

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 am.

The following members were present

Mark Ratterman, Ed Boyce, Randy Parham, Bob Watt and Tim Kaufmann

Not present

Clint Williams

Also present

Anne Lamitola, Director of Public Works

Adoption of the Agenda

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

Approval of October 4, 2016 minutes

Mark Ratterman asked for a motion to approve the October 4, 2016 meeting minutes; Ed Boyce made a motion, Randy Parham seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Public Forum

None

Project Updates

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

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

The Lay Road Improvements project will consist of the installation of sidewalk on the west side of the road, storm sewer improvements, and pavement rehabilitation. Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly (CMT) is the design consultant for the project and is continuing to work on the design. The preliminary engineering plans have been prepared and approved by MoDOT. A Public Open House took place on August 11, 2016 where the preliminary design was presented to the Public. The open house was well attended from residents along the corridor.

The right-of-way plans have been prepared and submitted to MoDOT for review. MoDOT has verbally approved the plans and the City has issued the Request for Proposal for ROW services. It is anticipated that City Council will approve a contract with the

successful firm at the January City Council meeting. Easement acquisitions are scheduled to take place in 2017 and construction in 2018.

Ms. Lamitola stated that the acquisition process will include donation request letters, followed by offer letters to the 18 property owners that are impacted. Easement are needed for the project, but no permanent right-of-way is required.

Stormwater Needs Program (Stormwater Fund)

HR Green completed the citywide storm water needs assessment in 2015 and the executive summary is available on the Public Works Departmental page on the City's website: <http://www.cityofladue-mo.gov>. At the February 2016 City Council meeting, members were appointed to the Ladue storm water committee. The Storm Water Committee met monthly from April - September and developed a storm water ordinance which was adopted by City Council at the August 2016 meeting. At the September City Council meeting, the contract with HR Green was approved for the development of the Storm Water Master Plan which along with the five-year implementation plan, will be completed by mid-2017. HR Green has begun their field verification work and is in the process of developing concept solutions. The draft of the Storm Water Master Plan will be presented to the Storm Water Committee in April 2017. The committee has continued to meet as needed to receive updates on the Master planning process.

Mr. Watt stated that residents of Daniel Road, Deerfield Terrance and Deerfield Road have expressed concerns regarding some major storm water problems and it will be a major expense to address these issues. Approximately 20 homes are affected by flooding issues in this neighborhood. Ms. Lamitola stated that through research, they have learned that stormwater problems have been present since the 1930's and there is a two-part approach that is under consideration. One is addressing these problems with projects and the second is to adopt ordinances regulating building development. It has been discussed whether to develop regulations such as buffers and maintenance on sink holes and to require maintenance. Mr. Watt stated that a lot of people are reluctant to come forward with their water problems because of concerns about the potential of the value of their property decreasing. The next Storm Water Meeting is February 16, 2017 at 8:30 am in the Police Department Conference Room in which an update will be provided on the Master plan and on their field analysis of the various neighborhoods.

Ms. Lamitola spoke about the budget process. There is a proposed budget deficit in the General Fund and she spoke about cost cutting measures. The Public Works Department has calculated the cost of composting mulch. Currently only 13 to 15% of the residents actually obtain the leaf mulch. If the City wants to keep composting they would have to purchase a new composting equipment in 2018 at a cost of \$485,000. There would be a small savings if the leaves are hauled off. The committee conversed on options including selling the mulch. Additional cost savings ideas include outsourcing the installation of Christmas lights in the Business District. The Mayor has asked the Department Heads to research and make recommendations regarding cost saving options.

Ms. Lamitola stated that in 2017, the City wide sidewalk improvement plan will be updated, along with an ADA sidewalk analysis of existing sidewalks. She also spoke about the need for a traffic study for the intersection of Conway and Warson to determine as to whether or not a traffic signal needs is warranted.

The next Public Works Committee meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 1, 2017** at 8:30 AM. Future meetings in 2017 will be on Wednesdays; April 5, June 7, August 2, October 4 and December 6, 2017.

Mark Ratterman moved to adjourn the meeting, Ed Boyce seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.

Sincerely,



Mark Ratterman

Department of Public Works Committee