

# AGENDA

## 2024 CONTRACTOR/DEVELOPER/ENGINEERS MEETING

NOVEMBER 6, 2024

8:00 – 10:00 MEETING

- I. Review Minutes of Last Meeting – no comments/discussion
- II. Opening Remarks by Jim Wolfe, City Engineer  
Referendum looks like it may pass. These funds help support staff for capital projects.  
Starker, Lake Street Boat Ramp, and Yahara Pump Station are out for bid with more coming in late 2024. E. Main/Hancock, Pflaum and WISDOT John Nolen coming in 2025. Facilities work ongoing.  
Utility coordination has been a challenge this year. Looking into workflows to try to improve. Part of the issue has been utility staff turnover.
- III. Comments by Department of Civil Rights – Nothing new today.
- IV. Comments by Water Utility  
Looks like \$6M in water main replacements in 2025. 80% open trench and the rest CIPP.  
Unit Well 15 & 19 to finish next year. Planning for Unit Well 12 is underway, with likely bid in 2026.  
New water main interstate crossing SE near Ho Chunk facility. Midtown Road 1500 feet connecting pressure zones.  
Minor specification revisions expected for 2025.  
Working with the PSC (Public Service Commission) for a rate increase request and associated capital budget increase in 2026. If passed, it would double the current water main replacement program.
- V. Comments by Traffic Engineering  
Two updated Standard Detail Drawings for 2025 (638 & 639). Change is to achieve more conformance with State specification.
- VI. Comments by Parks Department  
Ann Freiwald has retired, and Parks is down 2 other positions.
- VII. Standard Specification Revisions – 2024:  
Reviewed the summary available on the Standard Specs web page.  
New item being added for wing wall railings is the option for surface mount posts.  
No discussion.
- VIII. ACC update –  
This year's priority was civil plans, payments, and change orders. Facility group was first to adopt ACC. Utilities are asking to be added for plans access. Punch list process has been started for a few contracts.  
Upcoming – contract finalization process. Links to ACC rather than pdf/paper.

- IX. Bid Express Fee: \$60/month or \$50/bid, effective April 1, 2025, for City of Madison per contract language. Other users going up 1/1/25.

**TO DO** - Request made for Bid Express to allow preview of documents uploaded prior to bid submission.

- X. Protection of City of Madison Fiber  
Please see separate link for Sarah Edgerton CIO and IT Director's presentation.  
During construction - locate markings, call if not visible, communicate with inspectors, and REPORT DAMAGE to conduits as soon as possible.  
Moving forward, the City is examining options for assessing liquidated damages for recovery of City costs to respond to & repair damaged fiber.
- XI. Engineering Construction Section Staff Update  
Lost a few inspectors in 2024. Interviews complete for one open spot. Still need to underfill the level 2s. Possible internal changes over winter? Bryan Manning left a few months ago and John Fahrney's last day is December 6<sup>th</sup>. John's position is currently advertised. Engineering will fill Bryan's spot once John's is filled.
- XII. Contractor/Developer/Engineer Comments
- Sam noted that his company is facing more challenges with change orders in particular. One is out of town architects/designers that won't agree to meet on site. Sam thinks they need to see the issue in person. In addition, while their software system syncs well with ACC most of the time, there are delays, particularly in waiting for response from City personnel. Responses seem to wait until individuals attend meetings.
  - John Sapp asked what items in particular – answer was RFIs and submittal responses with Parks, Water, and Facilities. RFIs noted as slowest response. John will share the issue with Bryan Cooper in Facilities ... Bottom line for GC – takes more administrative time to correct any issues. Note - The other two Agencies are not yet in ACC.
  - Pete added that their facility type contracts are often non-standard and will equal more change orders.

### 2025 Meeting Dates

February 5

November 5

Registration report attached.

Link to meeting recording and Fiber presentation on website:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/developers-contractors/forms-and-resources/semi-annual-contractors-meeting>

Registration Report

# Registered 46

Scheduled Time

11/6/2024 8:00

Topic

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