

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
September 24, 2018
East Conference Room

Present: Councilmembers Rader, Anderson and Bullock

Also Present: Public Works Director Beno, Mayor Summers

Call to Order: 7:15 p.m.

NOPEC Energized Community Grant discussion

Mayor Summers provided an update on the City's plans to install two electric vehicle chargers - one at Winterhurst and one at Lakewood City Center. Director Beno weighed in on some of the logistical aspects of the charging stations. The Committee discussed the next step of purchasing electric fleet for the City such as parking enforcement vehicles. They discussed the potential for setting up another charging station at Madison Park.

ORDINANCE NO. 42-18 - Authorizing the Mayor on behalf of the City of Lakewood to enter into an agreement necessary to grant an exclusive easement to The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Ohio, for placement of and access to equipment used in the transmission of signals used in the provision of communication, video and/or information services on property located at 15538 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio

Director Beno pulled up a City map to demonstrate the location of the proposed easement. It is located on a grassy patch with several trees in the City parking lot Madison Ave. across from Barrio.

Director Beno described his negotiations with AT&T staff to try and locate a site within their parameters that is not too noticeable. Originally, AT&T proposed to place its boxes across from existing boxes on Lakeland. Director Beno denied the request due to its unsightly appearance.

Director Beno explained the need for the boxes is related to AT&T's new product of bringing fiber optic cables directly to homes. He described the recent history of these requests. Three easements were granted last year at Winterhurst, Warren near Boston market, and Madison Park.

AT&T has agreed to landscape the proposed easement and provided images.

Councilmember Bullock expressed concern that the proposed easement would require cutting down two trees and that the box would be located on a green patch that acts as a shield between the sidewalk and parking lot. He asked Director Beno if he could revisit the conversation with AT&T to find a more agreeable location.

Director Beno agreed to revisit these conversations with AT&T.

Councilmember Anderson asked if it was feasible to allow AT&T to place service boxes on City roofs.

Director Beno said that it was not feasible because the AT&T techs need weekly access to the boxes.

A motion was made and seconded to defer Ordinance 42-18.
All members voted in favor.

The Committee discussed the scheduling and topics of its next committee meeting and adjourned at 7:41 p.m.