

CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2015
BANQUET ROOM A – FIVE POINTS WASHINGTON
360 N. WILMOR ROAD – 5:30 P.M.

Call to Order	Mayor Gary W. Manier called the special meeting of Monday, March 30, 2015 to order at 5:33 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room at Five Points Washington.
Roll Call	<p>Present and answering roll call were Aldermen Schneider, J. Gee, Dingledine, Butler, Moss, T. Gee, Brucks, and Brownfield.</p> <p>Also present was Controller Joanie Baxter, Director of Public Works Ed Andrews, P & D Director Jon Oliphant, Police Chief Don Volk, City Treasurer Ellen Dingledine, City Clerk Pat Brown, and members of the press.</p>
Pledge of Allegiance	All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
Audience Comments	None.
Proposed FY 15-16 Budget Review	<p>Mayor Manier thanked staff for all their hard work in preparing the proposed budget. Controller Baxter shared that the budget planning retreat held back in January was helpful in going forward in the preparation. She shared that the review will begin with the Capital Improvement Plan, which is the largest part of the budget.</p> <p>Public Works Director Andrews shared the following: 1) City Hall – backup generator is result of the impact on City Hall services when the tornado hit; 2) Street – provided a general summary of the listed items noting the Mt. Vernon traffic signal will allow for a preliminary intersection design study at that location for now and will be in place when the Georgetown property develops. Alderman J. Gee commented that he doesn’t see anything for Lexington Drive repairs and Andrews shared that it is not separated out but falls under the Mill/HMA Resurfacing item. Alderman Dingledine asked what the Public Works Facilities Rehab includes and Andrews shared that the numbers are there for the potential of possibly consolidating facilities in the future noting that a full needs assessment would be completed to weigh costs before anything would move forward; 3) Water – provided a general summary of the listed items noting that a provision has been made for help with the engineering component of the automated meter read meter replacement. A brief discussion ensued on what is entailed in launching the automated meter reading in terms of expense and revenue. It was noted that the establishment of a per meter technology fee will help to offset expense and another benefit is that it would allow us to move from a quarterly billing cycle to a monthly; 4) Water Subdivision Development Fee – provided a general summary noting that it is set up to extend water main along Cruger Road to Devonshire Section 20 with a crossing at Nofsinger Road as well; 5) MERF – provided a general summary noting that they went back and forth on the dump truck and in the end wanted a backup in the mix if we take replacement out to year 14. Alderman T. Gee asked about street sweeper replacement and Andrews shared they are looking into it with a demonstration planned from a vendor in Chicago but they are not prepared to make a budget recommendation at this time; 6) Sewer – provided a general summary noting the planned program addresses the east side of town where we are experiencing some of our worse problems; 7) Sewer Treatment Plant #2 Phase 2A – provided a general summary; 8) Sewer Treatment Plant #2 Phase 2B – provided a general summary noting that the preliminary design is ongoing and a resurvey of the interconnect to connect the two plants is planned. He also noted that any funding leftover from 2A will move to 2B; 9) Cemetery – provided a general summary noting that the funding will cover phase one of the cremation garden area that includes a conceptual plan and the supplier providing and installing the columbarium with parking and landscaping being done in-house; 10) Police – Police Chief Volk provided a general summary noting that the FY16-17 firing range construction funding would be contingent on where the range might go and if it goes on what appears to be the appropriate site it would be dependent on the completion of its current use. He also noted that \$65,000 was being budgeted for in-car cameras but believes he can get them for less and this amount would be worse case scenario; 11) MFT – Public Works Director Andrews provided a general summary noting that the \$1M is cash in hand for FY15-16. He shared that recent legislation has swept some money out of MFT which will result in a \$15,000 loss for us next year. Alderman J. Gee asked what stage the plans are in to begin the reconstruction of the roads in the tornado affected areas and Andrews shared that follow-up plans were dropped off last week and is in the process of coming together. He noted that it will be completed in two rounds. Mayor Manier shared that the recent legislation kept the LGDF funds intact with no reductions to municipalities which could have resulted in a loss of \$750,000 in revenue to the City; 12) Storm Water Management – Public Works Director Andrews provided a general summary noting the three identified projects: Dieble Road detention; School Street detention; and Washington Estates flood control, noting that School Street and Washington Estates are contingent on grants and we would have to be selected for these to move forward; 13) TIF – P & D Director Oliphant provided a general summary noting the following: the SE Quad parking lot would be the west end of the parking lot across the street from the Post office; the NE Quad parking lot does not have any property in mind at this time; Zinser Place improvements have been budgeted for a few years; sidewalks will be inventoried to assess need; and the Square coping is planned for repairs and the cost will be dependent on the scope of the repairs that are needed.</p> <p>Controller Baxter handed out a replacement page for the CIP All Funds Summary and Special Assessments/Capital Projects Funds Summary, noting there were calculation errors on the pages that went out on Friday.</p>

