

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MARCH 4, 2019
AUDITORIUM**

Present: Councilmembers Anderson, Bullock, George, Litten, O’Leary, Rader

Also Present: Public Works Director Beno, Human Resources Director Yousefi, 4 members of the public

Call to Order: 7:13 p.m.

AGENDA: Public Works Department Update

Director Beno provided an overview of continuing and new water line projects, gas line projects, and paving projects.

Water line Projects

Director Beno provided an update on the continuation of 2018 water line projects on Athens, Hathaway, Sylvan, Waterbury, Lewis & Atkins. The streets are in various stages of completion. All are expected to be complete mid-April to mid-May.

Paving Projects

Director Beno provided an update on paving projects. Regarding the CDBG paving projects that Council approved in 2018 – a section of Mars is no longer considered CDBG. Another CDBG street needs to be identified. Non-CDBG streets have not yet been selected for 2019 paving.

Director Beno provided the following paving project updates:

- Riverside from Indianola to Graber – out to bid today. Expected to start in April and last 2-3 months
- Lakewood Heights Boulevard from Waterbury to Alger - bid a few weeks ago and has a contractor. Expected to start in April.
- Lake Ave. – will go out to bid within a few weeks. Construction will go from May – November.

Gas line Projects

Four gas line replacement projects are anticipated in 2019:

- Warren Rd. from City parking lots to Clifton
- Manor Park from Detroit to Clifton
- Emerson School neighborhood
- West-end (Graber Grindley, etc)

Director Beno explained the scale and scope of each project.

Miscellaneous Projects

- Police shooting range – demolition started last week

- Lakewood Park Skate House – working with the City’s new Urban Designer to begin planning.
- High rate treatment plant and Digester rehab – anticipate breaking ground as soon as the weather breaks. Fishermen may experience disruptions on their path to the river. Parking may also be impacted.

Council Budget Priorities

- Edwards Park – Currently getting quotes on fences, fields, and playgrounds
- EV chargers – one has been installed, another delivered and planned to be installed at Winterhurst this month.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions about these projects.

In response to a question by Councilmember Rader, Director Beno explained the large tree removals taking place on Clifton. A contractor with specialty equipment has been hired to do this work quicker than it takes the City. About 20 trees per year have been removed after being assessed by the Forestry Division.

Committee of the Whole adjourned at 7:30 p.m.