

Meeting Minutes
Department of Public Works Committee Meeting
December 2, 2015
8:30 am

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am.

The following members were present

Mark Ratterman, Bob Watt, Ed Boyce, Tim Kaufman and Clint Williams.

Not present

Randy Parham

Also present

Mayor Nancy Spewak, Councilman Patrick Hensley, and Anne Lamitola, Director of Public Works.

Adoption of the Agenda

Mark Ratterman asked for a motion to approve and adopt the agenda; Bob Watt made a motion, Ed Boyce seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Approval of October 7, 2015 minutes

Chairman Ratterman asked for a motion to approve the October 7, 2015 meeting minutes; Bob Watt seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Public Forum

In recognition of Anne Lamitola, the Director of Public Works, Mark Ratterman announced her receiving a prestigious Award of "Professional Engineer of the Year". The Professional Engineer of the Year Award seeks to inspire excellence and dedication in the private and public sectors by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of engineering and technology professionals. The primary focus of this award is recognition of exceptional leadership and management in the Public Works Profession. Mark Ratterman made a motion to declare this Award in the meeting minutes, Bob Watts seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Project Updates

Ms. Lamitola provided an update regarding the various public works projects:

Price Road improvements: sidewalk and pavement rehabilitation from Delmar to Clayton (80% Federal, 20% City for Design, ROW, and Construction) –Gershenson Construction has begun the construction phase for the Price Road improvements after publicly bidding the project. Work began on the project on Monday October 5, 2015.

The contractor has milled the asphalt surface off the sidewalk and will be able to utilize the pavement below as a subgrade for the new concrete sidewalks. Concrete curb will be installed along the entire western edge of pavement. The asphalt roadway pavement will be milled and overlaid in Spring 2016. The contract completion date is June 2016. There will however be lane closures and a temporary traffic signal will be installed on Price Road to safely direct traffic through the workzones. The signal will allow for traffic to be reduced to one lane. First, the temporary traffic signal will be located near Westerly, north of Ladue Road. On approximately December 28, 2015, the temporary traffic signal will be moved to Price Road near Sunningdale Drive, which is south of Ladue Road. The temporary traffic signals will remain in place at that location for three weeks while storm sewers and retaining wall construction occur.

Citywide Beautification Framework Plan

- Bids for the stepping stone installation were obtained and the stepping-stones are in the process of being installed by Furfaro Landscaping.
- City Council approved the concept designs and cost estimates for Clayton/Warson Open Space Design and Path Connections. The City has obtained written approval from MoDOT for aspects of the project that are within their right-of-way. Funding sources are being identified and the City will apply for funding as opportunities arise.

There was discussion on sidewalk installation on the north side of Ladue Road from Price to Warson, that were included in the multi-year funding will be applied for in 2016.

Stormwater Needs Assessment (Stormwater Fund)

HR Green has completed the storm water needs assessment and has walked all of the creek channels in Ladue. They developed a project website: <http://www.hlplanning.com/portals/ladue> where residents were able to learn more about

the project and created data points for problem locations. This information is linked from the Public Works Departmental page on the City's website: <http://www.cityofladue-mo.gov/>. HR Green has mapped existing complaint data on file with MSD and the City. They have developed a basic hydraulic model of the entire City, which has illustrated

problem locations that have not been included on complaints from residents. Three Public Meetings were held in May and June with over 100 residents attending these meetings. HR Green developed a tri-fold mailer that has been distributed to all households within Ladue that explain the program, provide meeting dates, and the link to the project website. HR Green has field verified complaint data and compiled all input and existing information into a final report that they presented to City Council on November 16, 2015.

The City will contract with HR Green and the next phase of the project will be the Storm Water Master Plan, which will be developed in 2016. A citizen storm water committee, appointed by the Mayor will help develop funding criteria and eligibility will likely begin in early 2016 prior to contracting for the Master Plan. Bob Watt asked if there would be a tax increase for Public Funds. Ms. Lamitola stated the City is currently receiving half a cent, which is the highest sales tax for Stormwater Funding. She also stated that there are over 1000 problem points in the City and that they will have to be evaluated and prioritized for the Master Plan.

On other projects, Ms. Lamitola confirmed that St. Louis County would no longer be performing street striping or traffic signal maintenance for municipalities as of December 31, 2015. The City will contract with CBB to do the traffic signal timing and engineering, and they will sub-contract out to Gerstner to do the repairs and maintenance, currently the City owns seven traffic signals. Lastly, a bid has gone out to replace the HVAC at the Public Works Building.

Lay Road Improvements (80% Federal Funding, 20% City of Ladue Funding)

The City of Ladue was successful in obtaining federal funds for the Lay Road Improvements project which will consist of the installation of sidewalk on the west side of the road, storm sewer improvements, and pavement rehabilitation. The funding for the design phase is available 10/1/15. The request for qualifications for engineering consulting services was issued and twenty submittals were obtained on September 29,

2015. The City interviewed the three most qualified firms on Monday October 26, 2015 and discussions were held after narrowing it down to the final firms, OATS and CMT. The City has worked with CMT previously and Laurel Harrington is on their team as the Director of Landscape Architecture. She is also with Christner Inc., the consultant for the

Beautification Plan in Ladue. Mark Ratterman made a motion to move forward with the Engineering Firm CMT, Bob Watts seconded the motion. All present were in favor. The engineering consultant will be presented to City Council for approval at the December 21, 2015 meeting.

The next Public Works Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 8:30 a.m., at City Hall. The future 2016 Public Works meetings are April 6, June 1, August 3, October 5, and December 7.

Chairman Ratterman moved to adjourn the meeting and Clint Williams seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.

Sincerely,



Mark Ratterman, Chairman
Department of Public Works Committee