

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MAY 10, 2011

3:40 P.M.

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

Others present included Dan Johnson, Bill Payne, Lee Norris, Steve Leach, Jerry Stewart, Tony Boyd, Mark Keil, Gary Hilbert, John Bridger, Greg Haynes, Karen Rennich, Paul Page, Donna Kelley, Dickie Hutsell, Daisy Madison, Eleanor Liu, Chief Dodd, and Chief Parker.

Adm. Leach noted that there would be a Proclamation of Public Works Week at tonight's meeting, stating that every week should be Public Works Week. He then proceeded with **Resolution 7©**, noting that this had already been spoken about; that it relates to the roundabout that the State started in August at the southwest corner. He then asked Lee Norris to give an update about the storm event.

Mr. Norris stated that he would provide a quick overview; that Day One crews were dispatched within an hour to Lookout Valley and then the rest of the City; that Friday, after the storm, a satellite Wood Recycling Center was instituted in Lookout Valley; that a third satellite center is at the Old Target's on Brainerd Rd., and material is being hauled there now. He mentioned that Traffic Engineering had spent 36 hours straight getting traffic lights back up. He addressed removal of stumps, stating that they had talked with the FEMA folks and all is in conformity, and there are no problems. He stated that there were crews all over the City, going to the hardest hit areas first. He added that the past weekend was beautiful and a lot of trees were cut up, and we were back to square one. He noted that people should call 311 for brush pick-up. To date, there has been \$300,000 spent in overtime; that in Lookout Valley there were 16,000 cubic areas of material; that the grinding service is operating the same hours and will continue to do so until storm recovery is complete.

Councilwoman Berz stated that she would like to say "Thank You"; that everyone had experienced some damage in their district, but no deaths; that there had been major damage in her district but not a terrible outcome in her area. She again thanked Public Works for the work done and hoped that they were not beleaguered by rude people; that they did a fabulous job, and she thanked them. She stated that people should know that their "stuff" will get picked up, and she was very grateful.

Councilman Gilbert also expressed his thanks and appreciation. He asked if regular 311 calls had been suspended? Mr. Norris explained that there would be an extended time, but they would get to it; that people calling 311 gave them a record to check. Councilman Gilbert asked if the crews saw debris on the road, would they pick it up? He was told "yes".

Councilman Murphy mentioned the 16,000 cubic yards in Lookout Valley so far. He wanted to know if we were getting a ground product out of the temporary location and was told "no". Mr. Norris added that the people had been gracious to let us use their property; that by the end of the summer mulch piles will be reduced. Councilman Murphy added that his district lost 200 year old trees and asked if they were too big for the grinders? Mr. Norris explained that they were splitting and grinding these old trees. He noted that Tony Boyd had been in the center of the storm recovery and was present; that Don Allen, with the County, was also present.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 P.M.