



**CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**  
**Public Works Committee Agenda Communication**

**Meeting Date:** 06-01-2020

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**Agenda Item:** W. Holland Brick Paver Consideration

**Explanation:** W. Holland Street is currently a brick street. Residents along the project have expressed their desire for it to remain a brick street in the future. Mohr & Kerr is designing the project as a brick street. The existing bricks on Holland are laid on their side and in a running bond pattern. This pattern is avoided now because it is a very weak pattern that does not fair well with vehicle traffic.

Staff met with representatives of multiple brick companies and found the closest paver color coming from Unilock. They have two different styles of brick that are rated for vehicle traffic. Each style of brick has a different laying pattern than what is currently on Holland. The more conventional brick is laid in a herringbone pattern while their L shaped brick carries a pattern that more closely resembles the straight-line pattern of a running bond.

Unilock has setup a display of both bricks and patterns in the rear parking lot of City Hall. The aggregate used in the patterns put a milky residue on top of the bricks. Traffic would clear this residue off and bring the bricks bag to their normal coloring.

**Fiscal Impact:** Both bricks are priced similarly so the difference in price between the two selections is marginal. Both bricks and patterns can be machine laid which helps keep the cost of construction down.

**Recommendation/**

**Committee Discussion Summary:** Staff recommends that the PW Committee Members view the exhibits in person. Staff also would like to pursue opinions from the residents on W. Holland for their preference between the two options.

**Action Requested:** Recommend approval to pursue a majority rules type approach with the residents along W. Holland between the two different exhibits.

