

**CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**  
**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2017**  
**LIBRARY MEETING ROOM**  
**380 N. WILMOR ROAD – 6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order	Mayor Manier called the Special meeting of Monday, January 30, 2017 to order at 6:03 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room at Five Points Washington.
Roll Call	<p>Present and answering roll call were Aldermen Brownfield, T. Gee, Moss, Butler, Dingledine, J. Gee, and Moehle. Alderman Brucks was absent</p> <p>Also present was City Administrator Culotta, Controller Joanie Baxter, Director of Public Works Ed Andrews, P &amp; D Director Jon Oliphant, City Treasurer Ellen Dingledine, City Clerk Pat Brown, and members of the press.</p>
Pledge of Allegiance	All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
Audience Comments	None.
Five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)	<p>Mayor Manier shared that this will be a working session to understand priorities and share thoughts with staff for the upcoming budget cycle. The following priorities/thoughts/concerns were shared:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alderman Brownfield: Freedom Parkway extension needs to be sooner rather than later. With the opening of Dollar Tree the traffic safety issue is enhanced and it needs to be a priority with consideration given to possibly splitting the Lakeshore extension project away from the Freedom extension project. He shared that the Square Streetscape project would be nice but there are other areas to focus on.</li><li>• Mayor Manier: Nofsinger realignment remains as the number one priority and everyone was in agreement.</li><li>• Alderman Dingledine: Keeping focus on our budgetary means, creating revenue streams so as not to bankrupt the City in getting all the things done that need to get done. Being mindful of the increased costs of projects if they don't get done within the next year or two. The Downtown Square is not a huge priority, but it would be nice to have it more accessible to people. Identifying more areas in the street program where we do more mill and overlay as opposed to sealcoating which only preserves the surface for a period of time and does not address the integrity of the street base. Andrews shared that he has a pavement rating map that has additional breakdowns that would be a reference point that he will share with committee. IDOT did a nice job of patching but would like to see more emphasis and pressure put on IDOT to replace the entire street structure from N. Cummings Lane to the Square. Mayor Manier shared that it would be moved up on IDOT's radar if we were to take over the road and Andrews shared that there have been regional discussions as currently we have approximately 40 separate agreements on this stretch of roadway. The levee protection at Water Treatment Plant 1 is an important priority. The Freedom Parkway extension should be developer driven.</li><li>• Alderman J. Gee: In agreement with Nofsinger and Freedom being number one and two priorities and are vital projects to complete. Street reconstructions need to be completed with Hilldale and Lawndale being priority and others following. Both water treatment plant's filter rehabs are due to be done. The Fire Station roof rehabilitation. Moving into sewer treatment plant phase 2B as funding allows. Completing phase 2 and 3 of the Cruger Road recreation trail.</li><li>• Mayor Manier asked with the infrastructure problems on the east end of town would it serve us better to do the upgrades to those at the same time of street mill and overlay and Public Works Director Andrews shared that if the opportunity is there to do them simultaneously it most certainly would. He shared that he was planning to give an update on sewer treatment plant phase 2b at the next Public Works committee meeting and will bring some dialogue forward that targets the infrastructure and street upgrades to get the most for our dollars.</li><li>• Alderman Butler: Would like to see us subdivide projects and prioritize them within their areas and understand what costs would be for projects if we don't get them done in the next year or two. The City can't fund the cost of the Freedom Parkway extension and we need to look at alternative funding opportunities. He shared that priorities are nice but more detail is needed before decisions can be made. Treasurer Dingledine asked if numbers are available if the Lakeshore component was taken away from the Freedom Parkway extension and Andrews shared that he did not bring the details of that this evening. He shared that if federal funding dollars would come into play as a resource it would be five years out and would only hit the last year of this CIP. A brief discussion ensued on marketing challenges for the development of the area without the road extension as well as concerns with extending the roadway without any identifiable development in site. It was noted later that if the Freedom Parkway extension project became eligible for the next cycle of PPUATS funding that it's priority would be elevated, and with the safety concerns in how traffic is being redirected to the use of other roadways it has greater potential for consideration so we would want to make sure our local funding match was in place.</li><li>• Mayor Manier shared that the street mill &amp; overlay and water/sewer upgrades to the east end of town could be considered as a possible number two priority. He asked that a 5-year plan showing a cost per street mile be created and to break out the east end of town to include infrastructure upgrades. He also would like consideration to be given to a sidewalk assessment 5-year payment option to give property owners on a limited budget an opportunity to replace sidewalk.</li></ul>

- Alderman Dingleline asked what the projection is for the need for water tower 3. Andrews shared that it is driven by the average daily usage, and although we are okay now, the justification is there and would like it to be held at a two to three-year projection. A brief discussion ensued on available funding to cover its cost, how current rate structures play into the cost and if they are sufficient enough, and how growth will drive the need for the 3<sup>rd</sup> tower and how that growth participates in the overall cost. It was also noted that we outperform in our water distribution to surrounding areas and are fees remain one of the lowest in the area, and if we are seeing a deficit it is critical that we take a look at our fee structure.

CIP, Cont.)

Following discussion, Mayor Manier asked that staff prepare a breakdown for each year and the costs associated with each project for discussion at a special meeting the third week of February.

At 7:00 p.m. Alderman Dingleline moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adjourn.  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Adjournment

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Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk