

Public Works and Buildings Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2019 7PM

Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilor Ralph Torr, Chairman

Councilor Ray Varney- Vice Chairman

Councilor David Walker

Councilor Geoffrey Hamann

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilor Sandy Keans

OTHERS PRESENT

Blaine M. Cox, City Manager

Peter C. Nourse PE, Director of City Service

Daniel Camara, GIS / Asset Management

MINUTES

Chairman Torr called the Public Works and Buildings Committee to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Approve minutes from the August 15, 2019 Public Works & Building Meeting.

Chairman Torr requested comments or a recommendation on last month's meeting.

Councilor Walker made a motion to accept minutes as presented for the August 15, 2019 Public Works & Building Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hamann. The Motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Input - None

3. Hanson Pines Basketball Court Lighting

Mr. Nourse stated that Councilor Varney had noted a facebook post with an automobile up on the basketball court at nighttime with its lights on to light up the court. Mr. Nourse stated there was also discussion about putting lights up on the court to allow for it's use after dark. Councilor Torr noted that the courts are in constant use and lighting them would seem like a good idea. Councilor Varney stated that the neighbors have concern about how late they courts would be open due to lighting and noise in the area. He suggested using a timer with a nighttime ending timer. It was suggested that the project be added to the FY2021 CIP. Councilor Varney asked why there is not a fence or barrier that would prohibit cars from driving on the recently refinished courts. Mr. Nourse stated that the project scope only had fencing on the 3 sides that were vulnerable to ATV's and snow mobiles. Councilor Hamann suggested a wood guardrail. Mr. Cox summarized that the Recreation Department and the DPW Department would work together to determine the scope and budget for the FY2021 Project of lighting the basketball court.

4. **Hanson Pines and the Common Playground Equipment Replacement Projects**

Mr. Nourse stated that the projects were moved from 2021 & 2022 CIP Budgets into this year's 2020 budget and staff has determined the scope and started the Request For Proposal (RFP) process. He stated that the RFP is scheduled to open on October 4 and staff is hoping to get the playgrounds completed by winter. He stated that the proposals were laid out giving the total budget available and vendors should propose what the City can get for that budget. He stated that they are like to bid themed and unthemed structures and that the structures would be multiple for ages 2-5 and then 6-12. The swings will accommodate all ages and also include ADA compliant swings. Mr Nourse stated that the ground will be a rubberized mat system that will be washable as needed with hoses. Mr. Nourse stated that the RFP's would be reviewed in house with the Recreation Departments and then brought to the committee for consideration and approval. Councilor Varney asked about the disposition of the old equipment. Mr. Nourse stated that these structures are in concrete and will be pulled and removed from the ground. He stated that they would no longer be salvageable

5. **Granite State Business Park Water Main Extension**

Mr. Nourse stated the easements from the railroad company and Albany Composites have been completed and the project is set to move forward. He stated that construction will begin in October and continue into next season.

6. **Tebbetts Road Intersection Road Safety Audit**

Mr. Nourse stated that this road safety audit meeting was held on September 12 and a fifteen-member panel had convened. He stated there were engineering consultants, NHDOT representative, City Staff and City Councilor Laurterborn was in attendance. Mr. Nourse relayed some traffic safety data that had occurred in the past 13 years and he stated that a report should be issued by years end. The report will make a determination on possible improvements for safety and may review potential options including a four way stop or even a roundabout. Whatever is selected must meet the following criteria: make the intersection safer, not adversely impact traffic flow and be economically practicable.

7. **Governors Advisory Council on Intermodal Transportation**

Mr. Nourse stated that there will be a public input meeting for the State of NH District 2 Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan. He stated that the meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2019 at 6pm at the Frisbie Conference Center. Mr. Nourse stated that the public is invited to give input and if he is given the opportunity to speak he will discuss the traffic congestion issues on Route 11. He stated that he believes this to be the most problematic area in the City. He informed the Committee that there is a project in this 10 year plan that is for improvements to the Rt. 125 intersections between Old Dover Road and Charles Street. He stated that if this project is approved the engineering would commence in 2026 and construction would be in 2030. Mr. Nourse stated that staff had requested a widening project for the bridge on Rt125 near Brock Street, but it had scored

too low in the process and did not make this cycle of the plan. He said he would try to bring it in at a later date. Councilor Varney asked if the plan discussed included the Lowell Street intersection. Mr. Nourse stated that it is not in this plan for consideration it is in the currently approved Ten Year Plan. He stated that he is aware and he agrees with the Councilors that this is not a priority or a problem intersection. He stated that he is hoping to convince the NHDOT to substitute the Rt 11 corridor for that project.

