

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
JANUARY 18, 2011
4:20 P.M.

Councilwoman Ladd, Chairman, called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order with Councilmen Rico, Benson, Scott, Berz, Robinson, Murphy, Gilbert and McGary present. City Attorney Michael McMahan; Management Analyst Randy Burns; and Shirley Crownover, Assistant Clerk to the Council, were also present.

Others present included Gary Hilbert, John Bridger, Karen Rennich, Dan Johnson, Paul Page, Jim Templeton, Randy Ray, Dickie Hutsell, Daisy Madison, John Van Winkle, Lee Norris, Steve Leach, Dennis Malone, Bill Payne, Mark Keil, Tony Boyd and Doug Kelley.

After the room cleared, Chairman Ladd explained that each councilperson was limited to two questions; that normally Public Works Committee was the first to meet after the Agenda meeting; that the Agenda meeting had lasted until 4:20 P.M., and we have another meeting following this one; that we need to get our work done and be respectful of the committees remaining. She stated that she had noted that many of the questions were redundant and some could be answered outside the meeting and still allow full disclosure. She stated that some of our meetings had gotten out of line and some of the questions were just conversations; that she wanted to make this work more efficiently.

Adm. Leach stated that after agenda items were covered that he would like for Tony Boyd to address the snow and ice removal.

He began with **Ordinances (d) and (e)** Final Reading, which had been approved on first reading.

Resolution © authorizes an Agreement with CTI for professional services relative to Old Lee Highway at Apison Pike Sanitary Sewer Relocation and Force Main in an amount not to exceed \$80,000. Adm. Leach stated that this was the normal scope of services. Mr. Malone added that there had been questions about this contract; that CTI had made changes in the contract—that there were a couple of items they asked to be removed, which was done. One involved the process of payment and sewer installation; that items could easily be measured in the field. There was another question dealing with mark-outs and several items were subject to industry standards. Councilwoman Scott asked if the Council would be given a chance to look at the contract after it had been changed before they voted and was told “yes”.

Resolution (f) authorizes an agreement with Allen and Hoshall, Inc. relative to the Rossville Blvd. Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities in an amount not to exceed \$69,400. Adm. Leach stated that this was a comprehensive project, with Mr. Malone adding that the project was awarded funds through TDOT.

Resolution (g) authorizes Goodwill Industries to temporarily use the right-of-way located at the intersection of Old Hunter and Mountain View Road for the installation of a trailer/donation center. Adm. Leach stated that they were not recommending this because it was not an appropriate location. Mr. Malone verified that they wanted to use the right-of-way for the donation trailer; that such trailers are usually placed on empty lots, and they did not feel this was an appropriate place. Councilman Murphy stated that he was hearing them but asked if there was another place for the trailer in the area? Mr. Malone responded that Goodwill did not respond back to them, and this had been on the books for a year. Councilman Murphy suggested working with them and trying to help them out. Councilman McGary questioned if an empty lot and an agreement with the owner of the lot was the criteria? He stated that we needed clear standards. Mr. Malone responded that use of a right-of-way has to be by a Temporary Use Permit, and this came to them as a Temporary Use.

Resolution (h) authorizes Adrian Lewis to temporarily use the right-of-way located at the beginning of the intersection in the 2600 Block of E. 19th St. for access to clean the rear of the property located at 2610 E. 19th St. Mr. Malone explained that the applicant wanted to control the weeds and have access back to the rear of the lot for parking.

Resolution (i) authorizes Jamestown Warehouse Row to temporarily use the right-of-way along 1110 Market Street for the installation of a sign along a portion of the right-of-way.

Resolution (j) authorizes Past Time Antiques to temporarily use the right-of-way located at 139 Rivers Street for placement of shop items along the front of the business and in portions of the right-of-way during business hours. Councilwoman Robinson stated that this whole area works together very cohesively and had traditionally held back on placing items on the street; that she would like to hear from the merchants. Councilwoman Scott asked if the applicant was present. The applicant was not present, and she stated we might want to defer this.

Resolution (k) authorizes Link Forty One Artisan Cured Meats to temporarily use the right-of-way located at 217 E. Main Street to install a sign over a portion of the sidewalk. Mr. Malone gave further explanation.

