

PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 14, 2020

Call to Order

Councilman Mitchell called the electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 3:42 p.m. on the Zoom online platform. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Erskine Oglesby, Jr., Vice-Chairman Chip Henderson, and Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Russell Gilbert, and Ken Smith, all via electronic means. Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Lydia Christoph, Administrative Support, were also present via electronic means. Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod and Councilman Darrin Ledford were not present at this meeting. Video of this meeting may be viewed [here](#).

Others in Attendance

Public Works: Justin Holland (Administrator; Donald Stone, Deputy Administrator; Bill Payne, City Engineer; Regional Planning Agency: John Bridger, Executive Director; Transportation: Blythe Bailey, Administrator; Economic and Community Development: Donna Williams, Administrator; Richard Beeland, Deputy Director; Finance: Daisy Madison, Chief Finance Officer; Mayor's Office: Maura Sullivan, Director of Operations; Justin Steinmann, Capital Planning

PUBLIC WORKS

This Week's Agenda: April 14, 2020

Resolutions – Agenda Item 9G

There were no questions on this agenda item.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 9H

Attorney Noblett explained that he was waiting to hear back from another attorney regarding tax and maintenance questions with this item, and asked that it be deferred until April 28. Councilman Mitchell volunteered to make a motion to defer at the 6:00 p.m. meeting.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 9I

Councilman Mitchell commented that this item had been added by permission of Chairman Oglesby and Vice-Chairman Henderson. There were no questions on this item.

Next Week's Agenda: April 21, 2020

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7D

Mr. Stone, Ms. Madison, Mr. Payne, and Mr. Steinmann all answered questions from the Council on the following topics:

- The scope of the project, and whether or not other funds would be needed in the future, which fiscal year funds were coming from, walk-away price, whether or not all funds necessary were already budgeted for this project, including for the pass-through (Vice-Chairman Henderson)
- Who would be able to help answer the questions (Chairman Oglesby)
- Whether or not 21st Century money was involved in the project, and if so, how much (Councilman Gilbert)
- Whether or not action was needed from him, and what happened to the Walnut Street Bridge money (Councilman Mitchell)

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7E

Councilman Byrd asked Mr. Stone about an improvement to the parking area for this item. He also asked Ms. Sullivan about the scope of the work for the funds needed for this project and requested a Zoom virtual meeting with the project committee.

TRANSPORTATION

This Week's Agenda: April 14, 2020

Resolutions – Agenda Item 9J

Mr. Bailey and Mr. Noblett clarified information and answered questions for the Council regarding this item:

- What the extra money would be used for, and who should pay for sidewalks and when (Councilman Byrd)
- Additional construction costs, which fiscal year(s) budget those costs might come from, as well as an estimate on additional costs, saving money on costs now to pay costs for next year, how to amend the documentation so as to remove six months of outside construction administration and eight months of camera costs (Vice-Chairman Henderson)
- Whether or not this was an as-needed contract, and if not, how to make it so without limiting CDOT on the front end, as well as altering the change order/contract and putting “as needed” in writing (Councilwoman Berz)

- Regarding the property owner who wouldn't allow what the Council wanted to do, if his property would have been encroached upon, and whether or not the District 8 Councilperson, Councilman Byrd, was ok with this (Councilman Mitchell)
- Fine with people "fishing in his backyard" (Councilman Byrd)
- Whether or not this resolution, on for the 6 pm agenda, needed to be deferred, and changing the documentation on the back-up documents (Vice-Chairman Henderson)

Next Week's Agenda: April 21, 2020

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7F

Chairman Oglesby voiced his approval of this resolution.

Tornado Clean-up Update

Vice-Chairman Chip Henderson asked Mr. Holland for a tornado clean-up update. He also responded to questions from Mr. Holland on the following:

- Whether or not policy regarding distance allowed onto people's private property would be loosened in order to help more with clean-up, as well as whether or not brush crews were working outside of the immediate tornado zone (Vice-Chairman Henderson).
- If Public Works had enough PPE, and if anyone had offered to assist in Chattanooga's recovery, and if so, to let the Council know so the Council could "love them up" (Councilman Mitchell).
- Whether or not churches could assist, and if so, how (Councilman Gilbert)

Other Business

Councilman Gilbert asked Mr. Stone about a particular purchase, and Mr. Stone said he would get back to him about that.

Councilman Mitchell recommended that Mr. Bailey and Mr. Holland develop a presentation on the maintenance of alleys.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m.