

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

Present: Councilmembers Rader, Bullock, & Shachner

Also Present: Councilmember Neff, Director Ducu, City Engineer Papke, Chief Dunphy, a couple members of the public, Clerk Bach, & Deputy Clerk Lascu taking minutes

Start time: 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the March 2, 2020 Public Works & Sustainability Committee.

Chairman Rader made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bullock to approve the minutes from the March 2nd meeting of the committee.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yeas – Bullock, Rader, Shachner

Nays – None

The motion passed. The minutes were approved.

Resolution 2020-22 – A RESOLUTION to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, appropriating \$1,100,214.00 and authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement which will allow the City of Lakewood to participate in the improvement of Detroit Avenue (US-6) and its intersection with Sloane Ave/Valley Parkway to Graber Drive in the City of Lakewood with the Ohio Department of Transportation. (Referred to PWS 3/16/20). (pg. 2)

Chairman Rader inquired about the timeline of the project, as the city initially planned on the it going through the year 2021, with the bulk of funds spent in that budget cycle. Engineer Papke indicated that the project is currently in the design phase and is being funded half with CDBG dollars and the other half coming from the city's streets fund. The design works involves public input. The project will go to bid next year, with construction finishing in 2021. The funding on the agenda today involves the city asking to Council to allow it to come into agreement with ODOT for \$1.4 million in construction and construction administration funds. Water main and sewer work will be needed along this corridor. Sewer upgrades should cost about \$1 million.

Chairman Rader noted that a memo regarding the project indicated that \$100,000 of the city's economic development fund would be used for the design process. He asked if this funding would come out of the streets fund instead. Engineer Papke was unsure.

Councilmember Neff asked if any environmental issues have been identified with the project and whether a design engineer was selected at this point. Engineer Papke indicated that environmental work is underway and the crews have yet to encounter any unusual circumstances at the site. Public Works also went through the qualification selection based services process and Osborn Engineering has been under contract working on the project since January 2020.

Chairman Rader inquired as to whether traffic patterns would be affected and how a traffic analysis informed the project. City Engineer Papke stated that a city traffic engineer completed a traffic study last year and that has informed the current day layout, including the lane dieting. The pilot implementation of the study has been largely successful in accommodating a variety of modes of transportation that travel through the area. Sidewalk expansion is expected to take place on the north side of the road.

The city is in the process of meeting with property owners in the area to gather input and working on a public comment period on plans through an online medium. Staff is also working to set up more streamlined Uber/Lyft pick up spots.

Councilmember Bullock sought clarification on the financing behind the project and commented on the lay out of the site.

Chairman Rader asked for an update on the art installation scheduled for the corner of Detroit and Sloane. Mr. Papke indicated that a review of public art options will be undertaken during the streetscape portion of the project.

Chairman Rader made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bullock to recommend Resolution 2020-22 for adoption.

Discussion: Councilmembers discussed with Engineer Papke the difference in dollar figures between what the resolution states and what the budgeted dollar figure. It was determined that the committee would reconvene if the figure difference became an issue.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yeas – Bullock, Rader, Shachner

Nays – None

The motion passed. Resolution 2020-22 was recommended for adoption by the full Council.

Chairman Rader adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.