

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SUNSET HILLS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

JANUARY 6, 2022

The City of Sunset Hills Public Works Committee met Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 4:00 P.M. via Zoom.

Roll Call.

Present:

Cathy Friedmann - Chairman, Alderman Ward III

Casey Wong - Alderman Ward II

Fred Daues – Alderman Ward IV

Bryson Baker - City Engineer/Director of Public Works

Absent:

Joe Stewart - Alderman Ward I

Also Present:

Ann McMunn – Alderman Ward I

Brittany Gillett – City Administrator

1. Approval of Minutes from October 7, 2021

Alderman Daues made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Alderman Wong seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

2. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

3. Project Updates

- Council Chambers A/V

Aldermen Friedmann asked what the update entails and how it would differ from the way Zoom meetings are currently being done.

Mrs. Gillett stated the meetings will function similar to the way they were before with a hybrid option, but they will have a much better sound and picture quality. Certain speakers can be zoomed in on and switching from the podium to dais will be an option. The projector screens will be updated to actual screens and there will be individual screens in front of each Aldermen. There will be much better functionality and updated technology.

Aldermen Friedmann asked if this will be used by all of the committees.

Mrs. Gillett stated any committee that normally meets in the Chambers will use the equipment.

Mr. Baker stated instead of having separate controls for everything, all of the audio and visual functions will be automatic.

Mr. Daues asked what the residents can expect to notice from the upgrades.

Mrs. Gillett stated the live meetings could be streamed, which means there would be no external participation. As hybrid is still being used, Zoom will still be utilized and the Board members could choose which level of participation they would like to receive from residents.

Mr. Daues asked if residents will be able to public comment more readily than before.

Mrs. Gillett replied yes.

Mr. Daues asked what is being offered for services after the sale and installation.

Mrs. Gillett stated they are offering a 12 month warranty on the system after completion.

Mr. Daues asked if it is a local company.

Mrs. Gillett stated Conference Technologies, Incorporated (CTI) is local.

Mr. Daues asked if they could be called if there were issues after the 12 month warranty period.

Mrs. Gillett stated yes, and they have come highly recommended by other municipalities.

Mr. Daues asked if more committee meetings could be moved into the Chambers, so the residents could see them.

Mrs. Gillett replied yes.

Ms. Friedmann asked about the bid that came in with tax added onto it.

Mrs. Gillett stated the City is sales tax exempt. She will have an estimated date of installation before the Board meeting.

- West Watson Road Improvement Project

Mr. Baker stated Horner and Shifrin is still working on the preliminary plans and hope to get them to the City by the end of January. An agreement was signed with GBA for the phase two grant, which has been started.

- Salt Dome Retaining Wall

Mr. Baker stated he met with Mark Kamp, of Wachter Construction, who referred him to Retaining Wall Solutions. He will be meeting with them soon. Crawford Murphy and Tilley, Incorporated (CMT) is still working on a solution. The geotechnical engineer did some borings and determined that there was a drainage pipe that has either collapsed or washed out, so there is a void 10-12 foot below the top of the wall. The plan was to temporarily support the concrete ring of the dome, while the wall is being repaired. Now, it is evident that the dome will need to be permanently supported and the retaining wall will need to be rebuilt. When CMT's report is received, the City can start looking for contractors to do the project.

Ms. Friedmann asked how much the project will cost.

Mr. Baker stated \$100,000 was budgeted, but it depends on how much of the wall needs to be rebuilt. Mr. Kamp believes there were no drains originally put into the wall, which would create concern for the entire wall. This will be apparent during the construction phase.

Ms. Friedmann asked if the salt inside the dome is still being protected.

Mr. Baker stated yes, it has been shifted away from the west side and some has been moved to the ball fields.

Mr. Daues asked if there would come a point that the dome would need to be completely replaced.

Mr. Baker stated no, it would have to be much more severe. Mr. Kamp was not worried about the dome failing. If the wall fails, the dome should still be okay. There are no footings on the wall around the dome.

Mr. Daues asked how much it would cost to replace the dome with correct footings.

Mr. Baker stated less than \$250,000 for the dome. Rebuilding the wall and tearing the existing dome down would be approximately \$150,000-\$200,000.

- E/V Charging Stations

Mr. Baker stated the E/V consultants and Ameren came out and looked at the site. The bid was approximately \$25,000 for one charging station. The grant would bring the cost down by about half. One charging station will accommodate two vehicles and will allow for expansion to other areas of the parking lot, in the future.

Mr. Wong stated he hardly sees the E/V charging stations anymore.

Mr. Daues stated car sales for these types of vehicles are increasing and it is best to be proactive.

Mr. Wong stated the vehicle's capacity and efficiency is so high that the charging stations are not in as high demand as once expected.

Mr. Daues stated they can be charged in most garages, but people living in condominiums or apartments need them. The community center is a good starting point for this.

Mr. Baker stated it is an amenity to give to the residents.

Mr. Wong suggested doing a survey to find out how often they would be used. He does not feel that Sunset Hills has the demographic for them.

Mr. Daues stated it should be looked at when new asphalt is being put in.

#### 4. Other Matters Deemed Appropriate

Mr. Wong asked for an update on the Eddie and Park sidewalks.

Mr. Baker stated there is a contract with Oates Associates and it is on the agenda for the Board. They can get started on it right away and the cost is a little over \$40,000. The only issue may be near the Enterprise building and getting the sidewalks to connect to Lindbergh Boulevard. There will be utility and right of way costs associated with that.

Mr. Wong asked if he City will work with Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) on it.

Mr. Baker stated the sidewalk on Lindbergh Boulevard was done by the City and had to have MoDOT's approval. Oates Associates designed that one and they will design this sidewalk, as well. The City will have to work with MoDOT for that intersection.

Mr. Wong asked about the property owners along the north side of the road.

Mr. Baker stated there are only three. One is the City at Kitun Dog Park, one is Heimos Greenhouses, which one of the owners was in favor when last spoke with, and the last is the Enterprise Bank building, who has not been contacted yet. It will be a five foot sidewalk along the curb and the curb may be moved to narrow the road and accommodate the sidewalk. The fence will not need to be taken down. The large utility poles will be an issue, if they need to be moved.

Mr. Daues asked if there needed to be a vote for the A/V system.

Mr. Baker stated yes.

Mr. Daues made a motion to recommend CTI's contract for the A/V system to the Board of Aldermen for approval. With three aye votes and zero nay votes, the motion passed.

#### 5. Adjournment

Mr. Daues made a motion to adjourn the meeting. With three aye votes and zero nay votes, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully,

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Sarina Cape  
Planning and Zoning Assistant