

Meeting Minutes
Department of Public Works Committee Meeting
October 4, 2017
8:15am

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 am.

The following members were present

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

Staff present

Anne Lamitola, Director of Public Works and Pete Merten, Storm Water Engineering Manager.

Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Ratterman asked for a motion to approve and adopt the agenda; Mr. Williams made a motion to approve, Mr. Kaufmann seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Approval of August 16, 2017 minutes

Mr. Ratterman asked for a motion to approve the August 16, 2017 meeting minutes; Mr. Watt made a motion to approve to minutes, Mr. Williams seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Public Forum

** Residents arrived late to the meeting and Public Forum took place at the end of the meeting.*

Resident, Dr. Dehner, raised the topic of tar being tracked out of private subdivisions onto public roads after paving. He inquired if there was something that could be done to enforce that with the contractors. Ms. Lamitola stated that work on private streets did not require permits from the City and that it was hard to enforce. Trustees for the subdivisions could be contacted about contractor information and if warranted, they could be asked to restripe. Mr. Ratterman added that Home Owner's Associations should have contact information on the companies doing the work and should be made aware of the concern. Ms. Lamitola indicated she would follow up with the contractor regarding the tracking of asphalt onto Price Road.

Resident, Ellis Barnes, inquired about creek issues he had brought up in the past. He resides on Pebble Creek and has failing creek banks. He said the process to obtain approvals from outside agencies has become time consuming and expensive. He asked for any guidance on what should be submitted for the proposed improvements which will address the loss of property to the creek of 4-6 feet in the last 1.5 years and is worried about his pool and property. Ms. Lamitola and Mr. Merten advised him to have plans prepared, then submitted to the City for review.

Project Updates

Lay Road Improvements

The Final plans and cost estimate has been prepared and submitted to MoDOT in August for approval and include proposed sidewalk installation and pavement rehabilitation. The City awaits comments and approval from MoDOT for this Federally funded project. This work is budgeted for 2018. The trees must be removed by March 31, 2018 in order to comply with MoDOT requirements. The City will work with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly (CMT) for the construction design.

Storm Water Needs Program

Ms. Lamitola stated that the City Council approved the implementation plan at the July Council meeting. There would be public meetings to help inform residents about the top 8 projects and the City will be distributing letters of intent to impacted property owners. The City will be issuing an RFQ for the various types of projects including stream bank stabilization and infrastructure projects. Ms. Lamitola would like three to four members of the Public Works Committee or Storm Water Advisory Committee to participate in the interviewing of engineering consultants. Easements will be required on many properties and they will be sought after 30-40% of the design phase has been completed. The Storm Water Advisory Committee would like 100% participation before beginning the design process.

Mr. Ratterman asked if MSD would address any of these issues if the City were not planning to. Ms. Lamitola stated that MSD is evaluating whether to issue a rate increase in 2019, but that likely MSD would not have adequate funding to address all of Ladue's issues. The City would be working in collaboration with them and will continue to communicate with them about cost sharing opportunities.

The next Storm Water Management meeting would be on October 20th, 2017 at 8:00am in the Police Department conference room.

ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan

The City was waiting on a report from Oates, the City's engineering consultant for ADA, who is in the process of estimating costs for the sidewalks and facilities updates. With the preliminary plan, the City would be able to budget some updates for 2018. There were public meetings held where some residents did attend. Ms. Lamitola stated that staff was hoping for more attendance from school representatives for their input on sidewalks and access but City staff would be meeting with Paraquad to obtain their feedback.

Micro-surfacing on Old Warson and Woodlawn

Micro-surfacing took place on Old Warson, from Rock Hill Rd. to Woodlawn and on Woodlawn from Old Warson to southern municipal boundaries. The project went well with respect to the installation and traffic control. Micro-surfacing of the Clayton Road Park neighborhood and Warson Road south of Clayton Road would take place in the future.

Weather Forecasting System

Ms. Lamitola shared a proposal from MeteoGroup for weather forecasting. Currently the City used weather apps for forecasting, but they are not as reliable. The City would benefit with a service that is more quantitative and catered to Ladue. MeteoGroup is trying to build a market so their cost was lower than their competitor. Ms. Lamitola and the Public Works Superintendent, Scot Bollinger, utilized the app for a trial period in early 2017 and found it to be beneficial. The app provides information such as air temperatures and pavements temperatures which is important for planning measures in the Public Works Department when there is inclement weather. It would provide more detailed timing so that staffing needs could be more appropriately assessed. This service would be paid for out of the Road and Bridge fund.

Mr. Boyce made a motion to recommend the MeteoGroup service to City Council for approval. Mr. Watt seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Road and Bridge Fund Budget

Things remains steady for ongoing projects. Lay Road will have the sidewalk and pavement improvements. Warson Road will have micro-surfacing. The City has applied for a grant to study the Clayton business district to possibly add a signalized crossing.

Applying for TAP funding was included in the budget if it becomes available again in 2018 for the proposed pedestrian improvements along South 40 Drive. Mr. Ratterman stated there was a debriefing with East-West Gateway regarding this year's unsuccessful application. The City missed the funding by one project, scoring lower in public support than anticipated. The City learned that this area would have been rated higher if we had obtained letters of support not just a signature from petitioner. The application would also have been scored higher if it were part of a larger improvement project. The City would apply again if given the opportunity. The question was raised whether the proposed project could qualify for Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding. Ms. Lamitola stated that it could be eligible, but that it would be competing with the grants for resurfacing, signals, etc.

Other Matters Deemed Appropriate

Ms. Lamitola would be looking for input over the next few weeks regarding the 2018 Public Works Budget. The preliminary budget was ready and any questions or suggestions the members had could be emailed to Anne.

Chairman Watt shared that he would be moving out of the City of Ladue in early 2018 and would no longer be able to serve on the Committee. He has enjoyed working closely with everyone and will attend all meetings until the end of 2017.

Mr. Kaufman asked if there had been dog waste receptacles added along walking areas at Ladue and Price Rd. Ms. Lamitola stated that the City had installed one on the walking trail and a bag receptacle at Rodes Park. A discussion ensued about Ladue and Price having visual clutter and whether adding a receptacle would cause any issues.

Ms. Lamitola stated that Ladue was investigation requirements to become a Tree City USA. There are 3 requirements: spending at least \$2.00/capita on trees and plantings, having a tree ordinance, and someone on staff or a tree board for input and review. The City currently met all requirements, we have a Public Works employee that is a certified arborist that helps with tree removal permits and other tree and landscape issues. We spend \$5.00/capita on plantings and trees and we have an adopted tree ordinance.

Mr. Boyce made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Williams seconded the motion. All present voted "aye" and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15am.

Sincerely,



Mark Ratterman

Department of Public Works Committee