verbal report regarding Security staffing and layoffs. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

APPEARANCES:

Jack Takerian, Interim Director, DTPW
Steve Kreklow, Fiscal and Budget Administrator, DAS
Tim Schoewe, Acting Corporation Counsel

Mr. Takerian provided the Committee with several reports (attached to the original minutes) including a report on the layoff notices, notification of emergency procurement, notice of intent, request for proposal for security services and the proposal from G4S Wackenhut.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the legality of layoffs, affects to departments, potential savings, emergency situation, security staffing, and the 1972 Budget.

Mr. Schoewe concluded that the County Executive has the authority to enact corrective actions to prevent the County from ending the year with a deficit. The bottom line is the budget must be balanced. How that is achieved is a difficult answer.

The Committee took no action on this informational item.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Prior to the start of the meeting Supervisor Mayo presented Mr. Tony Snieg with a citation, signed by the County Board in recognition of his 37 years of service with Milwaukee County. Mr. Snieg will be retiring in late March.

Supervisor Mayo also informed the Committee that the May standing Committee meeting would be held at General Mitchell International Airport in the Sijan/Lovell room.

Staff Present:

Mr. Craig Dillmann, Manager, Real Estate Services
Ms. Anita Gulotta-Connelly, Managing Director, MCTS
Mr. Barry Bateman, Airport Director GMIA
Mr. Jack Takerian, Interim Director, DTPW
Mr. Rollin Bertran, Director, Highway Operations, DTPW
Mr. Greg High, Director, AE&ES
Ms. Pamela Bryant, Capital Finance Manager
Ms. Mildred Hyde-Demoze, Certification Section Manager CBDP
Mr. Bill Shaw, GIS Supervisor
Mr. Brian Dranzik, Budget and Policy Administrator DTPW
Mr. Steve Kreklow, Fiscal and Budget Administrator, DAS
Mr. Timothy Schoewe, Acting Corporation Counsel
Mr. Tony Snieg, Deputy Airport Director, GMIA
Mr. Bob Nenno, Deputy Director of Communications, CEX
Mr. Martin Weddle, Research Analyst, County Board

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

Length of meeting approximately: 9:05 a.m. until 11:50 a.m.

Carol Mueller
Committee Clerk

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

**DEADLINE FOR TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSIT
COMMITTEE**

The next regular meeting for the Transportation Committee is **April 7, 2010**.
**Items for the agenda must be in the Committee Clerk's
possession by the end of the business day on Tuesday, March 23, 2010.**

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