

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
December 2, 2019**

Chairman Tesoriero called the meeting to order at 6:49 p.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Common Council Chambers of City Hall.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilor Tesoriero, Councilor Corradino and Councilor McBrearty.

Councilor DeMassi was excused.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Councilor Hill; Councilor Wilmott; Councilor Gosek; William Barlow, Mayor; Kevin Caraccioli, City Attorney; Tom Kells, Commissioner of Public Works; Justin Rudgick; Director of Community & Economic Development.

**MEDIA PRESENT:** Steve Yablonski, Oswego Daily News; Justin Henry, Palladium Times.

A motion to approve the minutes of November 18, 2019 was made by Councilor Corradino and seconded by McBrearty; minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

**I. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Presentation by National Grid concerning the Pipeline 55 Relocation Project, Upgrading Natural Gas Infrastructure in the City of Oswego. Request will include consideration of waiver of the Noise Ordinance pursuant to the presentation by company representatives. Kevin Caraccioli said that this is a presentation by National Grid. He said this concerns the Pipeline 55 Relocation Project. He said this is a follow up to the presentation given a few months ago, since changes have now been made to the plan. Ben Weisel said that National Grid was here a few months ago and that there were concerns expressed by the Council about the noise levels for this project. He said that they took these concerns very seriously and that they have now come up with ideas that will reduce the noise. He said there are three solutions they came up with, the first being a reduction of construction impact on the residents of the City. He said they relocated the location of their construction. He said their initial location for drill entry was on the Westside of the Oswego River, which was very close to homes. He said they have now relocated the drilling entry to happen in a tree lined area off of the Oswego Country Club. He said on the Eastside, the exit for the

drilling will be relocated to the Eastside of Pontiac. He said they are also planning on reducing the number of generators that are going to be used. He said that they plan on doing this by using electricity from their existing electric services in the area. He said that this plan largely decreases the number of homes that would be affected by the noise in the area. He said that the other major change they are proposing is less overnight construction. He said that originally they had planned on working overnight a total of 66 days and now they are proposing 11 days of overnight construction. Councilor Tesoriero asked about the overall scheduling. Ben Weisel said that initial construction would begin in the spring of 2021 and end in the autumn of 2021. Councilor Corradino asked if the total duration of this whole project was 11 days. Ben Weisel said that no, the 11 days is only the overnight construction and that the total construction would take several months. Stan Falise said that the total amount of time this project would take is variable because of things that could come up during the duration of the project. Councilor Corradino asked if the Engineering Department will be given daily updates on their progress. Ben Weisel said that they would be more than happy to do that, as well as daily conference calls. Councilor Hill asked, since National Grid is in attendance, if the lighting issues downtown in front of small businesses could be looked into. A representative from National Grid said that yes they could do that. Robert Johnson said that he has no concerns with the Relocation since the problems that were stated during last presentation were now addressed. Kevin Caraccioli said that originally the presentation was tabled and the request this time is in regards to the noise ordinance.

**COMMITTEE DECISION:** Councilor Corradino made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council to approve the request to grant variance from the City's Noise Ordinance in regards to the Pipeline 55 Relocation Project. Councilor McBrearty seconded the motion, and was unanimously approved.

***THE RESOLUTION WILL BE PREPARED BY THE CITY ATTORNEYS OFFICE.***

**II. NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:10 p.m. by Councilor Corradino. A second was made by Councilor McBrearty, and was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brooke Fitzgerald  
Recording Secretary