

City of Washington
Public Work Committee
Monday, July 20, 2015 – **Minutes**

CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
301 WALNUT STREET

Present: Aldermen Mike Brownfield, Jim Gee, and Carol Moss

Also Present: Ed Andrews, Public Works Director; Jon Oliphant, Planning & Development Director; Kevin Schone, Public Works Manager; Alderman Bob Brucks.

Alderman Mike 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: Steve Hullcranz asked if the City could restripe the pavement on Freedom Parkway. Staff will review that and see if any work is warranted.
3. Approval of Minutes – The committee unanimously voted to approve the June 15, 2015 meeting minutes.
4. Business Items:
 - A. Woodland Trail Drainage: Ken Prater met with the committee to request on behalf of the Heather Court HOA for the City to make consideration for the addition of curb & gutter and sidewalk along Woodland Trail to the south from Heather Court to Dogwood. Ed Andrews updated the committee that ditch cleaning had been undertaken by the Streets Department and small diameter riprap would be placed as schedule and weather permitted. He also presented design plans for this inclusion for curb and gutter prepared by ESE in 1999 for the City. The committee felt that this would be something that the City could plan for in upcoming budget cycles.
 - B. Nofsinger Road/US Route 24 Roadway Realignment – Staff met with Terra Engineering and IDOT last week to evaluate possible realignments of the intersection as well as other possible access points to the property. A map showing three options was presented. IDOT has indicated that it will support the City's desire on the relocation of the existing intersection. The location of any other intersections (whether they are full access or limited access) would likely depend on the location of the realigned original intersection and any development demands. The committee suggested that the entire City Council be consulted for their opinions.
 - C. Knollcrest Drive Floodplain Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) Proposal – Staff received a proposal from Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. a few weeks ago to complete the LOMR project for the area between N. Main Street and Dieble Road. The project is expected to take at least 18 months. The cost of the project from CBEL's proposal is \$29,900 plus time and materials for any project meetings with FEMA, IDNR, and/or the City. The committee recommended that the project be undertaken. City Council authorization will be scheduled for the August 3 meeting.

- D. HUD Grant Update – The Phase 1 application that the State of Illinois presented through the HUD Natural Disaster Resilience Competition was accepted and the state has been invited to begin work on Phase 2. The City has proposed completing work within Washington Estates to alleviate any future stormwater/flooding problems. The Phase 2 submittal will build on the Phase 1 application before HUD eventually announces project awards. A public open house for any interested Washington Estates residents is planned for either July 29 or 30 at Five Points (subsequently established for July 30).
 - E. City Code Amendment: Chapter 91 entitled “Animals” (regarding beekeeping) – Staff presented a list of suggested draft beekeeping regulations based on those found in other cities throughout Illinois if the committee wanted to recommend that beekeeping be allowed in residential districts. The committee did recommend that staff draft an amendment to allow this as a special use. A draft amendment will be created and will be brought back at an upcoming meeting prior to a first reading ordinance.
 - F. Plotter Replacement – The City purchased a Canon plotter two years ago. The original unit ended up having some problems that Canon and CityBlue Technologies staff could not fix. A second unit was then installed. While there have been some issues with it that have not been as major as with the first plotter, the end of the warranty is quickly approaching and staff is of the opinion that a replacement consideration would be a better long-term solution than purchasing Canon’s 2-year extended warranty at \$3,600 (\$1,800 per year). The cost of a new HP Designjet T2500eMFP plotter would be \$2,895 following a \$5,000 trade-in value and \$1,000 customer rebate). The committee recommended that staff purchase this plotter without an additional two-year warranty (a one-year warranty is included in the price).
 - G. Water Tower No. 2 Antenna Mounts – Ed Andrews discussed with the Committee the need to have a structural review on the consideration for antenna mounts on water tower number two. The committee was supportive of the proposal from Midwest Engineering to review a number of different options.
 - H. Street Sweeper Purchase Consideration – Ed Andrews presented the Committee with pricing and staff’s opinion for replacing the current Elgin mechanical based sweeper with a regenerative air or vacuum type unit. The Committee supported advancing this to full Council for consideration.
5. Other Business:
- A. Staff provided an update on the ongoing IDOT-funded infrastructure repairs.
 - B. Staff will try to be more proactive in resolving any future drainage issues in residential areas.

Motion to adjourn at approximately 6:15 p.m.