

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**April 13, 2010**

**4:15 P.M.**

Councilman Rico, Chairman, called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order with Councilmen Murphy, McGary, Benson, Berz, Robinson, Gilbert, Scott, and Ladd present. City Attorney Phil Noblett and Shirley Crownover, Assistant Clerk to the Council, were also present.

Others present included Steve Leach, Gary Hilbert, Dickie Hutsell, Dennis Malone, Dan Johnson, Lee Norris, Bill Payne, Barry Bennett, Chief Parker, Larry Zehnder, Daisy Madison, Eddie Tate, Eric Booker, Jerry Stewart, Richard Beeland, and Chief Rawlston.

Adm. Leach first talked about Noah Reid Rd.; that they had called the State to get a permit to put up a traffic signal, and they said we would not qualify; that we had now been able to qualify, and this traffic signal would be activated tomorrow morning.

Councilwoman Berz stated that they had done a fabulous job—that this was democracy in action.

Adm. Leach added that they were able to get the signal and his people had been working late in the evenings getting this in; that it was a great effort and gave credit to Lee Norris and John Van Winkle. He stated that there would be a report about the Walnut Street Bridge later.

Dennis Malone began with **Resolution 7(a)** authorizing an Agreement with CSX Transportation, Inc. relative to Contract No. R-09-001, South Chickamauga Creek Greenway, for the trail construction under CSXT bridges in vicinity of Mileposts OWA-129.13 and OWA-129.31, CSXT OP Number TN0284, in an amount not to exceed \$95,304 and reducing the contingency amount by an amount of \$33,000, for a revised amount of contingency of \$97,000. He mentioned that this was discussed two weeks ago and presented a Spread Sheet to show where the funding is coming from. (This is made a part of the minute material). Adm. Leach added that this is within budget.

**Resolution (b)** authorizes a contract for Eastgate Pump Station and Force Main to East Tennessee Grading, Inc. in the amount of \$610,543.02, with a contingency amount of \$59,456.80, for an amount not to exceed \$670,000. East Tennessee Grading, Inc. was the low bidder. The Pump Station at the Eastgate Complex is 30 years old and needs to be upgraded. Councilwoman Scott stated that the pump part makes sense and asked if this was just piping? Jerry Stewart responded that this was built in the mid '60's.

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**Resolutions (c) (d) and (e)** are all to institute eminent domain proceedings relative to Airport Rd. Mr. Malone explained that we were trying to get out of a secure area to a new pump station that would tie into the existing manhole; that we had three who had not negotiated easements; that we had been dealing with them since January, and they want more than what our appraisal calls for.

Councilwoman Berz asked where these were literally located? She wanted to know if we wanted eminent domain on the whole piece of property or just the easement? She was told that it is just the easement.

Councilwoman Scott noted that it looks like this is part of the parking area of Kenneth Gordon. She asked if he was still using it?

**Resolutions (f), (g), (h), and (j)** are all ARRA resurfacing. We have had this Resurfacing Contract for a year. Adm. Leach called on Eddie Tate.

Mr. Tate noted that we have four contracts; that we won't have to put down new pavements because these are collector and arterial streets; that TDOT has local guidelines. He mentioned three steps: (1) Obligation Part, which is money from TDOT to do the work; (2) Awards Phase, and (3) Construction Phase. He stated that we were waiting to hear from TDOT to see if we can proceed with the awards. He then talked about the funding obligation part, which is \$1.8 million and TDOT is giving us this; that an e-mail from TDOT will revise the obligation to cover the difference; that in the original, the cost was estimated to be \$2 million and \$1.6 million was bid; that we thought we might have to pay some with City money for the inspections; however we used the same inspection crews for all the projects.

Adm. Leach added that it was a requirement of TDOT to have the inspections done.

Councilwoman Scott asked where the resurfacing starts? She was told at the City line of Gadd Rd. to Highway 153. She asked about the time from now until the asphalt goes down? She was told about a month—that we were given 90 days.

Adm. Leach asked Mr. Tate to go over the other boundaries. They were Hickory Valley to Bonny Oaks Drive; Airport Rd./Shepherd to Airport and back to Shallowford.

Councilwoman Berz wanted to know when these people will get notice of this? Mr. Norris responded "real soon". Mr. Tate added that once we get this approved, we will get the message out. Mr. Norris added that the flow chart is a year's effort and TDOT is pushing down to us, and we will have to increase our manpower to secure their funding. He noted that this was going to increase our internal cost.

**Resolution (k)** authorizes acceptance of a refund relative to the Lake Hills Interceptor Sewer Relocation for Private Road Grade Crossing Agreement in the amount of \$20,440.18. Mr. Malone explained that this is a refund from CSX; that we closed this out two weeks ago, and the refund is coming.

#### **WALNUT STREE BRIDGE REPAIRS**

Eric Booker was present to give a briefing on the Walnut Street Bridge repairs. He stated that he would show where we are at and where we are going; that the main objective was to take out the existing roadway of asphalt. He showed metal pans and stated that they reinstalled deck panels, curbs and sidewalk timbers; that they took off the asphalt and pans and found wood spikes and took these off because of moisture, the cost being \$28,000. It cost \$7,000 to remove the rust and \$27,000 to repaint the steel beams. Miscellaneous items were \$10,000. He stated that we were basically done with the project, and the bridge is in pretty good shape. There was \$35,000 for an early completion incentive. The contingency amount is \$24,000+. Mr. Booker added that Mr. Zehnder asked them to get a price for wood sidewalks that were in need of repair; that to replace them cost \$257,729.11. He went on to talk about the dates—This was started December of 2009 with a completion day expected of May 8, 2010, and it should be completed by Friday, which is April 16, 2010. He stated that they would be opening the existing bridge upstream and then downstream; there will be access to pedestrians. He stated that as usual on Fireworks night of Riverbend, this bridge will be closed. He showed pictures of the new bridge.

Councilwoman Berz stated that this was a fabulous job.

Councilwoman Scott asked the life expectancy? Mr. Booker responded that the sealing is the key—that we have a two-year warranty and are asking for more treatments. Adm. Leach added that there would be maintenance.

**On motion of Councilwoman Berz, seconded by Councilwoman Ladd, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.