

**DRAFT**

City of Washington  
Public Work Committee  
Monday, March 5, 2018 – **Minutes**

CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM  
301 WALNUT STREET

Present: Aldermen Mike Brownfield and Dave Dingledine.

Also Present: Ed Andrews, Public Works Director; Bob Brucks, Alderman; Daniel Cobb, Alderman; Jim Culotta, City Administrator; Gary Manier, Mayor; Jon Oliphant, Planning & Development Director; and Kevin Schone, Public Works Supervisor.

Alderman 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: None.
3. Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the February 5, 2018, meeting was unanimously approved.
4. Business Items:
  - A. Water/Sewer Rate Study Proposals – Staff and the chairmen of the Finance and Public Works Committees met on February 19 to review the results of the Request for Qualifications/Proposals for a budgeted rate study. Seven firms submitted on the project with three firms viewed as more favorable since they were teamed with financial firms: Ehlers (\$39,000), Municipal & Financial Services Group (\$36,840), and Raftelis (with CMT--\$25,490). The Raftelis submittal was deemed to be the more favorable of the submittals. This project is budgeted for \$20,000 and is anticipated to take about 16 weeks. The committee recommended that this be brought to the Finance Committee for review.
  - B. FY 18-19 Street MFT & Resurfacing – Staff presented possible street repair projects as part of the FY 18-19 MFT and General Fund program. RoadBotics has provided an analysis of the condition of the city's streets through its research, which can be used to support determining which streets are most in need of repair. There is approximately \$1.9M available for repairs in FY 18-19. Among the roads identified as in need of maintenance are some in the Beverly Manor neighborhood, S. Cummings Lane, and Kara Court. Streets projects for calendar year 2018 would not focus on the east side, as more consideration needs to be given to determine the priority and funding mechanism for any projects. A summer meeting is anticipated to further discuss the maintenance of brick streets. The general maintenance program is estimated at \$775K and the resurfacing program is estimated at \$750K. The resurfacing program candidates include the entire length of Freedom Parkway, 0.5 miles of School Street and 0.12 miles of Legion Road from Route 8 to past the public works facility.
  - C. Proposed Amendment – Residential Street Standards – Staff presented for consideration the narrowing of residential/local roads, the widening of sidewalks, and

the increase of the pavement surface depth. Most of the city's residential streets with curb and gutter are between 30-34' in width. The city's current standard for residential streets is a minimum of 34' as measured from curb-to-curb, a minimum of 4' in width for sidewalks, and a minimum of 3" for the pavement surface depth. Many cities have been decreasing local street widths in order to control traffic speeds and because most new homes provide adequate off-street parking. Sidewalk widths have been increasing, as 5' provides slightly more room to comfortably maneuver. A spreadsheet showing how Washington compares to the larger regional entities and the cost of construction for a hypothetical 1,000 lineal feet of new road was discussed. The committee felt that the standards should remain the same for the street and sidewalk widths but felt that increasing the pavement depth should be increased and would allow for the City to accept a product that will last longer than its original design. This will be scheduled for discussion at the March Committee of the Whole meeting.

5. Staff Updates:

- A. The floor for the salt shed has been installed. The City has used more salt this year than last year, approximately the 130% contract allowance of 1040T. As such we would look to budget for stocking the new shed at 1500T in next year's budget.
- B. The Sewer budget will be part of the Council discussion for tonight. One item of discussion is to budget for a storage building to accommodate 3-4 bays. This anticipates the conversion of land applied sludge to landfill hauling with the pending tandem stationed at STP#2.

Motion to adjourn at approximately 5:53 p.m.