8. **Paving Projects**

Mr. Nourse revisited the PCI-generated paving program for FY20 at the budgeted \$900K. stated that the department has run the Pavement Conditions Index (PCI) program with the budgeted \$900,000. At this funding level the PCI program recommended work on the following:

Chapman, Johnathan, Huckins, Columbus Ave from Lowell to Knight, Cross Rd from Milton Road to Stacy Drive, Salmon Falls from Stonewall to Eagle (mill and overlay), Dartmouth, Edgewood, Nature, Sunset and Jeremiah Lane. Mr. Nourse noted that at only \$900K, the neighborhood of Dartmouth, Edgewood, Nature and Sunset would be difficult to address. Mr. Nourse stated that revenue to the City is looking to be more than projected due to motor vehicle registration fees and Waste Management host fees. Together with about \$146,000 of project balance deauthorizations, Mr. Nourse was hopeful that the FY20 paving budget could be increased above \$900K to more historical levels of \$1M or more. Mr. Nourse stated that staff ran the PCI again using \$1.5 Million. The list of roads was similar to the \$900K run, but the work on Salmon Falls Road increased to twice the length of work and included full reclaim and pave vs. just mill and overlay. He stated that Salmon Fall Road needs the work and that DPW crews are applying temporary hot mix patches. He stated it is the longest road in the City and staff hears the most amount of complaints from the residents about the condition of the road. The Committee discussed appropriating additional funds to for paving and working on Salmon Falls Road all the way to the Somersworth border. Councilor Varney asked when we would have an audited number for some surplus funds that are expected. Mr. Cox stated not until later in the year. Councilor Walker suggested the Finance Committee look into an additional appropriation for overall FY20 paving using the WM, Frisbie and School Surplus Funds. Mr. Cox stated that he made a note of that for the Finance Committee to discuss.

9. **OTHER**

Leak Detection Survey – Mr Nourse stated that the leak detection survey work that was funded by NHDES Grant has been completed. He stated that 29 miles or approximately 20% of our water infrastructure from the 1930s to 1960s was surveyed for leaks and only two leaks were found, one was on a service and the other was on a hydrant. Mr. Nourse stated that some of the oldest sections of pipe were looked at by an independent leak consulting firm and that minimal leaks were detected. Mr. Nourse stated that staff has completed another grant application, and he is hopeful for grant funding next year as

well.

Ten Pines Surety / Sidewalk – Mr. Nourse stated that he is expecting Planning to put in the agenda bill for the surety transfer to capital funds. He stated that he believes that there is \$50,000 in surety funds to be set aside for sidewalks in this area. Mr. Nourse stated that NHDOT has submitted an invoice for approximately \$14,000 for the section that they installed from the Turnpike project to Ten Pines and he believes that the Planning Board would like the DPW to use the remaining \$36,000 for an extension of the sidewalk to plug the gap along the frontage of the Globe Plaza on N. Main St. Councilor Walker confirmed that this understanding is correct.

Strafford Square - Mr. Nourse stated that the appraisals of the 7 complicated parcels within the project would be starting next week. He reminded the Committee that there are 31 abutting parcels subject to the Right of Way process and abutter approval, but only 7 that required appraisal impacts and compensation. He stated that staff is working to get these completed so that we do not have to adjust plans to avoid the areas.

Surety Updates to Planning Board – Mr. Nourse stated that the Department will be presenting the surety updates to the planning board in October. He stated that the spring update was missed but he wanted to assure the board that this will be done next month.

Osborne Street – Councilor Walker asked if the areas around the drainage structures on Osborne Street could be shaved or milled down so that they function better. Mr. Nourse stated that he would have that done.

North Street – Councilor Walker asked about the cost for lowering the center of the road. Mr. Nourse stated that it is \$88,000. Councilor Varney asked if there was funding for this work. Mr. Nourse stated there was not. Councilor Walker suggested it as a standalone project for FY2021.

Biosolids / Carbon Storage Project – Councilor Varney asked for a status update. Mr. Nourse stated that the project had been awarded and they would be having a preconstruction meeting soon. He stated that he would update the Committee next month on this.

Councilor Walker made a motion to adjourn at 7:44 pm. Councilor Haman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa J. Clark, City of Rochester Administration and Utility Billing Supervisor.