

## MINUTES

### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 2, 2016

6:00 P.M.

The Sunset Hills Public Works Committee met on Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. in the Public Works Conference Room located at 3939 S. Lindbergh Blvd.

#### **Roll Call.**

**Present:** Tom Musich, Kurt Krueger, Rich Gau.

**Absent:** Thompson Price.

City Engineer / Director of Public Works - Bryson Baker

Assistant City Engineer – Wes Searcy

Bill Kopff – 9938 Hilltop

Frank Hardy – 421 Rayburn

Bob Flynn – 9383 Caddyshack

Don Hagen - 13020 Sunnydawn

Jeff Sanders – 6 Break Ct.

Mark Colombo – 9902 Grandview Forest Dr.

1. Approval of Minutes from April 7, 2016

**Motion:** Minutes,

**Action:** Approve,

**Moved by** Rich Gau,

**Seconded by** Kurt Krueger.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Citizen Comments (10 Minutes Set Aside For Comments)  
(Comments Only – No Questions – 2 Minutes Per Citizen)

Mr. Kopff said he was here to speak on the matter concerning Item 7

3. Forest Path – Sanitary Sewer Issues

Mr. Baker said he's been in contact with MSD and has not been getting much information from them. He commented that the matter is moving rather slowly and added that MSD still thinks the issue is a pump problem.

4. Application for Sunset Hills to Accept Private Street for Public Maintenance (Gary Player Drive, Caddyshack Circle, Pagada Parkway, Flagstick Court, Fringe Court, Collar Court, Break Court, Sunny Dawn Court, Kahlia Way, and Marchem Circle)

Mr. Baker said he is waiting on authorization for Attorney John King to be the representative for the Tapawingo trustee associations. He said we are starting to gather data in preparation for presentation to the Public Works Committee for consideration.

5. Solid Waste Ordinance 1764

Mr. Baker said this was on the agenda from a request a couple of months ago. He updated the committee on department follow-up on enforcement with regard to compliance with Ordinance 1764.

Chairman Musich said he received a couple of calls on the matter. He said that he explained trash service is like any other utility.

Alderman Gau said he also received a couple of calls on this matter. He said he felt that use of that of the Municipal Court was a waste. Mr. Baker explained that only after residents were non-responsive to notices to comply, are they then sent to Municipal Court, as like any other Ordinance violation.

Alderman Krueger asked if residents are being fined for leaving out trash cans for longer than 24 hours. Mr. Baker agreed that this could be a problem per ordinance, but the department lacks staff to monitor matters to that level.

Alderman Gau asked if residents are properly notified. Mr. Baker responded affirmatively and that is the case before any matter would be moved to Municipal Court.

Alderman Gau asked how many homes are being cited. Mr. Baker said the number varies almost daily, but we are down to about 40 homes City-wide.

6. City Hall – Automatic Locks/Other Lobby Enhancements

Mr. Baker said we are still unsure of the scope of what is needed for this topic. Alderman Gau suggested focusing on the lobby area. Mr. Baker explained this was what became problematic for the Public Works Office Improvement as was the original intent of this project.

Discussion included cost for just the design. Alderman Krueger suggested that design typically will run about 10% of the actually construction cost.

Mr. Baker suggested that design/build projects have not been approved in the State of Missouri for very long. He also said that we have not budgeted for this activity this year.

After discussion, the committee recommended focus developing this scope as a design/build project to include the lobby and the Robert C. Jones Chambers with the intent of developing a cohesive plan for the entire building and budget for this as design/build project for 2017.

7. Stop Sign Request – Hilltop and Leebur – Alderman Krueger

Mr. Baker explained the results of the traffic study in the area of Hilltop and Leebur. His conclusion was that while it may not be good engineering practice, the City can still place the additional signage here.

Chairman Musich asked for Mr. Kopff's input on this matter. Mr. Kopff complained about the speeding traffic in the area. He said that a couple of mail boxes and a tree have been destroyed from the speeds cars are traveling up and down Hilltop.

Mr. Baker pointed out that "MUTCD" criterion clearly states that stop signs are not to be used for speed control.

The committee recommended that a letter be written to the residents in close proximity to this intersection seeking their input as to the stop sign configuration they would prefer at the intersection of Hilltop at Leebur.