Resolution (l) authorizes Mitch Baldree, DDS, to temporarily use the right-of-way located at 200 West Main St. to install a banner over the sidewalk. Mr. Malone stated that this was a banner type sign.

Resolutions (n), (o), and (p) are the same type of agreements for signal controller maintenance services at an hourly rate of \$54.25. It was noted that the Traffic folks are working on this; that Attorney Bobo had also been working on this and that John Van Winkle was present for any questions. Attorney Bobo explained that what has changed is the administrative cost; that there was an added 25% mark-up and more specific cost language had been added to

Collegedale. Mr. Van Winkle confirmed that we had revised Collegedale and that they were comfortable with the other two. Councilwoman Scott stated that this tied up her concerns.

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Ordinance 6(a) First Reading amends the City Code relative to inspection and maintenance agreements. Mr. Payne stated that it was the same as is in the Code currently; that this has to be reviewed by the Stormwater Board on January 24th. Councilman Benson asked if this is where if they get a rebate on stormwater fees, they give land in perpetuity to the City? Mr. Payne stated that they would execute a maintenance agreement; that those who were concerned had been given an older copy. Councilman Benson asked if they would get with the Blue Ribbon Committee so that they would understand. Mr. Payne stated that Mr. Tudor had been informed, as well as Bill Raines. Councilman Benson stated that this could be addressed next week. Councilwoman Robinson asked what BMP stood for and was told Best Management Practices.

At this point, Tony Boyd went over the City Wide Services Snow and Ice Response. He provided a wrap-up, which is made a part of this minute material, to show what they were faced with. The summary was handed out by Mr. Leach. The total cost was \$294,126.00. Mr. Boyd noted that 500 tons of sand and salt were on order—that it would take \$243,000 to replace the tonnage that we had used.

Councilwoman Scott thanked Public Works, stating that they did a great job. She also thanked Richard Beeland for putting out the information as one cannot see from their front door what is happening.

Councilman Murphy also expressed appreciation for the “yeoman” efforts, adding that he was the only Yankee in the group and questioned how we can get the equipment that is needed; that what we have is very expensive to operate and takes multiple pieces of equipment; that Public Works used what they had but curbing will have to be replaced that has been obliterated. Also, there are hydrant reflectors that are not there. He noted that snow plow blades are gentler—that this might happen only once in every four years but new equipment would keep forever. He asked if they could not have done a better job with snow blades? Mr. Boyd responded “yes”. Councilman Murphy went on to say that he had heard on the media about 311 requests for plowing. He asked that Public Works please tell him that there was a pattern—that they did the major roads first; that there had been reports of widely disparate treatment.

Mr. Boyd responded that he had been a city employee for 28 years and was hired on as a laborer, and we had two plows; that there were specifications for 12 multi-use chassis with plows; that we had rubber blades for motor grader. As to the 311 issue and residential streets,

we dealt with them the same way as we do storm drainage—first come, first serve by zip codes; that if there are roads in between service requests that need attention, they do them; that they have more than one crew on larger zip codes.

Councilwoman Berz stated that during the snow storm, she had the privilege of talking with Lee Norris. She thanked Public Works for all the hard work, noting that Mr. Norris had said that it was the “rank and file” doing the work, and she wanted this message relayed back to the workmen—that there was a “Thank You” for a job well done, and she had no criticism.

Councilman Benson thanked all of Public Works, including Tony Boyd and all the staff at Onion Bottom. He related that he had a man call him in an area adjacent to the City who stated that the County came in and cleared his road, and he was bragging about the county. He stated that he had to remind him that the City cleared the way for the County trucks and the citizens of the city paid for this; that this man even wrote a letter to the editor complaining about us and Public Works was to be commended; that \$243,000 was a low estimate for sand and salt; that we will have to fix all of the potholes, which could cost \$1 million dollars. He stated he appreciated Public Works for making life so we could live.

Councilman Gilbert thanked Public Works’ employees for leaving their homes and loved ones, and he commended them for that. He gave a big thanks to the department.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.