

PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 29, 2016

In Attendance

Councilman Ken Smith, Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. A quorum was present, including Council Chairwoman Carol Berz, Vice Chair Moses Freeman and Council members Chris Anderson, Russell Gilbert, Larry Grohn, Yusuf Hakeem, Chip Henderson and Jerry Mitchell. Also present was Deputy City Attorney Phil Noblett.

Others in Attendance

Public Works: Justin Holland, Deputy Administrator; Transportation: Blythe Bailey, Administrator; Council Office: Nicole Gwyn, CMC, Clerk

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Henderson, the minutes of the last meeting (March 15, 2016) were approved as published.

This Week's Agenda: March 29, 2016

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6A

Mr. Bailey briefed the Council on this agenda item granting a franchise to E. 10th Street RSC, LLC to maintain installed concrete footings along a city right-of-way. Upon no questions, the issues were closed.

(During this discussion, Councilman Anderson stepped out and returned momentarily.)

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7D, 7E, 7F, 7G & 7H

All these agenda items were related to the Gunbarrel Road Widening. Regarding item 7(f), Councilman Grohn informed the Council that Ken Defoor & Partners had donated over \$500,000 in property to this project. Upon no further comments, the issue was closed.

Next Week's Agenda: April 5, 2016

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6A

Mr. Bailey briefed the Council on this agenda item regarding Speed on Through Streets and responded to the following questions from Councilman Hakeem:

- Why lower the speed on the listed streets?
- Is lowering the speed due to non-auto forms of transportation on these streets?
- What will be the impact of lowering speeds from 35 to 25 mph?
- Will drivers seek alternative routes once these speeds are lowered?

Councilman Freeman commented on the MLK Neighborhood Association's desire to slow down traffic on Martin Luther King Boulevard. Councilman Anderson thanked Mr. Bailey for adding 38th Street to this list where speed would be lowered to 30 mph. Mr. Bailey also commented on the default limit of 30 mph set by city code for streets in business districts.

(During this discussion, Councilman Gilbert stepped out and returned momentarily)

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7B

Mr. Bailey responded to Councilman Smith's question about the amount being sufficient for the contract and clarified the term "infrared" for Councilman Hakeem. Upon no further questions, the issue was closed.

Additional Comments

Councilman Smith also congratulated Mr. Holland on his pending appointment as Public Works Administrator.

Resolutions – Agenda Item

Councilman Smith opened the floor to Lisa Maragnano, Executive Director of CARTA, for a visual presentation on the Multimodal Transportation Center Study (MTCS). Ms. Maragnano presented information on the following:

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| • Project Scope | • Final Site Selection |
| • CARTA System Map | • Evaluation Matrix |
| • Service Improvement Alternatives | • Overview of Sites |
| • MTCS System Comparison of Service Agreement | • 1 st Site: 1300 Market St. |
| • Implemented Service Improvements | • 2 nd Site: 1305 Broad St. |
| • Proposed Service Improvements | • 3 rd Site: 2516 Chestnut St. |
| • Enhanced Fair Options | • Next Steps |
| • Accessing Information | • Transportation Center Benefits |
| • Electric Vehicle Charging Project | • Livability |
| • Site Study | |

(Powerpoint handout is attached)

After her presentation, Ms. Maragnano responded to the following questions:

- Where is the site at 2516 Chestnut? (Councilman Hakeem)
- What is the MTCS timeline? (Councilman Smith)
- What about service to outlying areas? (Vice Chair Freeman)
- What about para-transit services for the elderly and disabled? (Vice Chair Freeman)

Chairwoman Berz informed the Council that Ms. Maragnano was a member of the Mayor's Council for Women, and that the Council for Women had researched the impact of CARTA transportation on women, especially single mothers. Mr. Hakeem and Vice Chair Freeman thanked Ms. Maragnano for attending community meetings in their districts.

Ms. Maragnano informed the Council that she would attend a conference on April 24-26 where she will have a better idea of the timeline for the center. Until then, she estimated a transportation center would take 18-20 months on the front end.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

(Attachment: CARTA presentation)