8. Request to Purchase City Property – 118 Monica

Mr. Baker explained this request. Chairman Musich asked for this to remain on the Committee Agenda so Mr. Baker could keep them apprised as things progress.

9. Flood Information – Update

Mr. Baker updated the committee on the status of department follow-up on this matter. He said that the first house will be remodeled and will stay.

Alderman Krueger asked how much Public Works is out from Flood follow-up so far. Mr. Baker responded the amount is somewhere between \$35-50K. He said that the Parks Department is north of \$100K.

10. Board of Alderman Work Session – Overview of Public Works Committee

Mr. Baker explained that Mayor Fribis asked for a self-assessment of committees of their scope and jurisdiction as compared to what is codified by code.

11. Project Updates:

- West Watson – Mr. Baker explained that we just received notice from MODOT to advertise today. He said this will be at their website for 21 days. Mr. Baker said that if all goes well, we hope to have this project on the streets for bid sometime in July and work complete by the end of the year.
- Eddie and Park Sidewalk – Mr. Baker explained that Mr. Searcy is working on this project and it started today. Chairman Musich asked about the extra dirt. Mr. Searcy responded that the dirt is being staged on site so that what can be used up is close by, otherwise it will be hauled away. Chairman Musich expressed concern over the fate of the trees on site. Mr. Searcy stated this was a concern before project start, but root mitigation was surprisingly minimal upon excavation today. Mr. Baker commented that our intent is to work around trees with projects to minimize their removal and only remove them at a later date if they suffer what later can be determined as fatal disturbance.
- East Watson Sidewalk – Mr. Baker said that we have preliminary plans. He said that Oates will start on final plans once he gives them the approval to do so. Mr. Baker stated that we are currently working out the details to save the trees close to S. Lindbergh. Chairman Musich asked about easement acquisition. Mr. Baker responded that is still ongoing and reported that property adjustments will be drawn up with the final plans. He commented that he hopes to have property matters done by the end of this summer.
- Lindbergh Sidewalk – Mr. Baker said that Oates is about to start on preliminary plans for submission to MODOT. He added that surveyors should be on site within a few days and there will also be some property acquisitions with this project.

12. Other Matters Deemed Appropriate

Mr. Baker reported that the Sewer lateral program letters have gone out. Chairman Musich said he received his letter. Mr. Baker went on to explain the Mr. Searcy wrote up an article for the Horizon newsletter and information was posted to the City website. Alderman Krueger asked when we could expect results of how many residents signed up for the program. Mr. Baker said he said something could be expected within a couple of month and added that he fielded a few questions about the program.

Alderman Krueger asked about the Fox Bridge sewer connection for the 25 Black Oak sanitary sewer extension project. Mr. Baker said he was included in some meetings relative to this project, but was not sure if this matter has been completely resolved. Mr. Krueger said they are still apparently working on this line from the top of the system, working their way down to the lift station.

Alderman Gau asked about the status of the study of the Geyer & Rott Rd. intersection. Mr. Baker responded that the TEAP grant was rejected, but that we could apply again next year. Mr. Baker said we could do that on our own, but the cost of that would likely be about \$10K.

Alderman Gau asked about the Rott Rd. headwall replacements. Mr. Baker responded that we are still moving forward with this project, but it is complicated with all the stake holders involved including St. Louis County, Fenton Fire, the utilities, etc. Chairman Musich pointed out that there is also a headwall like this on Eddie & Park that is all marked up. Mr. Baker said all 3 headwalls contemplated for replacement are surveyed. He explained some utility coordination with Ameren and St. Louis County (by the sculpture park) is required due to some sidewalks planned with some utility pole interference. Aldermen Gau asked about a bridge contemplated to cross over Rott from the office park to the sculpture park. Alderman Krueger responded that the red granite for that project cannot be found for donation. Mr. Baker said he hopes to have money budgeted for these headwall replacements next year. Alderman Krueger asked if the County could help us with the study at Geyer & Rott Rd. Mr. Baker responded that could be done, but it takes the TEAP study first.

**Motion:** Adjournment,

**Action:** Adjourn,

**Moved by** Rich Gau,

**Seconded by** Kurt Krueger.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:53PM.

Respectfully,



Bryson E. Baker, PE  
Director of Public Works / City Engineer