

PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 12, 2020

Call to Order

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. via electronic means. A quorum was present, including Council Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, and Erskine Oglesby, Jr. Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Lydia Christoph, Administrative Support, were also present. Councilman Jerry Mitchell, committee chair, was not present.

Others in Attendance

Public Works: Justin Holland, Administrator; Tennessee Interstate Conservancy: Jane Bowen, Executive Director

Approval of Minutes

With no objections, Chairman Henderson let the minutes of the last meeting (April 28, 2020) stand approved as published.

PUBLIC WORKS

This Week's Agenda: May 12, 2020

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7G-J

There were no questions regarding these items. Therefore, the issues were closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7K

Ms. Bowen thanked Councilpersons Berz, Oglesby, and Ledford for their assistance and explained aspects of the project.

Councilman Oglesby mentioned that this was an initiative on the part of retired Judge Neil Thomas III, and thanked Councilwoman Berz for working on the committee. Councilman Ledford asked Ms. Bowen to talk about the private partnership aspect of this project.

Councilwoman Coonrod acknowledged that she thought the project was a great idea, but she wanted to see the contract with the city. She had questions on the following:

- Use of BID money for the landscaping;
- Opportunities in other districts for similar projects;

- Possibility of funding for the Interstate Highway Conservancy and the Creative Discovery Museum.

Councilwoman Coonrod also voice concerns about giving \$62,500 yearly for the Interstate Highway Conservancy with other road projects not being funded.

Councilwoman Berz informed the Council that this was a state project, and not a city project. She spoke on the success of the project, the project is being used as a model for other cities, and the city not having to underwrite all the costs. Councilman Oglesby further commented on the public and private entities that were involved in this pilot project. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Next Week's Agenda: May 19, 2020

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6B

There were no questions regarding this ordinance. Therefore, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7D

Councilwoman Coonrod informed the Council that this was a District 8 item, not District 9, and that this project would spur economic development for the city, and involve flowers donated by nearby citizens.

Councilman Ledford asked Mr. Holland about the prior dollar amount for this project, and commended Mr. Holland for his work on this.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7E

Councilman Gilbert asked Mr. Holland for an explanation of waste disposal and transport related to this project. Councilman Gilbert's audio was having technical difficulties, so Chairman Henderson suggested that Councilman Gilbert email Public Works with further questions and mentioned that the Council would discuss the resolution further next week.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7F-G

There were no questions regarding these resolutions. Therefore, the issues were closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7H-I

Mr. Holland asked that these items be deferred until the May 26, 2020, agenda because the bids were not due until May 14. Upon no questions, comments, or objections from the Council, the Chairman ruled that these items would be pushed to May 26.

TRANSPORTATION

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Resolutions – Agenda Item 7L

Councilman Byrd thanked Willie McClendon and the project team for their work on this project, and expressed his appreciation for Rev. H.H. Wright. Upon no further or questions, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

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