

MINUTES

Council Public Works & Utilities Committee

Monday, August 1st, 2016 – 5:30 PM
Administrative Conference Room at City Hall

Members Present: Mac Morrow, Chair, Council Member
Maurice Jones, Vice- Chair, Council Member
Jim Fatland, City Manager
Emory Owen, WWTP Director
Dennis Richardson, WTP Director
David Lutz, Public Works Director
Clay Sykes, Citizen Member

Staff Present: Kerry Lindsay, Secretary

Others: Ray McCall

1. Welcome & Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

2. Introductions were unnecessary

3. Certification Quorum

Quorum was certified.

4. Review of the Minutes

The minutes of 3/24/16 were approved unanimously and without correction.

5. Paving Review

D. Lutz explained that Public Works would like to use a connectivity method when paving. This would mean having a surveyor out every few years, ranking the roads and systematically repaving the entire length of the road rather than in segments. The Committee recommended that they proceed in this way and M. Jones asked that he be provided with the paving schedule with which to explain the process to citizens.

6. Hanging of Downtown Banners

D. Lutz explained to the Committee that the banner location at the top of Broad street is dangerous for workers. He cited a recent incident in which an employee was pulled into the road as a near miss and told the Committee that the Safety Committee had recommended discontinuing use of the location and refunding reservations for the spot for the rest of FY 16-17. The Committee agreed that this was a logical course of action given the high liability of continuing to utilize the spot.

7. WWTP Underground Basin Discussion

E. Owen discussed the possibility of an underground basin being constructed in front of the WWTP. He expressed concern that this would block traffic and that he would be unable to procure the chemicals required. D. Lutz assured him that this was only a possible site and that the contractor would be required to maintain one open lane at all times.

8. WTP Backwash Alternatives Discussion

D. Richardson reminded the Committee that they had authorized McGill to complete 2 out of 4 steps towards a backup for the backwash pump. He explained the process and R. McCall suggested they procure a more recent pricing to ensure that the cost has not risen from the projected 55,000. J. Fatland stated that it could probably be completed in FY16/17 if the cost stayed at 55,000. The Committee made a motion that he find the figures to begin the 3rd step and return with an updated quote for the work.

9. WTP Resource Institute Off Stream Storage

D. Richardson asked if he could arrange for a representative from the Resource Institute to discuss Off-Stream storage. The Committee said yes.

10. Affordability of Utility Bills

J. Fatland presented the topic by explaining that the increase in utilities billing has put stress on the agencies that aid people with their water bills (namely the Sharing House). He explained that the Sharing House, the Department of Social Services, and the Salvation Army are currently supporting this endeavor, but that the Sharing House is giving the most and increasingly more. He was approached by a representative seeking help in light of the raised bills. He recommended that we provide \$5000 and then work towards a permanent program to support this initiative. M. Jones suggested that we work an educational piece into the permanent program.

11. Schedule Next Meeting

The Committee will meet when the Resource Institute Representative can be present.

12. Adjourn

The Committee adjourned at 6:40 PM on Monday, August 1st, 2016.

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Mac Morrow
Chair, Council Member

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Jill Murray
Deputy City Clerk