

Public Works and Buildings Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2020

Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilor David Walker, Chairman

Councilor Jim Gray- Vice Chairman

Councilor Don Hamann

Councilor Chris Rice

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilor Doug Lachance

OTHERS PRESENT

Peter C. Nourse PE, Director of City Service

Daniel Camara, GIS / Asset Management

MINUTES

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

1. Project Updates

Colonial Pines - Mr. Nourse explained the scope of the Colonial Pines Sewer Extension Project to the Councilors. He stated that this is a four phase project. Phase 1 brought the sewer under the Spaulding Turnpike to the neighborhood. Phase 2 is the current phase of construction that is to bring sewer availability to Juniper Street, Towle Street, Vinewood Lane, Susan Lane, Wildwood Lane, Hickory Lane, and a portion of Tingley Street. He stated that the contractor is working on private services through the winter and will be completing the sewer work and the subsurface drainage work that was added to the project by summer of 2020. Mr. Nourse explained that staff will be looking to go on to Phase 3 later in the summer. These streets will be Birch Drive, Old Dover Road, Tingley Street, Hillside and Westview Drive. Mr. Nourse stated that the current funding should take us through Phase 3 and funds will be requested for the remaining Phase 4 work in the FY2021 CIP. Councilor Hamann asked what percentage of the homeowners are tying in. Mr. Nourse stated that most have either tied in or expressed their intent to do so. He stated that he is only aware of one waiver to date. Councilor Gray asked how the old septs are abandoned. Mr. Nourse explained that the contractor is completing the abandonments, they are filled with sand and / or collapsed in place and covered with topsoil per State requirements. .

Granite State Business Park Water Loop – Mr. Nourse explained that this project extend the water line through the business park and out to Shaw Drive. He stated that approximately 4500 feet of 12” water main is to be installed. He stated that the water line extension is necessary in order supply sufficient water for fire flows for the current and future needs of the business park. Mr. Nourse stated that the project is on schedule and the work should be completed by late spring.

202A Water Line Extension – Mr. Nourse explained that this project extends water mains to the western side of the City from Rt 202 through the Highfields Development and running cross country, then down Bickford Road to Rt 202A up to the Crown Point Road area. He stated that this is about an 8 million dollar project that involves the installation of 9000 feet of water mains and a water tank on the back side of the Highfields Development. Mr. Nourse explained that the Highfield Developer is expected to contribute a piece of land for the tank and some land for the maintenance of the cross country section of the main. Mr. Nourse also explained that the funding for the project is through Mtbe Grant Funds, NHDES Groundwater Trust Grant and Water Fund Contribution through SRF and bonding. Mr. Nourse stated that the tank is being constructed to accommodate two possible cell vendors. . He stated that this would be an additional source of revenue.

2. FY2020 Sidewalks

Mr. Nourse distributed a handout illustrating the sidewalk condition assessment by wards. He explained that the orange highlights showed the sidewalks in the poorest conditions and where they are located. The Committee discussed areas in East Rochester and Oak Street in Gonic as the areas where we could get the most amount of replacements completed with the available funds. Councilor Walker asked about the cost of asphalt vs. concrete sidewalks Mr. Nourse stated that concrete last much longer. Councilor Rice asked how the grading system for good, fair and poor was determined. Mr. Nourse stated that the DPW had paired up with Strafford Regional Planning and that interns had gone out and walked and evaluated all of the sidewalks using specific criteria determined by the Federal Highways Administration.

Councilor Gray made a motion to recommend that the full City Council approve the sidewalks in the East Rochester area for the sidewalk replacement funds. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hamann. The motion passed unanimously.

3. EPA NPDES Draft Permit Update

Mr. Nourse state that the EPA Region 1 has issued the draft general permit and there is a 60 day comment period that will end in early March. He explained that this permit is a significant concern for the City due to the financial impacts. Mr. Nourse stated that the City of Rochester and many other communities will be issuing comments. Mr. Nourse explained that he has asked that the City Council be updated with all of the concerns and he expects that to happen at the February City Council Workshop Meeting. Councilor

Gray stated that due to the proposed limits on nitrogen and phosphorus the necessary plant upgrades will cost in excess of twenty million dollars.

4. **Other**

New DPW Facility – Councilor Rice asked if the project award was completed. Mr. Nourse stated that the project was awarded and a Notice to Proceed and an agreement had been executed. He stated that the preconstruction meeting has been scheduled for January 22, 2020. Councilor Walker asked if any of the work could begin during the winter. Mr. Nourse stated if at all possible the site work would begin as soon as possible.

Councilor Hamann made a motion to adjourn at 7:27 pm. Councilor Varney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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