

**Marengo City Council  
Special Meeting Minutes  
City Council Chambers  
132 E. Prairie Street  
Marengo, IL 60152  
June 20, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Donald B. Lockhart called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Robert Marks, a Navy Veteran, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present this evening are Mayor Donald B. Lockhart; Aldermen Matt Keenum, Michael Miller, Nicole DeBoer, Dennis Hammortree, Brett Martin, Todd Hall and Steve Mortensen. Also present are City Administrator Gary Boden, City Attorney Carlos Arevalo, Sergeant Richard Solarz, and City Engineer Tim Hartnett.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Several residents of Marengo and Riley addressed the Council with their thoughts and concerns about the proposed interchange. There was concern about the cost of the project, the land required to do the project, and the current tax burden on the residents.

**Discussion Regarding the Economic Impact Analysis of a Proposed Interchange at the I-90 / Jane Addams Tollway and Illinois State Route 23**

City Engineer Tim Hartnett led the discussion on the analysis that was put together by Pam Cumpata, President of McHenry County EDC. He showed the power point presentation that Ms. Cumpata had made to the County Board, and reviewed the sources used to compile the information, the 3 components of effect that should be seen, the projected impact figures, and the various target industry clusters that are possible. He reminded everyone that "This is a marathon, not a sprint". They met with representatives from Huntley, Genoa, DeKalb, Kingston, Sycamore, DeKalb County, McHenry County, Kane County and Northern Illinois University. He reviewed a document originally published in 2013, regarding Southern Sub-Area Plan information showing a probable development plan and the benefits that could be seen from this project, along with a land use breakdown. All of this information has been shared with the Toll-Way and with Mr. John Fortman, engineer for District 1,

**Discussion Regarding the Action Items for the June 27, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda Related to the Continuing Sponsorship of the Proposed Interchange at the I-90 / Jane Addams Tollway and Illinois State Route 23**

Jeff Pisha is the Senior Project Manager with HR Green. He handed out a brochure to the Council that is titled "I-90 at IL 23 Interchange Project Update" that explained what has occurred, and what is projected for the future. There is a MOU (memorandum of understanding) that has been completed, along with completed Intergovernmental Agreements between the City of Marengo and the County of McHenry. He clarified that the breakdown of who pays for what on a project with the Toll-Way. The toll-way always only pays 50% of projects that include work involving access ramps. If the bridge did not include on/off ramps, then the toll-way would pay the entire cost. The bridge is being converted to a 4-lane bridge no matter if the ramps are done or not.

The last item completed was the draft of an Interchange Feasibility Study. This has been submitted to all the entities involved in this project, and should have feedback shortly. There are 4 options being considered for the ramps: (1) diamond with stop signs, (2) diamond with combination of roundabout and stop signs, (3) Parclo (partial cloverleaf) with stop signs, and (4) Parclo with all roundabouts. The projected costs for each option are: (1) \$32,975,000, (2) \$32,305,000, (3) \$36,500,000 and (4) \$35,245,000. He reiterated the previous information that Tim has given, which was that the toll-way would cover half the cost of the project, and the other half would be covered by local entities. He clarified that local entities would include IDOT, who would traditionally cover half of the remaining cost. Other local entities would include the City of Marengo, McHenry County, and any other entities that agree to contribute towards this project.

The next steps are to finalize the Intergovernmental Agreement, which should occur by Mid July 2016, finalizing the MOU by Mid July 2016, and finalizing of the Feasibility Study by August of 2016. A rough time line to a "Notice to Proceed" is possibly August of 2017.

A question was asked about land acquisition costs, and Tim clarified that those costs are included in the totals that have been put together. Another question was "With the City of Marengo struggling financially, how is the City going to pay for this?" and Administrator Boden responded, "We're not. We're not going to pay for this project. We have made our commitments, and the local share portion that is left, will come from sources other than the City, which is typically the Counties – McHenry and DeKalb." There was a question about toll collection, and Jeff explained that there is no plan at this time to include a booth at that location.

Mayor Lockhart thanked the 3 County Board Members that attended this meeting, Mike Skala, Mary McCann and John Jung.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 ( c ) 1 – Personnel

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to go to Executive Session, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 ( c ) 1 – Personnel. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Keenum, Mortensen, DeBoer, Miller, Hall, Hammortree & Martin  
Nays: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: Smith  
The motion passed.

*The Council recessed at 8:35 PM.*

*The Council reconvened at 8:55 PM.*

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Miller, to adjourn. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.

  
Constance J. Boxleitner  
City Clerk

The City Council approved these minutes on July 11, 2016.