

PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 4, 2020

In Attendance

Councilman Jerry Mitchell, Committee Chair, called the electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Chip Henderson, Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford and Erskine Oglesby, Jr., all present via electronic means. Other panelists also present via electronic means: Phil Noblett, City Attorney; Lydia Christoph, Administrative Support; and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist. Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod was not present.

Others in Attendance (via electronic means)

Transportation: Blyth Bailey, Administrator; Public Works: Justin Holland, Administrator

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (July 21, 2020) were approved as published.

TRANSPORTATION

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7E

Councilman Mitchell had questions pertaining to the use of funds. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues was closed.

Future Considerations (3-Week Look Ahead)

Councilman Gilbert asked about development considerations for the Lincoln Park Project. Councilwoman Berz confirmed that the sums of money were previously approved in the capital budget. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Presentation on Alleys

Mr. Bailey gave a presentation on the city's use of alleys that covered the following:

- Importance
- Maintenance & Repair
- Alley/Right of way abandonment
- Temporary use of Right of way permit

A discussion ensued, wherein Mr. Bailey address the following concerns:

- Process to get an alleyway usable again (Councilman Ledford)
- City's protocol/process for opening alleys (Councilman Ledford)
- Concerns of maintain their on alley (Councilman Byrd)

- Ownership of an alley (Councilman Byrd)
- Riverside Drive (Councilman Byrd)
- Better system for addressing constituents concerns (Councilman Byrd)
- Need for new/additional policy (Councilman Byrd)

Councilman Gilbert asked Mr. Bailey for an update on the projects for Bonny Oaks & Shallowford Road. Upon no questions or comments, the issues was closed.

PUBLIC WORKS

Next Week's Agenda: August 11, 2020

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7E, 7F & 7G

These items had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Future Considerations (3-Week Look Ahead)

Councilman Henderson asked for thorough details on the change orders. Councilman Byrd inquired about the repairs needed for additional ballers on the Avondale building.

Councilman Gilbert expressed concerns about the weather and flooding that is occurring more frequently. He requested that we have an educational session on how to prevent flooding in certain areas.

Mr. Noblett updated the Council on the Utility Board Training required by the State of Tennessee. The Council will have until they are re-elected in March 2021 and after that, there will be a 1-year time frame to complete the training. He noted that MTAS will work with the Council to schedule training during that time.

Councilman Ledford asked Mr. Holland to prepare a one-page regarding the Water Quality fee and how it's constructed and how it operates. Councilman Henderson asked for an update on the tiered stormwater fee. Mr. Holland will check on the stormwater fee and get back to the Council at the next Public Works and Transportation meeting in two weeks. Mr. Holland will also try to have the one-pager at the next committee meeting.

Upon no questions or comments, the issues was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

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