14) Beverly Manor Safe Routes – Public Works Director Andrews provided a general summary indicating that this project could potentially be completed this FY; 15) Washington 223 – Public Works Director Andrews provided a general summary indicating the IDOT grant money has been in hand pre-tornado and would like to engage the engineer component on the intersection design yet this year. Alderman Butler asked if the intersection can align with Dallas Road and Andrews shared that it could. He shared that even though the interior development is yet to be determined he would like to get going on the engineering component this FY; 16) Freedom Parkway/Lakeshore Drive – Public Works Director Andrews shared that the lack of PPUATS funding for this project and the Federal gas tax being a stagnant funding source has had them looking at other ways to fund. P & D Director Oliphant shared that a business overlay district is becoming more and more common as federal funds dry up. He shared that ¼% sales tax to existing and undeveloped properties within the overlay district could annually generate \$175-200,000, based existing businesses numbers today. Alderman Butler asked if this is the only option to move the project forward at this point and Oliphant replied that doing another TIF district would be another option. Alderman Butler expressed that another TIF could backfire and with the overlay you can fund it as it goes along; and 17) Recreation Trail Extension – P & D Director Oliphant provided a general summary sharing that engineering is planned to begin FY16-17 for the ITEP grant, Business Route 24 (N. Cummings to Route 8) and engineering planned to begin FY16-17 for the TAP grant, Cruger Road (Nofsinger to N. Main). He shared that the TAP grant is projected to have construction begin in FY17-18 but there could be a chance to start construction in FY16-17 and if so, would come back for discussion next year.

Controller Baxter shared that the proposed FY15-16 budget totals \$29.4M with just over \$17M being capital projects. She shared that when comparing it to the FY14-15 total of \$20.1M, which was a re-adoption of the amended FY13-14 budget because of the November 2013 tornado, if you back out the \$6.5M MFT grant and the \$1.2M storm water if we don't get the grants, you get to a \$21.7M budget representing an 8% increase over a two year period.

Mayor Manier shared that for what we have been through we continue to be fiscally responsible and thanked staff for a job well done. Controller Baxter shared that pending any changes the budget will come before City Council as a first reading on April 13th, the public hearing on April 20th, and second reading and action on April 27th. Mayor Manier indicated that the April meetings have all been moved up one week so there will not be a meeting on April 6th. He asked if there were any further question on the budget. Controller Baxter indicated that if anyone wanted to see more detail on items to let her know. City Treasurer Dingleline asked if there were any staffing number changes and Controller Baxter shared that there were not outside of the additional EDC/Administrative position that she was asked to include. Alderman Dingleline asked why the jump occurred in the estimated actual in FY14-15 and budget FY15-16 for personnel in the general fund and Controller Baxter shared that it more than likely comes from increases in the police pension fund and the additional position but will check and let him know once she has a chance to look at the detail. Alderman Butler shared that is it hard to spend \$770,000 on the Freedom Parkway project next FY. Mayor Manier shared that it was the priority of the Council. Public Works Director Andrews shared that the right-of-way is complete, the corridor is defined, the Lakeshore Drive component is in discussion, and \$500,000 was inserted into the budget as a placeholder, but if Council's more comfortable pushing back we can. Mayor Manier shared we need commitment on the Lakeshore component but we could consider Freedom Parkway. Alderman Dingleline asked where do we put our resources W223 or Freedom/Lakeshore and he is leery of spending money without having something specific in place. Alderman J. Gee shared that Freedom Parkway has been a priority for a long time. Alderman Butler shared there are a lot of sales tax number to float on the Freedom Parkway/Lakeshore Drive project and the numbers don't add up. Alderman Dingleline shared there are a lot of uncertainties and a need for an overall plan.

At 6:54 p.m. Alderman Schneider moved and Alderman T. Gee seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Adjournment

Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk