

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Ryan Austin

Sheri Evanson

Dennis Polach

Date of Meeting: 9/8/2022
Reported to Council: 9/20/2022

The Public Works Committee met on Thursday, September 8th, 2022 in the Council Chambers at City Hall and via remote videoconference. Ryan Austin, Sheri Evanson, Dennis Polach, Patrick Delaney, and Tom Rayome were in attendance. Others attending are listed below.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

2. Review Engineering & Street Department Monthly Activity Report.

The reports were reviewed.

3. Review the traffic study at 13th St S and Peach St and consider modifying the traffic control signage.

Joe Eichsteadt, City Engineer, explained the Engineering Department's review of the uncontrolled intersection, specifying that no additional signage at the intersection was recommended based on the Department's review, the Department's policy, and adherence to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Danielle Potts (240 13th Street S.) spoke about safety concerns she has at the intersection of 13th Street & Peach Street and that her preference would be to add yield signs to the 13th Street approaches at a minimum. After some discussion, motion made by Polach, second by Evanson to install yield signs at the 13th Street approaches of the intersection. Motion carried (3-0).

4. Review a request to establish a Quiet Zone for train horns on the east side of the city.

Requirements necessary to establish a railroad quiet zone were reviewed. An approximate cost (from 2016) of \$700,000 was identified to carry out proposed improvements that would be necessary to establish a railroad quiet zone on the east side of the City.

5. Review the bid results for the West Riverview Expressway Traffic Signal Improvement project and consider awarding the contract to the low, qualified bidder with scope revisions.

Bids for West Riverview Expressway Traffic Signal Improvement project were reviewed. A single bid from Pember Companies was received with a price of \$793,617.05. This cost would be significantly higher than DOT grant funding of approximately \$535,000, meaning the City would incur significant additional costs if the project proceeds as bid. The City's options were discussed, including awarding the project as currently bid and incurring additional costs as well as the option of denying bids and rebidding a smaller portion of the work (at W. Grand intersection) in the future. After some discussion, motion was made by Evanson, second by Austin to deny the current bid from Pember Companies and rebid the project at a reduced scope by removing work at Chase Street and High Street, with the intent of applying for an additional grant from DOT to do remaining work at Chase & High Streets at a later date.

6. Review the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.

A draft version of the 2023-2027 capital improvement plan was reviewed, highlighting revisions from last year's capital improvement plan.

7. Review a preliminary resolution for public work and improvements for Lincoln St between E Riverview Expressway and Peach St proposed for construction in 2024.

The need for the approval of a preliminary resolution in order to proceed with survey and eventual design work for Lincoln Street between Riverview Expressway and Peach Street was reviewed. Motion by Evanson, second by Polach to approve preliminary resolution for public work and improvements for Lincoln Street between Riverview Expressway and Peach Street. Motion carried (3-0).

8. Review referral list.

The referral list was reviewed and updated.

9. Set next meeting date.

Next meeting date/time was set for Thursday, October 6th, 2022 at 5pm.

10. Adjourn

Motion by Polach, second by Evanson to adjourn at 7:19 pm. Motion carried (3-0).

Others in attendance:

See sign-in sheet.