The City of Lee's Summit

Action Letter - Final

Public Works Committee

Monday, February 3, 2020
5:30 PM
City Council Chambers
City Hall
220 SE Green Street
Lee's Summit, MO 64063

Call to Order

The Feb. 3, 2020, Public Works Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Faith, at 5:37 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: 4 - Chairperson Craig Faith
Vice Chair Rob Binney
Councilmember Fred DeMoro
Councilmember Phyllis Edson

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Vice Chair Binney, seconded by Councilmember Edson, to approve the agenda as published. The motion carried by a unanimous 4-0 vote.

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

Business

A. 2020-3254 Approval of the January 6, 2020 Action Letter.

A motion was made by Councilmember Edson, seconded by Councilmember DeMoro, to approve the Public Works Committee Action Letter dated January 6, 2020. The motion carried by a unanimous 4-0 vote.

B. BILL NO. 20-27 An Ordinance authorizing the execution of an agreement by and between the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, and the Park Ridge Community Improvement District for additional street lights within the Trails of Park Ridge - 4th Plat, and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for the same. (PWC 2/03/20)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Binney, seconded by Councilmember Edson, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous 4-0 vote.

C. BILL NO. 20-28 An Ordinance authorizing the execution of an agreement by and between the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, and Walter P. Moore and Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $171,000.00 for Professional Engineering Services for Main Street Improvements from Chipman Road to Commerce Drive, and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for the same. (PWC 2/03/20)

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 4-0 vote.

D. BILL NO. 20-29 An Ordinance awarding Bid No. 57831683-C, for the Cathodic Protection Program FY20 to Kantex Industries, Inc., in the amount of $278,836.00 and authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement for the same. (PWC 2/03/20)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Binney, seconded by Councilmember Edson, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous 4-0 vote.

E. BILL NO. 20-30 An Ordinance approving Change Order No. 5 to the contract with Phillips Hardy, Inc. for the Landfill Closure Construction project, an increase of $143,000.00 and 31 calendar days to reach substantial completion for a revised contract price of $3,788,417.83. (PWC 2/03/20)

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 4-0 vote.

F. BILL NO. 20-31 An Ordinance approving Change Order No. 3 to the contract with Westland Construction, Inc. for the FY19 watermain replacement project, an increase of $19,601.68 for a revised contract price of $1,318,958.23 and an increase of 73 calendar days to reach substantial and final completion. (PWC 2/03/20)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Binney, seconded by Councilmember Edson, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous 4-0 vote.

G. 2020-3279 Stormwater Funding

Dena Mezger, Director of Public Works, presented information which had been requested at the Jan. 6 meeting about how much is spent on stormwater. Public Works Engineering just began tracking the amount spent for the last couple of years with Operations tracking for the last 6 or 7 years. It lands somewhere between $600-$650K for stormwater, which is basically labor, materials, regulatory compliance, permits, and flood plain management. The level of service is reactive maintenance funded by the general fund, providing minimum compliance for regulation levels. The funding needed to create a whole program is $1.6M, with more being added to do capital projects. In the current situation, Operations has about 8 different programs they run and prioritize them by the need. Last year more money was spent on potholes than

anything else, where as in other years more had been spent on stormwater. In the fall of last year, Council approved $600K worth of stormwater repairs due to the lack of resources. As far as finding money to push the study along, it's not in the general fund budget. What is funded today is just a basic level of stormwater service overall, and the budget for the desired level of service is way short. Current consideration is being given to putting the study in a future budget as an expansion item.

Councilmember Faith asked if the study was a one time fee or if a future study would be needed as well. Ms. Mezger assured him that no additional study would be necessary. It would set the whole framwork for the utility and then it would be proactively maintained on an incremental basis each year as growth occurs. The utility would be it's own fundraising mechanism. There was then discussion about priority based budgeting and how to get new programs like the stormwater study included.

Councilmember Edson summarized the situation by saying that for $400K we can do the study, develop a plan, and put a funding mechanism in front of the voters. The issue is how to find the $400K to fund the study. Ms. Mezger stated that the best option is to submit it as an expansion item in the budget. Councilmember Faith requested that for the next meeting the City staff bring information once again that explains funding ideas and how to add the study into the expansion process. Councilmember Edson also mentioned that it would be useful information to give it to Finance and Budget Committee as well.

This Discussion Item was read into the record.

Roundtable

Councilmember Binney asked about getting an end of construction season report. Dena Mezger, Director of Public Works, said that it will be presented next month. He also asked for an update on a discussion at Council about Finance and Budget Committee (FBC) taking items from the Public Works agenda because they have authority or autonomy. Steve Arbo, City Manager, addressed the Committee stating that with Ordinances that establish the rules for the committees and the scope assigned to each committee, from his perspective, there is really not the clarity that needs to be there regarding financial matters. He said that from his perspective it is not efficient to have Committees if you are going to take one item of interest to a Committee and then take that same item through a second Committee. By default 6-8 Councilmembers then would see that item and then it would go to a City Council meeting after that. The Chair of the FBC has made Administration aware that the way he interprets the scope of responsibility of the FBC is that all financial matters should be given consideration by that Committee. The Committee Chair has challenged our current processes and has made it known

that he thinks there needs to be better clarity on what matters are assigned to FBC or otherwise. He has been allowing matters he thought were fine to go through other committees for consideration, for example construction projects and engineering proposals. Mr. Arbo does agree with the perspective that there needs to be better clarification of what financial matters are presented to FBC. They will begin having conversations about better defining when financial decisions go to FBC or are left to the purview of the subject matter Committee that is considering that matter. Having a better sense of clarity that the Council as a whole has determined on how these things get divided and assigned will be helpful for the staff.

Councilmember Binney inquired about work going on at Enterprise Car Rental on Blue Parkway, and that the Martin Lutheran Church has reached out about the roadway there. Ms. Mezger said that the work at Enterprise is development related. They bought the used car lot next door to use it to expand their territory on that side of the road. The Martin Lutheran Church has a long history of asking the City to mow the ditch along Blue Parkway. They asked to have the ditch paved or mowed for them and have been informed that is not something the City can maintain. The property owner has the responsibility to mow anything not zoned agricultural.

With regards to the Enterprise Rental Car project, Councilmember Binney wondered if this is an opportunity where we could be improving the safety of Ward and Chipman without going on to the CIP project. Michael Park, City Traffic Engineer, addressed the Committee saying that the scope is to tear down and replace a car washing facility for the rentals. The Development approval process does not afford the opportunity to make improvements since it is not going through public hearings. The City took action to try to make things better. They are closing driveways, curbing and adding sidewalk along that piece of Blue Parkway. Ward Rd improvements remain in the current prioritization that is in the CIP.

Councilmember Faith took the opportunity to thank Mr. Arbo for being so available on Sunday during the power outage. He took personal time to make sure the City was as well taken care of as possible and thanked him for his service and involvement. He also gave appreciation to the snow crews and their quick response.

Adjournment

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