

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

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

5:30 PM

City Council Chambers

City Hall

220 SE Green Street

Lee's Summit, MO 64063

- A. Invocation
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Call to Order

The July 30, 2019 Public Works Committee meeting was called to order by Councilmember Binney, at 5:34 p.m. at City Hall, 220 SE Green Street, 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.

Present: 3 - Vice Chair Rob Binney
Councilmember Fred DeMoro
Councilmember Phyllis Edson

Absent: 1 - Chairperson Craig Faith

- D. Roll Call
 - 1. Approval of Agenda
 - 2. Approval of Action Letter

- A. [2019-2934](#) Approval of the June 25, 2019 Action Letter.

A motion was made by Councilmember Edson, seconded by Councilmember DeMoro, to approve the Public Works Committee Action Letter dated June 25, 2019. The motion carried by a unanimous 3-0 vote.

- 3. Public Comments

Mark Hugunin and Nick Alan attended to represent a small subdivision in Jackson County served by Lees Summit Water. All nine homes have Lee's Summit water but do not have a fire hydrant in the neighborhood. Current improvements are being made to Harris Rd and Haines Rd water main upgrading to a 12" and wondered if they can install a hydrant as well. They have been in contact with Jeff Thorn from Lee's Summit Water Utilities and Fire Chief Bill Large of Lake Lotawana. They are asking for the Committee's

consideration in this matter. Councilmember Binney commented that they will reach out to the Water Department to get some direction.

4. Business

- A. [BILL NO. 19-178](#) An Ordinance approving the award of bid no. 70234572-C for the Ralph Powell Streetlight Improvements to Capital Electric Line Builders Inc. in the amount of \$462,419.58, and authorizing the City manager to enter into an agreement for the same. (PWC 7/30/19)

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

- B. [BILL NO. 19-177](#) An Ordinance authorizing the execution of an agreement by and between the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, and Burns and McDonnell, in an amount not to exceed \$197,800.00 for Professional Engineering Services for Stormwater Improvements - 5 locations (RFQ No. 543-32272), and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for the same. (PWC 7/30/19)

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

- C. [BILL NO. 19-173](#) An Ordinance authorizing the execution of the first amendment to Cooperative Agreement for payment of funds from Jackson County, Missouri to City of Lee's Summit, Missouri for the design of a new pedestrian bridge to accommodate the shared use pathway over Chipman Road. (PWC 7/30/19)

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

- D. [BILL NO. 19-174](#) An Ordinance authorizing the execution of Modification No. 2 to the agreement dated July 3, 2018 (RFQ No. 73-3221) for professional engineering services for the Chipman Road Improvements from View High Drive to Bent Tree Drive with Wilson & Company, Inc., for an increase of \$15,000.00 with an amended not to exceed amount of \$406,340.00, and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for the same. (PWC 7/30/19)

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

- E. [BILL NO. 19-175](#) An Ordinance approving Change Order #3 to the contract with Emery Sapp & Sons for the Ward Road (County Line to Gore) improvement project, an increase of \$158,670.39 for a revised contract price of \$4,113,839.89. (PWC 7/30/19)

A motion was made by Councilmember Edson, seconded by Councilmember DeMoro, that this

Ordinance be recommended for approval to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous 3-0 vote.

- F. [BILL NO. 19-176](#) An Ordinance approving Change Order #2 to the contract with Capital Electric Line Builders for the Woods Chapel Road & Channel Drive Signal project, an increase of \$15,558.76 for a revised contract price of \$261,870.14. (PWC 7/30/19)

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

5. Items for Discussion

- A. [2019-2915](#) Discussion - Ward and Persels Intersection

Michael Park, City Traffic Engineer, presented on the intersection of Ward Rd and Persels. Staff and Council have received concerns about the intersection and the need for improvements. About ten years ago there was a CIP project to add turn lanes, and permanent traffic signal, but that did not address the root of the issue, the close off-set T intersection configuration. The project was tabled because they could not build it the way they needed to do so. The project barrier was the UPRR Rock Island Corridor. Rather than spending money to partially address the issue they decided to wait, reinvest, and reprioritize money in other capital improvements. Woodland Glen Subdivision recently brought this intersection again to Council's attention and asked Council for staff to review with the Committee. Mr. Park submitted an illustration of what the project could look like, what conditions have changed, public concerns, intersection issues, and funding needed to complete the project. He suggested presenting it to the Exise Tax Committee as a possible project using the Excise Tax as a source of funds.

Councilmember DeMoro asked how this work affects the Rock Island Trail and how to connect the east and west side. Mr. Park pointed out the new crossings would be on the lower volume side of Persels and then the south side of Ward Rd. Councilmember Binney stressed that roadway safety is the number one concern and asked about traffic counts. Mr. Park said they have seen the crash rate increase. In 2014-2018 there were 5-6 crashes annually on average and in 2018 there were 14. So far this year we're on pace for 10-12. Mr. Park said that if averaged 14-15 per year it will likely be among the top 10 City crash intersections. Councilmember Binney suggested that in terms of funding, excess from the 2007 bond issue is a possible source too.

Discussion ensued about the viability of the project before finding funds and programming it into the CIP. Jackson County will not likely partner financially to get this project done. Dena Mezger, Director of Public Works, advised talking with Jackson County, to ensure the rail corridor can be disrupted with a new at grade crossing. The Corridor is still a railway but now under Jackson County

Rail Authority instead of UPRR. We want to make very sure that we do not pursue the project, get it designed, and then find a similar technicality that prevents the improvements as was the case ten years ago. Ms. Mezger also added that there is a way to apply to have the rail part reduced and do a rails to recreation but there is no guarantee. It is a process and has to go through Surface Transportation Board. There is a way to do that but not sure what's involved.

6. Roundtable

Councilmember Binney asked about Ward Rd between Blue Parkway and Lincolnwood. With Lees Summit School District changing their bussing policy to half mile completion of this project is important. It will include sidewalks for pedestrian traffic. Michael Park, City Traffic Engineer, noted it is in the current five year CIP plan with construction scheduled around 2023; with design beginning 2020. Councilmember Binney brought up the two City monuments and the beautification plan to try and make them a little more pleasant. Going forward he suggested the need to take a look at not only the maintenance but the beautification of these sites, the 50 highway corridor, and areas throughout the City to help the public to see the beauty in our community.

In response, Dena Mezger, Director of Public Works, brought up the recent IGNITE strategic plan and the discussions that occurred about appearance and aesthetics. The summer has been rough on medians and our roads and there have been issues with getting contractors and staff to keep them maintained. There are ways to work with MoDOT to make beautification agreements. The City does not have enough resources currently to put towards aesthetics. Beautification is a challenge. They have talked internally about not being satisfied with how our areas look but have not yet come up with a solution to tackle it and where it falls in all of the priorities of work that needs to be done.

7. Adjournment

The July 30, 2019, Public Works Committee meeting was adjourned by Councilmember Binney at 6:33 p.m. at City Hall, 220 SE Green Street, City Council Chambers.

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