

City of Washington
Public Work Committee
Monday, May 2, 2016 – **Minutes**

CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
301 WALNUT STREET

Present: Aldermen Bob Brucks, Dave Dingledine, and Jim Gee

Also Present: Ed Andrews, Public Works Director; Jim Culotta, City Administrator; Jon Oliphant, Planning & Development Director; Kevin Schone, Public Works Manager.

Alderman Jim Gee 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: None
3. Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the April 4, 2016, meeting was unanimously approved.
4. Business Items:
 - A. Sump Discharge Nuisance Consideration: Westminster/W. Cruger – Following the tornado, a couple of sump pump lines from rebuilt homes were extended beyond the rear property lines and discharging into the right-of-way adjacent to W. Cruger. The owners of the 1405, 1407, and 1409 Westminster properties indicated their desires to have the line from 1403 Westminster addressed, as the water makes it very difficult to mow their back yards and is likely a nuisance. The residents indicated there will be a new owner of 1403 Westminster soon. Staff will reach out to the owner to request connection to the city's storm sewer. Such connection should alleviate any nuisances within this area.
 - B. Sharrow Striping – A request has been made to consider adding sharrow striping in time for the Family Bike Ride, which is scheduled for June 4. Funds have been budgeted for FY 16-17 for the first phase of sharrows, which would largely be contained to N. Main, S. Main, and W. Jefferson. The public will also need to be notified about the sharrows and the requirement for vehicular traffic to pay attention to those bicyclists that are sharing the road. The committee felt that early June was likely too soon to have the sharrows marked. The goal will be to have the sharrows in place by early August, either through city staff or contracted labor, when the Bike Friendly Communities application is due.
 - C. Downtown Square IL Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) – The latest ITEP cycle opened on May 2 with applications due by June 17. Staff met recently at the last IDOT bi-monthly meeting to receive feedback on the proposed Square streetscape project. The dialogue was positive and IDOT recommended more fully identifying the scope and starting preliminary engineering to make for a more competitive application. The committee agreed to begin an expedited RFP process in order to better define the project and obtain accurate cost estimates. Staff will begin this work, provide an update at next week's Committee of the Whole meeting

and look to have a selected engineering consultant for the Council to approve on May 16.

- D. Nofsinger/US 24 Intersection Update – Terra Engineering provided an updated timeline for the completion of the final construction plans for the road realignment. A roundabout is tentatively planned at the Nofsinger/Dallas intersection. Pedestrian accommodations are planned along Nofsinger, Dallas, and W. Cruger. The committee recommended that two public open houses be held, with the first scheduled for May 26 from 5-7 pm at Five Points. A second would tentatively be scheduled for mid-August. Staff will provide an update at Monday's Committee of the Whole meeting to ensure consensus on this schedule.
- E. Water Service(s) Code Amendment: Chapter 152 Subdivision Code and Chapter 50 Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System Sections – Staff noted the inconsistencies between the two code sections and that this has been brought to its attention from a couple of consulting engineers while working on developing subdivisions. At the committee's recommendation, staff will begin work on that administrative change to ensure consistency with the two codes. A subdivision code text amendment will be scheduled for the June Planning & Zoning Commission meeting.
- F. Best Practices: Electrical Grounding, Automated Meter Reading Project – Ed Andrews briefed the Committee on the AMR / Meter replacement program's progress and the consideration to add grounding to the meter connections. There is already a unit price for this work in the bid, but the older sections of town have been averaging 60% of the replacements with a copper or galvanized service connection that is being used a household ground. New construction would have HDPE services and have separate grounding.
- G. Glendale Cemetery Columbarium Update – The first phase of the columbarium project is on track to be completed by Memorial Day. About eight parking spaces will be available surrounding it and a lane will be open for cars to circle the columbarium. Staff will request authorization on the consent agenda at the following City Council meeting that Lonewolf Concrete, Inc. be approved to complete decorative stamped concrete work ringing the columbarium.

5. Other Business:

- A. The STP#2 Phase 2 project will have a kickoff meeting on May 11.
- B. The east side LOMR project has been submitted to FEMA for their review and hopeful approval. It has been estimated that both FEMA and IDNR typically take 6-9 months apiece for their reviews.

Motion to adjourn at approximately 6:22 p.m.