

Meeting Minutes
Department of Public Works Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 8:15 a.m.

DUE TO THE CURRENT RESTRICTIONS ORDERED BY ST. LOUIS COUNTY ON PUBLIC GATHERINGS DUE TO COVID-19, THE MEETING WAS CONDUCTED BY TELECONFERENCE VIA ZOOM

The meeting was called to order at 8:28 a.m.

The following members were present

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

Absent:

Connor McCarthy

Staff present

Anne Lamitola, Director of Public Works; Councilmembers John Fox and Patrick Hensley; and Mayor Nancy Spewak

Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Parham made a motion to approve the agenda, Mr. Suffian seconded the motion. All those present were in favor.

Approval of meeting minutes

Mr. Suffian made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2020 meeting, Mr. Kaufmann seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Update of Current Public Works Projects, Initiatives and associated committees

Ms. Lamitola gave project updates on the following:

The Storm Water Advisory Committee meets the week of December 10th. The Committee will consider putting the Babler Lane project on "inactive status" due to issues with easement acquisition and litigation. Storm Water Project Manager Mark Koester continues attending weekly meetings for Deer Creek Sanitary Sewer replacement project. Storm water Engineering Manager Pete Merten plans to retire after the City finds a replacement.

All easements have been obtained for both the Robin Hill/Brookside Lane storm water stabilization project and the Willow Hill storm water project. Design consultants are working on final design and construction is expected for 2021.

The South Tealbrook storm water project is the first project from the Storm water Master Plan that has been completed. The project was finished on time and within budget.

The City Council approved the purchase of 41 and 47 Deerfield. The retention basin will be built.

The BOSTA Committee meets again on Friday December 4th. The 3rd Annual Honeysuckle Hack took place on Saturday November 7th with approximately 15 volunteers. The City has obtained the \$10,000 TRIM grant for citywide tree and stump

removal and trimming. Treekeeper Software and Inventory were beneficial in obtaining this grant.

The Municipal Park Planning Grant was secured for Rodes Park. Christner, Inc. is assisting with the Master Plan including plantings, access, and a pathway. The City granted Ameren a 20-foot wide easement for Rodes Park and will receive \$62,988.80 for the easement. The Treekeeper Software aided the City in proving the value of trees the trees that are targeted for removal as part of Ameren's clearing.

The design phase for ADA improvements on Clayton Road between Eversdale & Lindbergh and a median reconfiguration at Clayton/Lindbergh is nearing completion. The City is in the process of obtaining the three required easements for the project.

Sidewalks improvements are planned on Clayton Road over the next several years with improvements in 2021 planned from Eversdale to Lindbergh. Phases IV – VI, to be implemented over the next several years, will be located on Clayton Road from Price Road to the eastern City limits.

The existing implementation plan for new sidewalks originated in 2012. Requests for sidewalks have been received that are not currently planned. The comprehensive plan update, which is still in process, calls for the City to continue implementing sidewalks to improve walkability. The Citywide sidewalk plan will be updated after the Comprehensive Plan update is adopted which is slated for mid-2021.

City Council will vote on the 2021 budget at the December 21 meeting.

Budgeted projects include:

- Mill and overlay on N. Rock Hill Road (after MSD completeds DC-02/DC-03 Phase II)
- Conway/Warson signalization design (Federally Funded)
- ADA sidewalk improvements Phase 3 construction (Eversdale to Lindbergh)
- ADA sidewalk improvements Phase 4 design (Clayton Road from Eastern City limits heading West)
- Walk/Trail/Bike plan update (After adoption of Comprehensive Plan)
- Microseal: Litzsinger, McKnight between I-64 and Litzsinger, and WB lane of Clayton east of Lay)

Other Matters Deemed Appropriate

Committed discussion included: Upcoming meeting dates for 2021, the Covid-19 effect on revenue, personnel cost with overtime vs temporary employees, and placement of additional dog stations.

Mr. Suffian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. All present voted "aye". Meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

Sincerely,

Mark Ratterman
Department of Public Works Committee