

City of Washington  
Public Works Committee  
Tuesday, September 3, 2019 – **Minutes**

CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM  
301 WALNUT STREET

Present: Aldermen Mike Brownfield, Dave Dingledine, and Lili Stevens.

Also Present: Ed Andrews, Public Works Director; Ray Forsythe, City Administrator; Jon Oliphant, Planning & Development Director; and Kevin Schone, Public Works Supervisor.

Alderman Brownfield called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. Alderman Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Item: None.
2. Citizens Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Item: Sharon Amdall suggested that the City create a list or summary of planned infrastructure projects on the east side over the next 20 years and the City should create a website for the N. Lawndale and W. Holland Special Service Areas so residents had a source for truthful and/or complete information.
3. Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the August 12, 2019, meeting was unanimously approved.
4. Business Items:
  - A. N. Main/E. Cruger Water/Sewer Connections – Staff was recently contacted by a citizen on N. Main Street about potentially connecting to the City's water system as a result of a deteriorating community well. Further discussion also indicated possible interest in connecting to the City's sanitary sewer system. There are 12 lots on N. Main and five on E. Cruger that are presumably on the shared well. The City has a 12" water main along N. Main, so connection to those lots with direct frontage would be relatively uncomplicated. There would be a higher cost to extend the main to pick up the lots on E. Cruger. Sewer service would be more expensive to provide than water. A rough cost estimate for sewer extension to these lots is \$150,000, which would likely require a lift station. Any connection would require annexation. Ordinance No. 3086, which was approved in August 2014, authorized and imposed a single fee for certain properties connecting to the City's water and/or sewer. The properties on N. Main between Devonshire and Cruger would be required to pay the water subdivision development fee (which is currently \$865.50 through 2019) as well as the applicable utility connection fees (\$415 for water and \$4,315 for sewer). There is not a stipulation in the 2014 ordinance that mandates payment of the sewer subdivision development fee for the N. Main lots nor are the E. Cruger lots included for payment into either subdivision development fee fund. The committee recommended that all properties pay into each of the funds depending on connection to water and/or sewer. Furthermore, the City would need signed assurance from the property owners that they want sewer to be extended and would equally split its cost prior to construction.
5. Staff Updates:
  - A. Sewer Treatment Plant No. 2 Phase 2B Trunk Line, Strand Report Update – Flow monitoring is addressed at the start of the document. A Memorandum of Understanding came from EPA to complete the project. Phase 2A was to have started prior to the tornado and that event caused some of the Phase 1 work to be re-done. Approximately \$7.9M is estimated for Alternate A (including the contingency). The next step is to decide the final alignment, which would likely be scheduled for discussion at the October PWC meeting. The water rate structure allows for a total project cost of \$5.5-7.5M. The decommissioning of STP No. 1 will begin soon. The NPDES fees are capped at \$10,000. Staff will increase

the budgeted allocation for landfill costs in FY 20-21 to accommodate the anticipated STP Phase 2B work.

- B. Private Sewer Lateral Insurance/Warranty Update – Staff met recently with a representative from Utility Service Partners (USP). This is a service line warranty program that is endorsed by the National League of Cities. It is intended to assist with common problems associated with aging infrastructure. There is no cost to the City to participate, though the City's name would be utilized in marketing the program to the residents about three times per year. USP would repair blocked or broken water and sewer lines from the point of connection to the house at up to \$8,500 per repair. There are no annual or lifetime limits and the repairs are made by local contractors on a 24/7 basis. This would be intended to provide an option to private insurance, which is typically a more expensive proposition. The committee recommended scheduling it for further discussion at the September 9 COW meeting.
- C. Sewer Treatment Plant No. 2 Equipment Building Update – The hope is to have this project out for bid in about two weeks. One of the last remaining items is to identify the whereabouts of the plumbing and electrical components.
- D. Wilmor Road Fire Station Roof Update – This item is budgeted through the Public Safety fund. Staff has obtained a quote from Kreiling and is seeking two others to conform to the procurement policy. The FY 19-20 budget has \$95,000 allocated for the replacement of the roof. The work needs to be done during slightly warmer weather, as the coolest allowable temperature for application is 40 degrees. Staff would prefer to obtain quotes instead of bids in order to expedite the project while the weather would permit during this construction season. The committee recommended proceeding with obtaining Council authorization at the September 16 meeting.

6. Other Business:

- A. Staff has been in contact with the 1405 Westgate Road resident regarding any driveway modifications. The owner has been pleased with the communication and the suggested alternative.
- B. There will be an open house on the Phase 1 Square streetscape project on Thursday from 4-6 pm at Banquet Room D at Five Points. This is intended to solicit public input on the project prior to the drafting of a Project Development Report to submit to IDOT for review.
- C. Staff has a meeting scheduled for Wednesday with District 4 IDOT staff to discuss a very rough draft design of the desired intersection improvements at BR 24 and Lakeshore Drive as well as the extension of Lakeshore to the north to connect with Freedom Parkway. The draft design would allow for the road centerline to straddle the Big R property and adjacent undeveloped parcel and would entirely avoid the existing Big R storage area.
- D. The WCHS Band Invitational and 911 Remembrance events are scheduled for this weekend. The Public Works staff has assisted with setup for both of these.
- E. By fixing a neighboring water issue on Guth Road, a change was done to regrade the slope of the ditch. The ditch is not too steep to mow and the resident would be expected to regularly mow it.

Motion to adjourn at approximately 6:25 p.m.