

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**  
**July 27, 2020**  
**Online Broadcast Meeting**

**Present:** Councilmembers Rader, Bullock, & Shachner

**Also Present:** Councilmember Neff, Assistant Director Parmelee, Director Leininger, Director Corrigan, Director Ducu, Engineer Papke, Michelle Nochta & David Baas of the Planning Department, Chief Dunphy, a couple members of the public, Clerk Bach, & Deputy Clerk Lascu taking minutes

**Start time:** 7:00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION 2020-42 & RESOLUTION 2020-46**

Director Leininger provided background on each NOPEC grant that was provided through the resolutions. The first resolution provides \$179,000 to Lakewood in a community grant and the second one provides \$35,000 to be used for electric vehicle (EV) chargers. Historically, community grants have gone towards upgrading the city's streetlights to LED ones. Phase 1 of the upgrade took place on the city's commercial corridors. No specific projects have been identified for this round of funding. A specific location has not been identified yet for an EV charger, however staff envisions it being placed in a public park or parking lot.

Councilmember Bullock asked if there could be other uses beyond streetlights and whether there were any other options beyond working with First Energy on them. He stated that the city should have a plan for clean energy, and pointed to his own notes from a public meeting which detailed public demand for EV chargers. He added that Jimmy Smith of ChargePoint was in attendance to propose a grant opportunity to bundle the \$35,000 for EV chargers with future state money.

Chairman Rader inquired as to whether the city has a plan to use the one-time EV state grant. He noted potential timing constraints on when the NOPEC money needs to be spent and whether it overlaps with the timeline of the state grant.

Councilmember Bullock questioned the structure of NOPEC grants and noted the organization's potential desire to put up signage on chargers. Director Leininger highlighted the differences between NOPEC's community grants and EV charger funds. He added that NOPEC has asked to put signage on new signs.

Jimmy Smith of ChargePoint, a contractor that has worked with Lakewood in the past, offered his support and noted Lakewood's status as a leader in the region in EV charging.

Michelle Nochta of the Planning Department stated that her department has been tacking charger station data and that the last report showed a steady increase in their use.

Director Leininger noted that there is no request for data sharing included in the \$35,000 NOPEC grant.

Chairman Rader stated the community's interest in the topic, highlighting the efforts of Citizens for a Sustainable Lakewood. He encouraged the administration to keep up dialogue with the community to better inform them of potential charger locations.

Councilmember Bullock advocated that the administration plan to incrementally add electric vehicle infrastructure and make the city of Lakewood fleet vehicles electric. Director Leininger stated that the city would like to invest in EV parking stations wherever possible. With the \$35,000 the city can do at least 2. They are looking at placing 1 in Madison Park and 1 in the downtown area. He added that past investments in LED streetlights have helped with long-term general fund savings.

Chairman Rader and Director Leininger agreed that the administration would send an email or docket letter to Council with its plan as it comes together.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.