

The City of Lee's Summit
Action Letter - Final
Public Works Committee

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

5:30 PM

City Council Chambers

City Hall

220 SE Green Street

Lee's Summit, MO 64063

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

The July 17, 2018 Public Works Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Faith, at 5:35 p.m. at City Hall, 220 SE Green St., in the City Council Chambers. Notice had been provided by posting the meeting notice with a tentative agenda, at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting, at both entrances to City Hall.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Councilmember Rob Binney
Chairperson Craig Faith
Councilmember Diane Forte

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Fred DeMoro

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Binney, seconded by Chairperson Faith, to approve the agenda as posted. The motion carried by a unanimous 3-0 vote.

Approval of Action Letter

1. [2018-2163](#) Approval of the June 19, 2018 Action Letter

A motion was made by Councilmember Forte, seconded by Councilmember Binney, to approve the Public Works Committee Action Letter dated June 19, 2018. The motion carried by a unanimous 3-0 vote.

Public Comments

None

Business

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2. [BILL NO. 18-110](#) An ordinance authorizing the execution of an agreement by and between the City of Lee's Summit and the Pinetree Village Homeowners Association which serves as the controlling association of properties within the Pinetree Village Subdivision for funding of the Pinetree Stormwater Improvement Project. (PWC 7-17-18)

Presenter: Dena E. Mezger, P.E., Director of Public Works

A motion was made by Councilmember Binney, seconded by Councilmember Forte, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous 3-0 vote.

3. [BILL NO. 18-111](#) An ordinance approving the award of Bid No. 324-18/19 (crack seal) for the Crack Seal 18/19 Program to Scodeller Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$131,950.00. (PWC 7-17-18)

Presenter: Dena E. Mezger, P.E., Director of Public Works

A motion was made by Councilmember Binney, seconded by Councilmember Forte, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous 3-0 vote.

4. [BILL NO. 18-112](#) An ordinance approving the award of Bid No. 324-18/19 (curb) for the Curb Repair 18/19 program to Phoenix Concrete & Underground, L.L.C. in the amount of \$1,529,802.48. (PWC 7-17-18)

Presenter: Dena E. Mezger, P.E., Director of Public Works

A motion was made by Councilmember Forte, seconded by Councilmember Binney, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous 3-0 vote.

5. [BILL NO. 18-113](#) An ordinance authorizing the execution of an agreement by and between the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, and HDR Engineering Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$151,330 for engineering services related to sanitary sewer modeling, hydraulic capacity and design services (RFQ NO. 2018-064). (PWC 7-17-18)

Presenter: Jeff Thorn, Assistant Director of Engineering Services, LS Water Utilities

A motion was made by Councilmember Binney, seconded by Councilmember Forte, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous 3-0 vote.

Roundtable

Councilmember Binney inquired about the Jefferson Street Project and when it is going out to bid. Public Works Director Dena Mezger stated that advertising will happen Thursday and bids will be back in approximately three weeks for fall construction. He also discussed the transfer station. He stated Bob Hartnett, Deputy Director of Public Works, had mentioned that the initial plans are at 30%, and that the design would go back to zero and have to start over. Mr. Hartnett stated that the concept of moving it was between Summit Waste Systems and the engineering firm. The site plan and building is changing with different features. It may not be going back to zero but much shorter than 30% plans. The agreement was for a 500 tons per day transfer station.

Chairman Faith received concerns regarding the Murray Road crosswalks from John Knox Village. Employees who park across the street use these crosswalks and drivers become frustrated and angry towards people crossing. He asked if a change of signage could make a difference. Ms. Mezger stated the city is cautious about making changes because it creates liability when signage isn't consistent. Faith commented that crosswalks give a false sense of safety. If signs increase the safety levels, then they would like to see that on other locations as well. Ms. Mezger stated it might change behavior for a few weeks, but if they're ignoring a clearly marked crosswalk now and more signage is added, they will start ignoring that also. They are marked exactly like they're supposed to be marked, in accordance with the MUTCD. Just putting up signs does not change driver behavior. In theory, when receiving a driver's license, drivers are trained what to do at crosswalks but they choose to ignore it because of inconvenience. Businesses are not allowed to put up private signage in the right of way. There are two midblock crosswalks and they are a hazard because people don't really look for them being there. One was put in by John Knox Village; the street was overlaid it and it reappeared. Councilmember Forte mentioned she travels Murray frequently and she didn't think the crosswalk is in a very good place. Ms. Mezger said just putting up signs won't make much of a difference.

Chairman Faith brought up Fire Station 3, and Ms. Mezger stated it will be advertised Thursday for bid. He also mentioned MoDOT vs. City maintenance areas and at what point to draw the line. He also asked about response time from MoDOT. Ms. Mezger stated we keep a tight line that if it's MoDOT right of way, the City doesn't work in it due to liability. The City doesn't assign crews on a regular basis for litter control. Where you start and stop becomes a problem. Chairman Faith asked if MoDOT was pretty receptive to our requests, our calls, etc. Ms. Mezger said that it depends on what it is. With litter they don't take care of it. They mow three times a year. With their downsizing a few years ago they are very structured and it's a matter of resources for them. In the future hopefully they can free up resources for those kinds of things.

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They have been pretty reasonable about pavement repair such as Oldham by the entrance to Summit Shopping Center. But a lot of ROW maintenance and trash they just do not have the resources.

Chairman Faith also mentioned he has been asked about walls along highways like the ones in Overland Park. Ms. Mezger said it's a federal requirement based on noise attenuation. You have to go through a whole noise study and some walls down 150 are a result of that. They can't just arbitrarily be put in. Areas have to meet the criteria for the noise studies, and only around residential properties.

Chairman Faith saw a water crew at McClendon and First streets. With all of the water and mud in the roadway they did a very strategic job of cleaning that up and making sure that the residents lawns were not affected. They were doing a meticulous job to make sure it was cleaned up. He has been quite impressed with the Water Department over the last month.

Ms. Mezger announced that August 26-30 the American Public Works Association's National Convention will be in Kansas City at Bartle Hall. Elected officials can receive free passes to go through the exhibit floor. Exhibits are open the Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday of the conference.

Adjournment

The July 17, 2018 Public Works Committee meeting was adjourned by Chairman Faith at 6:20 p.m. at City Hall, 220 SE Green Street, at City Council Chambers.

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