

City of Washington  
Public Work Committee  
Tuesday, July 5, 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; Alderman Mike Brownfield; Jim Culotta, City Administrator; Jon Oliphant, Planning & Development Director; Kevin Schone, Public Works Supervisor.

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: Striping of Freedom Parkway and Centennial Drive was discussed. Paint from last season on Freedom did not last long, ideally this would have been thermoplastic.
3. Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the May 31, 2016, meeting was unanimously approved.
4. Business Items:
  - A. Water Model/Distribution System Update – Staff and Scott DeSplinter of CMT gave an update on this project. The media will be replaced for both water treatment plants. There are roof and moisture issues with WTP2 that need to be fixed. A levee is needed for flood protection at WTP1. Further investigation is needed at the PRV's. The committee recommended keeping WTP1 operating as long as possible as long as the media is replaced, which allows for another 10-15 years of operation.
  - B. Viaduct Temporary Traffic Control Update – Staff indicated that IDOT plans to begin work late this summer on reconstructing Business 24 near the TP&W RR viaduct. This will close the viaduct for up to six calendar weeks, though the project has not been awarded yet. IDOT has tentatively established a detour to reroute traffic on N. Main, W. Cruger, and N. Cummings. The committee discussed the possible placement of temporary traffic signals at N. Main/Jefferson and Wilmor/W. Jefferson. It recommended to utilize these through Laser Electric at a cost of \$35,363.20.
  - C. Austin Engineering: School Street, Safe Routes to School – Staff has received the final construction and engineering costs associated with the construction of a 6' wide sidewalk on School Street as part of the Safe Routes to School program. This was done as a result of a grant received for the construction. The final engineering totals \$51,282.40, slightly more than the \$50,926.51 adjusted estimate. Accordingly, the committee recommended making the final payment of \$355.89 to Austin Engineering to complete the inspection contract. This is also placed on the City Council agenda on July 5 for approval.

- D. Weed Spraying Considerations – The city has historically contracted for weed spraying services. Staff has considered utilizing its Public Works employees for some spot checks if there are licensed laborers. City staff would only do spot checks; the full program would be further analyzed to determine if staff could handle additional areas.

5. Other Business:

- A. The bidding of MFT projects should be ready soon. This work would need to include having flaggers as a contract provision for the TP&W RR crossing at N. Main.
- B. Staff will look at a residential alley on the east side to determine if it is in a condition that would warrant it be considered for inclusion with the annual seal coat work.
- C. The Diebel Road detention basin project will start this year.

Motion to adjourn at approximately 6:23 p.m.