

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**June 22, 2010**

Councilwoman Ladd called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order with Councilmen Gilbert, Berz, Robinson, McGary, Scott, Murphy, Benson and Rico. City Attorney Michael McMahan and Council Clerk Carol O'Neal were also present.

Others present included Daisy Madison, Dan Johnson, Richard Beeland, Steve Leach, Lee Norris, Jim Templeton, Dennis Malone and Gary Hilbert.

Adm. Leach began with **Resolution (a)** for a temporary use for Drew Lancaster, noting that the request is in reference to the subdivision of property into four houses.

Dennis Malone stated this matter has been acted upon by the Board of Appeals with the necessary variances; that this allows for infill housing to be subdivided.

Councilman McGary inquired if the request is for awnings. Mr. Leach responded "no, for porches".

At this point the Committee was referred to **Resolution (a) on next week's agenda for the Volkert Contract**. Mr. Malone indicated that the matter should be moved back to tonight's agenda; that it had been discussed two weeks ago. He stated the request for deferral last week had to do with various issues that have been worked out; that prior to coming to today's meeting notice was received from TDOT and they are ready to go forward with the contract.

Mr. Leach stated **Resolution (e)** references a temporary use for Wayne Siebold on Kirby Avenue. Mr. Malone explained that Mr. Siebold started building a wall and the inspector found that a portion of the wall was built about six inches into the right-of-way. He stated that a temporary use is needed to leave the wall as it does not hamper use of the sidewalk or anything they saw to be a conflict. He stated they are in agreement to allow the temporary use; that the gentleman's wife was serving in Iraq and he wanted to complete the wall prior to her coming home. He stated Councilman Murphy asked that the request be moved to tonight's agenda.

Councilwoman Robinson asked if this is a residence. Mr. Leach responded "yes"; that a partial wall fell and the gentleman was replacing it.

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Mr. Leach stated **Resolution (e)** involves Hamill Road improvements for the portion between Hixson Pike and 153, a connector road that has been part of the DuPont property for years; that it has been sold, developed and there is the need to enhance the road to assure safety for others. He stated this has been a difficult project which was to have been done in two phases, which has ended up being four phases to make the "financial picture" work better.

Mr. Malone stated phase one was completed on the 153 end and phase two was completed, as well, on the Hixson Pike end. He stated there are enough funds to do phase three and bids were taken a couple weeks ago.

Councilwoman Berz asked if approval is being asked for all phases. Mr. Leach responded that the request is for approval of phase 3. Mr. Malone clarified that the funds were in last year's budget; that it is "old money".

Councilwoman Robinson asked if contact has been made with Mike McGauley concerning the sidewalk design. Mr. Malone responded "yes", easements have been signed.

Mr. Leach stated they had to go to court on some necessary rights-of-way which had slowed the project down; that there is a lot of drainage in this section that required a lot of engineering as it is a tough section to complete.

Councilwoman Scott asked if this will remain an open ditch area. Mr. Malone responded "no"; that it would be closed with curbs, gutters and sidewalks.

Councilwoman Ladd acknowledged that this is a huge improvement and has been needed for a long time!

Mr. Leach stated there were abutting land uses developing and existing land uses; that they had two difficult intersections that are heavily traveled. He stated it was a hard project and phase three was the most difficult from a drainage standpoint.

Mr. Malone stated phase four is in the budget for next year in capital to finish up the project; that it has taken four projects over four years.

Councilwoman Scott stated there were many cars that went into the ditch and this (improvement) is great!

Councilwoman Berz stated what is "getting her" is that we keep talking about last year and this year; that if a department did not spend this money for that "stuff" out there, it would go back and would have it to spend for this year. Mr. Leach stated "it could".

Councilwoman Berz stated the money does not go away. She referenced the map that was shown of the four phases of the project and asked if a portion is automatically done does that mean we are going further, asking for clarification about sufficient funds to do so.

Lee Norris stated they have paid twice what a section should have been worth; that funds were not available in one-to-two years and they had to stretch construction out; that this is the fourth year this has been going on. He stated they had to stop to redesign and rebid and the cost goes up. He stated Dan Johnson and Daisy Madison look at the capital budget and scrape every penny out if funds are not used; that there is a check and balance (system).

Councilwoman Berz stated that she sees us spending time on future dollars and cutting all this, when actually we do not ever look at what is there now. She stated that it is her thought the Council does not have a full picture of ongoing processes of a city; that they cannot just arbitrarily cut and she is impressed by the fact we do not seem to grasp this.

Mr. Norris stated the Council will have an opportunity to look at it in the capital budget; that they had to fund several projects over multiple years.

Councilman Benson added the Goodwin Road project has been going on about five years!

The contract with SAK Construction, LLC in **Resolution (d)** was discussed next with Mr. Malone stating they slip lined the existing pipe and put in pre-formed fabric which gives the existing pipes more strength and structure. He stated this involves two projects: upper Amnicola and Tiftonia interceptor sewers with slip lining where portions had collapsed and there was a big hole on Amnicola. He stated both contracts were put together to end up with a better cost for the project; that the contractor is out of Missouri for a total contract cost of \$3,072,035.00 for both projects and a contingency of \$300,000.00.

The meeting was adjourned.