

MINUTES

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 1, 2020

4:00 P.M.

The Sunset Hills Public Works Committee held a meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 4:00 P.M. from various locations via Zoom.

Roll Call.

Present:

Nathan Lipe - Chairman, Alderman Ward III
Ann McMunn - Alderman Ward I
Casey Wong – Alderman Ward II
Thompson Price, Alderman Ward IV
Bryson Baker – City Engineer/Director of Public Works
Wes Searcy – Assistant City Engineer

Also present:

Mayor - Patricia Fribis
City Administrator - Brittany Gillett

Alderman Price advised he would need to leave the meeting early with another appointment he has scheduled, but that he would be here for as long as he possibly could.

1. Approval of Minutes from March 5, 2020.

The committee approved the Public Works Committee Minutes of March 5, 2020. The September 17, 2020 Minutes will be held over until the next Public Works Committee Meeting scheduled for November 5, 2020.

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

There were no citizen comments.

3. Public Works Capital Improvement Program Budget

Mr. Baker stated that from the last Finance Committee meeting on September 28th, department heads were tasked with cooperatively cutting \$800,000 from the overall budget to align with expected reduced revenues due to the pandemic. He said that the Public Works Department cut back on roadwork projects and the second phase of the campus paving project.

Chairman Lipe commented that we did perform some road work this year like the sidewalks on S. Lindbergh. Mr. Baker responded that we did complete that LPA project sponsored through MODOT and Mr. Searcy had a concrete slabs package out for bid that was retracted after pandemic shut down.

Alderman Wong asked if a truck could be cut out of the plan in that it appears we have a consecutive replacement schedule appearing for the next 5 years for the 2-ton truck fleet. Mr. Baker responded that with the corrosive environment we operate with salt distribution, that we try to see to the replacement of the 2-ton trucks on a 10 year life cycle and we are at 11 years with this plan for these vehicles.

After further discussion, the committee recommended Mr. Baker move forward working with the other department heads to come up with his part of the plan to achieve the \$800,000 reduced overall budget as planned.

4. Other matters deemed appropriate

Alderman Price asked the committee to revisit the topic of West Watson at Highway 30 intersection. He commented that the safety of this intersection needs ideas, input, and discussion for what can be done to improve it. Mr. Baker recapped committee discussion of the matter from last month. Alderman Price detailed his concerns of the area and the need to come to a consensus at the Board level on this matter. The committee agreed that this could be discussed at the next Board meeting. Alderman McMunn cautioned that the matter should appear as an agenda item because of past traffic concerns expressed by residents about this area.

Alderman Wong left the meeting at about 4:51pm. He emailed that he encountered internet access problems on his end.

Alderman Price indicated he needed to leave for his other meeting at 4:55pm.

5. Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn

Action: Adjourn at 4:59pm,

Moved by: Alderman McMunn,

Seconded by: Chairman Lipe.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully,



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