

City of Washington
Public Work Committee
Tuesday, September 6, 2016 – **Minutes**

CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
301 WALNUT STREET

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

Also Present: Ed Andrews, Public Works Director; 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: Alderman Brucks said that he recently received an email thanking the City for repairs done to East Street. Alderman Brucks also said that it may be beneficial to have a discussion in the near future about the possible permanent placement of stoplights at the Jefferson/Wilmor and/or Jefferson/N. Main intersections.
2. Citizens Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Item: Residents of the Oak Creek subdivision inquired about the future buildout of the subdivision. A preliminary plat was approved by the City Council in January for Section 7. It increases the number of lots by five. The same layout would be kept, as both Rustic Oak and Autumn Ridge would eventually connect with Sycamore. The residents asked about the enforcement of any restrictive covenants that were previously recorded. Such enforcement would be the responsibility of the developer and/or home owner's association. It was recommended that the residents reach out to the developer of Section 7 to see if the lots could be widened.
3. Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the August 1, 2016, and August 8, 2016, meetings will be on the agenda for approval at the next meeting.
4. Business Items:
 - A. IPWMAN Update: Mobile Emergency Command – A command trailer is currently housed in Stephenson County. The City has been asked about the possibility of housing a trailer in Washington. It would be located at the Legion public works facility and would use one parking space. No City insurance coverage is needed for it. The Committee was accepting of this request.
 - B. Terra Engineering
 1. W. Cruger Road Phase 2 Multi-use Path – Hutchison Engineering is currently doing plans for Phase 1, which will be constructed from the Methodist Medical facility to Nofsinger Road. Phase 2 will be constructed from Nofsinger to connect with the existing trail at Washington Middle School. Phase 1 construction is scheduled for the Spring of 2017. Terra Engineering has submitted a proposal for the complete engineering of Phase 2 at a not-to-exceed cost of \$57,007.99. The Committee recommended that this be

approved. It will be scheduled for discussion at the September 12 Committee of the Whole meeting.

2. **Cruger/Dallas Roundabout** – The City has budgeted for 50% of the anticipated cost of the realigned Nofsinger Road. Federal/IDOT funding would likely cover the entire cost of the intersection reconstruction. There likely would not be any federal or state funding for the Dallas/Nofsinger intersection. Staff feels that it would be best to have initial discussions with IDOT about the possibility of a roundabout at this intersection as soon as possible in order to get an understanding about the feasibility of that construction. The Committee was accepting of staff beginning those conversations.
 - C. **Street Right-of-Way Vacation: Park Blvd.** – The Park District would like to replace its existing maintenance building on the north side within Washington Park with a new building on the same footprint. Staff has discovered that the 1974 building is about 13-14 feet into the Park Boulevard right-of-way. There appears to be an assumption that the ROW was going to be vacated or already was vacated in 1974. However, staff has not found any documentation of that and it appears that the ROW is still in place. There are no known city utilities within the ROW and the city does not maintain it. The Committee recommended that Park Boulevard be vacated in order to accommodate the construction of the new building. The Park District would be responsible for completing a vacation plat as part of this request. This will be scheduled for discussion at the September 12 Committee of the Whole meeting.
5. **Other Business:**
- A. Staff received a request to place neighborhood watch signs in the Brentwood neighborhood. They would be placed on the back of stop signs and speed limit signs. The city would install approximately 10-11 signs and the neighborhood residents would pay for them. The Committee approved this request.
 - B. The annual band competition will be held all day on Saturday.
 - C. The reconstruction of the viaduct is on time and scheduled to be completed by September 23. Pouring of the concrete will occur soon and two business entrances will be repaired following the viaduct work before the road reopens.
 - D. The paving of the Zinser/N. Main parking lot is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, weather permitting.
 - E. Staff will look to include N. Cummings with the annual sealcoat program.
 - F. A privacy fence will be installed around the City Hall generator and garbage/recycling containers.

Motion to adjourn at approximately 6:18 p.m.