

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Meeting Summary
June 21, 2021

Attendance:

Scott Gehring, Chair
Chris Hilberg, Vice Mayor
Tom Henning, City Council
Tom Moeller, City Manager
Lori Thompson, Assistant City Manager
Sam Morton, Kleingers/City Engineer

The meeting was held via Zoom Teleconference per the requirements of the State of Ohio and the City of Madeira.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

- 1. Water Main Projects Update.** Mr. Moeller updated the committee on the status of Phase 1 and Phase 2. He stated that Phase 1 is nearly complete with only the thermoplastic street markings and restoration work to be completed. The committee noted some drainage issues on Juler Avenue and Thomas Drive which Mr. Moeller will review during the creation of the final punch list. Phase 2 continues with the installation of service laterals on Iuka Drive. Upon completion of Iuka, crews will proceed to Osceola Drive. There are still some catch basin and storm water repair work that need to be completed before the project is finished.
- 2. Euclid Avenue Project Update.** Phase 1 of the storm water system repairs is finished which will open Euclid to through traffic between Hosbrook and Miami on June 22nd. Phase 2 will start June 22nd between Miami and Laurel. The sidewalk construction will continue with traffic being maintained, but there may be times the traffic is restricted to one way with the use of flaggers. They have completed the sidewalk between Hosbrook and Summit and are now working on the section between Maple Avenue and Summit Avenue. Mr. Moeller noted the detour around Laurel Avenue may cause some traffic issues at Laurel and Miami. He will speak with Chief Schaefer about monitoring this area in the event we need to manually operate the traffic signal during peak periods. He also noted that the detour for this phase will be easier for local traffic as there are other options for motorists to take to avoid the construction that do not involve residential streets.
- 3. 2021 Street Program Update.** Mr. Moeller noted that he and Mr. Morton met Friday, June 18th to walk Iuka and Osceola to review the scope of work to be bid. Mr. Morton stated there will be some additional engineering field work necessary to make sure drainage is addressed on both streets. He also stated he would have the engineering scope of services proposal to Mr. Moeller in time for council's approval at the June 28th meeting. The committee discussed the sidewalk issue for both streets; there was unanimous consensus that any sidewalk work in the area should be assessed to the property owners and that the street program should proceed as scheduled as sidewalks can be constructed at a later date

if a majority of the residents agreed to the assessment. Mr. Moeller stated that he and Mr. Morton discussed the cost of sidewalks on Iuka; this is a much less complicated project as the grades of the yards will require much less adjustment and the driveway approaches will require less work as well. Mr. Morton stated that the \$115-\$120 per lineal ft. is a good estimate for the residents to start discussions regarding the assessment. Mr. Moeller will forward information to the residents who are organizing the assessment petition.

- 4. Indian Hill Water System Update.** Mr. Moeller, Ms. Thompson and Mr. Gehring met with Indian Hill Officials to discuss their takeover of the water distribution system. Mr. Moeller reported they have proposed the City include in current and future projects a total of \$11.5 million for water main replacements. Mr. Gehring noted that with the projects identified in the list, Madeira would still be replacing water mains through the City imposed surcharge for 40+ years as some of the proposed projects would not be accomplished until those streets come up for resurfacing in the next 15-20 years. Mr. Moeller stated he will review the GCWW proposal to see how their costs compare to what Indian Hill is proposing. Mr. Gehring noted that GCWW was proposing approximately \$14 million in costs. Mr. Moeller stated that GCWW's proposal included a flat fee per household based rather than based on usage. This may be something which can be negotiated if this is the direction the City determines is best for the community. The matter continues to be reviewed and Mr. Moeller will report back to the committee with additional information.
- 5. Miami Avenue Traffic Calming Project Update.** Mr. Moeller reported on the funding sources which have been submitted for this project. To date, the project has been submitted to Congressman Wenstrup and Senator Brown to be included in their project submissions under the federal infrastructure program. The project is on Congressman Wenstrup's "short list" and is still under review by Senator Brown's office. A grant application to the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) will be submitted before the end of June to request infrastructure funds for the project as it qualifies under their requirements that improvements are made to current transit routes. Finally, the City will submit the project to the county for SCIP funding. Mr. Moeller stated that with the potential of several funding sources, we may be able to leverage the grants to keep the City's local match to a minimum.
- 6. Service Dept. Relocation.** Mr. Moeller reported he has had discussions with two property owners regarding the potential purchase of property for the Service Dept. facilities. Vice Mayor Hilberg has asked that this topic be discussed in Executive Session at the June 28th Council meeting.
- 7. Equipment Acquisition Update.** Mr. Moeller reported that the Service Dept. is reviewing the bid specifications for the purchase of new backhoe to replace the 25 year old vehicle currently in use. He also reported that the 2008 Ford Pick-Up Truck has a fuel system issue that will require approximately \$10,000 in repairs. As the truck only has a value of \$10,000, Mr. Moeller will discuss the practicality of making the repairs versus accelerating the purchase of a new vehicle. This truck was not scheduled to be replaced until 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Scott Gehring