

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**February 28, 2012**

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

On motion of Councilman McGary, seconded by Councilman Gilbert the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published.

Others present included Dan Johnson, Vickie Haley, Richard Beeland, Lee Norris, Steve Leach, Jerry Stewart, Bill Payne, Gary Hilbert, Dennis Malone and John Van Winkle.

Admin. Leach referred Council members to **Ordinance 6A, Amending City Code: Speed on through streets, on the March 6 agenda** noting John Van Winkle needed to leave for a meeting and asked that this matter be discussed first.

John Van Winkle stated this request is to change the speed limit as the result of a traffic study; that they had a request to re-evaluate the safety of this section of Mountain Creek Road noting there had been some accident history which was a little more than minimal. He stated it was felt since the speed limit through the commercial area was higher than it should be for that type road that it was felt it was appropriate to lower the limit to 35 miles per hour.

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Admin. Leach stated **Ordinance 6A is the abandonment of a sewer and sewer easement** located underneath where the new Wellness Center will be built on Eleventh Street.

Admin. Leach stated **Resolutions (e) – (g) involve lateral sewer problems with Leslie Allen Green**; that all basically pay to have laterals if certain qualifications are met.

Councilwoman Scott inquired as to the qualifications. Bill Payne explained that CDBG requests the homeowner be of low income; that they do not replace lateral sewers for landlords; that the resident must be on a very low income and head of household once the criteria has been vetted through the Community Development Division of Neighborhood Services.

Councilwoman Scott asked Mr. Payne if they do the vetting of income. Mr. Payne responded that the homeowner submits the application and it is reviewed by a committee of which he is not a member.

Councilwoman Scott inquired as to the income as vetted. Mr. Payne stated he does not know the specifics as he is not on the committee; that the information is submitted and reviewed to verify that the applicant meets eligibility.

Councilwoman Scott stated Neighborhood Services indicated that Public Works did the verification; that if Public Works did the vetting Mr. Payne should know what the process is.

Mr. Payne stated that they review the information submitted but does not have the details and will send them to Councilwoman Scott.

Admin. Leach stated **Resolution (h), Change Order with Thompson Engineering, Inc.**, is in reference to the project on the Chickamauga Greenway; that it has taken longer to design due to weather issues; that the contractor has assessed \$74,000 in liquidated damages and this change order finalizes the contract.

Admin. Leach stated **Resolution (k) with Earthworx, LLC** is relative to the GIS program for professional services. A map of the project was shown by PowerPoint and Mr. Payne explained that the project started with the Dobbs Branch as the pilot originally in Phase I which was a joint venture between two other companies and expanded into Phase II. He stated at the end it was thought management changes with the consulting team were never satisfied and the collection method and other quality controls never met the standards needed. He stated they changed vendors to Earthworx and all has been completed; that new attributes have been added and have consistently collected data.

Councilwoman Scott asked if this is the last part and everything is mapped city wide. Mr. Payne responded “right”; that the only things not mapped are new construction.

Admin. Leach stated **Resolution (l), agreement with Volkert, Inc.**, is for professional design services for Goodwin Road; that they have been working on this for six-or-seven years and is critical to the east-west connection between Jenkins and Gunbarrel.

Councilman Gilbert inquired as to the estimated time of completion.

Dennis Malone responded that the Hamilton County Department of Education purchased the old David Brainerd School to open up a new elementary school starting the fall of 2013; that they are looking to have the road designed within six-to-eight months to begin construction to meet the time line as it will be the access coming off the new road to the school.

Councilman Benson stated half million has been set aside to get that right-of-way and get the design work done as it was needed long ago; that the city used to have an engineer on the shelf waiting and now there is no shelf ready until after there is an appropriation. He referenced Obama’s Stimulus Package and having shelf-ready opportunities. Bill Payne stated they do not have large amounts of shelf-ready projects which was one of the questions that came up because there is only a certain amount of dollars.

Councilwoman Scott stated it is her thought AARA monies are dried up anyway. Admin. Leach stated they have struggled with AARA money as it takes a year to get the paperwork done!

Admin. Leach stated **Resolutions (m) and (n) are temporary uses** for neighborhood boundary markers.

The meeting was adjourned.