

Meeting Minutes
Department of Public Works Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 31, 2023, 8:30 A.M.

Mr. Ratterman called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. Ms. Lamitola introduced and welcomed new member, Kathleen Riordan to the Committee.

The following members were present:

Mark Ratterman, Tim Kaufmann, Kathleen Riordan, Randy Parham, Clint Williams and Brent Suffian

Also present:

Mayor Spewak; Patrick Hensley, Councilman; Anne Lamitola, Director of Public Works; and Lori Mullins, Deputy City Clerk

Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted unanimously upon motion by Mr. Williams and second by Mr. Suffian.

Approval of meeting minutes

The minutes of the April 5, 2023 meeting were approved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Parham and second by Mr. Kaufmann.

Public Forum

No members of the public were present

Update of Current Public Works Projects, Initiatives

Stormwater Projects

Ms. Lamitola gave a brief overview on the following:

Deerfield/Wakefield stormwater Project

The City has been working on obtaining the required easements for the project for two years.

There are still four residential easement holdouts, six permanent easements needed for work on subdivision property from six property owners on subdivisions Daniel and Deerfield Terrace, and temporary construction easements for proposed work taking place on Ellsworth and Deerfield. Many on-site neighborhood meetings, and public meetings have been held. The deadline for acquiring easements has been extended several times. The Storm Water Advisory Committee referred the project to City Council to evaluate legal options for moving forward. SWAC Chairman Lloyd Palans updated City Council by at the May meeting. City Council will discuss options again at the June 20th City Council meeting. The project will likely be placed on inactive status at the SWAC meeting scheduled for July 13, 2023.

Roadway/Sidewalk/Traffic projects

The City continues with the implementation phase of the ADA transition plan which focuses on sidewalk and facility modification to work toward ADA compliance. The next project that will be constructed will be sidewalk replacement on Clayton Road between McKnight and Lay Road.

Dielman Road design is nearing completion with the final Plans, Specifications, and Cost Estimate to be submitted to MoDOT for final approval in late June 2023. Construction is scheduled for Calendar Year 2024.

Parks/Open Space Projects

MSD continues the Deer Creek Sanitary Sewer project on the City's Deer Creek Preserve site with an anticipated July completion. The City's contractor will begin work in July with a completion date scheduled for December 2023.

Citywide Walk Plan Update and TAP application for South 40 Drive Shared Path Improvements

The draft Walk Plan was approved by the City Council. Federal Funding must be obtained, and the City must secure funds for the Local Share for any such project, as funding is not available for implementation at this time.

The City is applying for TAP funding for the South 40 Drive Shared-Use Path project which is one of the top two priorities identified in the adopted Walk Plan. The City is working with Horner & Shifrin on the funding application which is due in July. A MoDOT letter of support is required for the project.

Discussion ensued regarding South 40 at Clayton Road and the underpass area. Mr. Ratterman inquired about adding a right turn lane on South 40 Drive at Clayton Road. Ms. Lamitola stated that she has spoken with MoDOT about this who has not had any requests for this modification and has not identified it as a priority. Ms. Lamitola advised members to utilize the 'Report a Concern' tab on MoDOT's website to make this request.

Members discussed how the underpass is unattractive and continues to be utilized by various utility companies for staging. Ms. Lamitola stated she would get an update from Beautify Ladue regarding potential beautification concepts that were discussed prior to COVID-19.

Other Matters Deemed Appropriate

Ms. Lamitola reported that long time Public Works employee, Mr. Larry Johnson will be retiring in the end of June.

The next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for August 2nd at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned unanimously upon motion by Mr. Kaufmann and second by Mr. Williams at 9:25 a.m.

Sincerely,

Mark Ratterman