

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Summary  
September 20, 2021**

**Attendance:**

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

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

Mr. Gehring reviewed the agenda and asked Mr. Moeller for updates on the following projects.

- 1. Euclid Avenue Project.** Underground fuel tanks were removed by the contractor after Clean Harbors pumped out the tanks. The tank material consisted mostly of water, but the presence of minor traces of benzene required OEPA approval for disposal. The tanks were removed under the supervision of the Madeira/Indian Hill Fire District. Fire Department personnel noted no soil contamination and the excavated areas were filled with control density fill to stabilize the base before the new pavement is installed. The intersection work is scheduled to have the base pavement installed the week of September 27<sup>th</sup>. The remaining sections of road will be milled and the final surface course installed at one time. Mr. Moeller noted that Duke Energy and Cincinnati Bell are working on the pole relocations in conjunction with the new intersection alignment. The committee also discussed the potential of a warrant study to see whether a three-way stop at the new intersection is justified. Mr. Moeller noted that the study could not take place until after the intersection is finished. The committee also discussed the speed limit and conducting a warrant study to potentially reduce the current 35 mph to 25 mph. Mr. Moeller will work with Chief Schaefer on this effort. Mr. Moeller reported that the project should be finished mid to late October. The committee also discussed beginning the RFQ process to select a consultant for landscape services for the area around the new intersection. Mr. Moeller will develop the RFQ for the committee's review.
- 2. Water Main Project Phase 2.** Mr. Moeller reported that the contractor continues to work on the installation of the storm water improvements. They are currently working on Sanoma and Iuka. There is one remaining pipe to be installed on Osceola then the project will be substantially completed except for restoration issues. The storm installations should be finished by the end of September.
- 3. 2020 Street Program/Punch List Items.** Mr. Moeller reported he is meeting on 9/22/21 with representatives of the paving contractor to review corrections to the two pavement areas on Juler and Thomas Drive. Included in the punch list items are several driveway aprons that need to be adjusted. Once these items are completed, the project will be closed.
- 4. McDonald Commons Park Project.** Mr. Gehring reported that the Steering Committee is scheduled to meet to finalize the concept. A meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Moeller stated this meeting should accomplish three steps: approval of the final concept, review of cost information and potential funding, and decision on the use of a Construction Manager at Risk to administer the project. The committee discussed the final concept and directed staff to contact MSA to show a third baseball diamond and to move the large diamond to the south of the project area. The committee also discussed the use of artificial vs. natural turf.

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Mr. Henning suggested attempting to develop a cost analysis to determine the benefits of both. Mr. Gehring and Mr. Hilberg noted the increased usability and functionality of artificial turf (i.e. Rainouts, etc.). Mr. Gehring noted he would like to make certain the final concept included as many or more trees than those being removed. He intends to count the number of existing trees in this effort. The committee discussed the proposed Dawson Road promenade connection to the park. Mr. Moeller noted that the Planning Commission has this on their agenda for discussion.

5. **2021 Street Program Update.** Mr. Moeller reported that the City Engineer is working on the revised street program to include both 2021 and 2022 into next year's contract. This will include new water mains on Jethve, Berwood and Homart. Fowler north of Euclid and Mar Del Drive will be included in the 2022 program. Mr. Morton reported the project will be bid in late November.
6. **Miami Avenue Traffic Calming Project Update.** Mr. Moeller reported on the funding status for the project. The recent award of \$3.5 million in grant funds from SORTA will fund most of the project. Staff is submitting grant applications for Municipal Road Funds (MRF - \$200,000) and the balance of \$1+ million from SCIP. Mr. Moeller noted that SCIP funding will be awarded later this year for construction in 2022. Council has approved preliminary design of the project. Mr. Morton reported that the survey work has been completed and a preliminary design will be submitted to the committee before final design and construction documents are prepared. The committee discussed the process by which the final design is approved. Mr. Moeller noted the concept of the project is what was approved for the SORTA funding. Specific design elements will need to be decided before final plans are prepared.
7. **Solid Waste Collection Contract.** Mr. Moeller reported he has met with potential bidders. The contract will essentially remain as a "volume-based" program. He asked the committee for a decision on the waste stickers. Mr. Gehring recommended to the committee that the sticker cost be raised from \$.75 to \$1.00 and that a "large item" sticker with a value of \$10 be created for convenience to the resident. Mr. Moeller stated he will have the bid documents finalized once the sticker cost is final. Included in the specifications will be the large item collection. That cost is not a separate contract and is included in the monthly amount. City Council will see the bids and approve a contract in early November.
8. **Tree Replacement Program.** Mr. Gehring asked the committee to consider a program which the city would fund for replacing trees in the community to coincide with the Tree City USA designation. The committee agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.
9. **Camargo Road Street Lighting.** Mr. Moeller will engage Duke Energy to retrofit the light fixtures to a 3000K element for the section of Camargo Road west of Miami.
10. **Municipal Building Plaza.** Mr. Moeller will contact Kleingers to discuss options for design work on the plaza improvements.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM

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Scott Gehring, Chair