

PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE

January 20, 2015

A. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chairperson Newcomer called the meeting to order. Members present at roll call were Alderpersons Newcomer and Thoman. Others present were Administrator Rath, Mayor Ross, other Alders, Engineering Supervisor Gerber, Police Chief Kelley, City Attorney Ewald, John Morton from The Monroe Times, and members of the public. Alder Beer and Alt. Alder Boyce were absent.

B. CORRECTION OF MINUTES

None

C. BUSINESS: OPEN

1. RECOMMEND TO CREATE A LISTING FOR THE SALE OF THE MUNICIPAL PARKING RAMP

Issues with the future repair and /or reconstruction of the municipal parking ramp remain unresolved. One option was to consider selling this site to a potential developer. The City has not received any specific offers; however, the site has not been advertised either. Mayor Ross has suggested the Committee consider the possibility of listing the property to see if there are any interested buyers /developers. Chairperson Newcomer gave the Mayor the floor.

Mayor Ross said that he requested this item be put on the agenda. There have been many discussions about the ramp being private or public property. The idea is to sell the ramp for a dollar. The City would raze the current structure, and maintain control over use, number of parking spaces, aesthetics, etc. He would like to start the discussion now and see if there would be any interest from the public. His recommendation is to take this item to the next Council meeting for discussion.

Alder Koch reminded everyone that the City had agreed to hold off on any action until they heard back from the citizen committees. Alder Bauman said that there has been no response from those committees. Administrator Rath commented that it may be in the City's best interest to sell the parking ramp and that the citizen groups were notified about the agenda. Questions and discussion ensued. Chris Soukup stated concerns about parking needs, construction timelines, and that the ramp would be hard to sell because of the historic district restrictions. Tom Kelly suggested getting proposals for repairing the current structure; he felt that a second opinion was needed. Engineering Supervisor Gerber responded by saying that RFPs had been sent out for repairs to the ramp.

Mayor Ross said that nothing is final; no decision will be made tonight. He would like to look at different incentives, saying that it has to benefit the whole community. He wants to have a full Council discussion in two weeks. Bob Duxstad said he could answer questions about BID ideas. He referred to parking studies from 2003 and 2008. Motion made by Chairperson Newcomer, and seconded by Alder Thoman to recommend to Council. Motion carried.

D. BUSINESS BY MEMBERS

None

E. ADJOURNMENT

Aldersperson Thoman moved to adjourn. Chairperson Newcomer seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Ellen K. Miller, Deputy Clerk