

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MONDAY – AUGUST 10, 2015
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM - 380 N. WILMOR ROAD
WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**

Mayor Manier called the Committee of the Whole meeting of August 10, 2015 to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Library meeting room at Five Points Washington.

Present: Aldermen Brownfield, Brucks, T. Gee, Moss, Butler, Dingledine, J. Gee, and Maxwell.

Absent: None.

Also present: Public Works Director Andrews, P & D Director Oliphant, Police Chief Volk, City Treasurer Dingledine, and City Clerk Brown.

MINUTES

1. Aldermen wishing to be heard on non-agenda item – None.
2. Citizens wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item – None.
3. Approval of Minutes: Alderman T. Gee moved and Alderman Moss seconded to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
4. Business Items
 - A. Terra Engineering – US Route 24/Nofsinger Road Intersection – Public Works Director Andrews introduced the representatives from Terra Engineering, Ms. Karen Dvorsky and Mr. Eric Therkildsen. He shared that Terra has developed a 12-month schedule for the study and preparation of construction plans for the realignment and signalization of the Nofsinger Road and U.S. Route 24 intersection and we are one month in so far on the schedule. He shared they had met with IDOT about 3-weeks ago on the status of the study and are bringing forward the options for consideration. He noted there are two additional options for review, and if considered, would require us to provide additional justification to move forward. He also shared that Option 1 would be a future build out with right in and right out access only onto U.S. 24 but planning could be included in the scope now to have that much done. A PowerPoint was shared showing the mapped options, the 12-month schedule, and the costs of each option. The total costs of each option were as follows: Option 1A, \$4.41M (realigns current Nofsinger/U.S. 24 intersection and connects back to original Nofsinger just north of Calvin); Option 1B, \$4.5M (realigns current Nofsinger/U.S. 24 intersection and connects to Dallas); Option 2, \$4.65M (continues the north/south section of Nofsinger just past Dutch Ln. straight south bypassing the dog leg section of Nofsinger and connecting with W. Cruger at the future extension of Glouster in the Devonshire subdivision); and Option 3, \$4.96M (continues the north/south section of Nofsinger just past Dutch Ln., swings a little further east than option 2, and connects with W. Cruger at the future extension of Kensington in the Devonshire subdivision). It was noted by Mr. Therkildsen that the intersection would be eligible for federal funding. Mayor Manier commented that he plans to share the mapped options with Senator Durbin this Wednesday when he is here in order to get them on his radar for funding. Alderman Butler shared he would like to see the connection at Dallas Road so his preference would be Option 1B; Alderman Dingledine shared because of the amount of traffic on Dallas and the blind spot issues where it connects to W. Cruger his preference would be Option 1B; Alderman J. Gee shared his preference would be for Option 2 because it would put us in a better position in the future of what the area will be like in 20 years, gives better access to property by dividing it in half, and is midway between N. Main St. and Cummings Ln.

He shared he would not be in favor of right ins and outs because of the increased accident potential. He noted that the land acquisition will be difficult but sees Option 2 as a better long term option. Alderman Brucks shared a concern with options 2 and 3 only connecting into a subdivision. Mayor Manier shared a concern with option 2 dividing the property which could limit development. Alderman Brucks asked what the development rule of etiquette is and Mr. Therkildsen shared that it depends on the development but a developer would look most at a clean access and frontage and having a main access where the most traffic is passing by. Alderman Dingleline commented that having an intersection with U.S. 24 on each end of the property gives a broader slate for development and that is another reason for favoring Option 1B and the pre-engineering for Option 1. Alderman T. Gee asked why tying into Dallas Rd. with Option 2 wasn't considered and Ms. Dvorsky shared that they did look at this as an option but it became very curvy making it an undesirable alternative. Alderman Brownfield shared his preference of Option 1B and the pre-engineering for Option 1. Alderman Moss shared her preference of Option 1B. Alderman Maxwell shared his preference of Option 1B but has concerns with the amount of traffic down the road on Dallas.

- B. Other Business – Alderman Brucks shared that the Finance & Personnel Committee heard a proposal from a developer to replace the façade on the south side of the Square using TIF funding and they were in favor of making the recommendation. He shared that in addition to the new façade there is a commercial development potential on the east side of the buildings that would require the developer to re-purchase back the parking lot that the city acquired in 2013 in order to have access for a drive up window. He shared we would propose the developer purchases it back from us at the same price we purchased it for plus legal fees and asked for any questions or comments on this scenario. Alderman Dingleline shared that this proposal had come before the Public Safety Committee and at that time they did not have a definitive plan of ingress and egress for safety that also did not inhibit the existing mail boxes on the east side of Ford Ln. He shared his concern with parking as well in this area. The former Skill Sprout parking lot was discussed but the owner is not interested in opening this up to the public for parking. Public Works Director Andrews shared that there are now complete defined plans and he will get them out to everyone. Other concerns brought forward were with cars stacking up in the drive up lane and snow removal.

Treasurer Dingleline shared that the city's Health Insurance Committee will hold its first lunch and learn series for employees focusing on back health and preventative measures. She shared it is being held tomorrow at the Legion Road facility, offering two different times, and have 32 employees signed up to attend. She shared this year's health fair will be in October and will be held at Five Points again.

5. At 7:57 p.m. Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk