



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 23, 2019 at 4:30 pm

PRESENT: Chairwoman Betty Bagley; Committee Members Councilwoman Susan Kovas and William King; City Administrator Stephanie Jackson; Public Works Director Reginald McBeth; and Public Works Clerk Sylvia Young.

Chairwoman Bagley called the meeting to order at 4:41 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lawn Care Bids Update

Reginald McBeth gave the Committee an update on lawn care bids received for Downtown lawncare and vacant lots. The Committee discussed in detail bids received for Downtown lawncare and abandoned buildings. The following businesses submitted bids: C & C Lawncare and Landscaping, Young's Lawn Care & Services and R & R Lawncare. Mr. McBeth informed the Committee that the city has seventy-five vacant lots. The Committee discussed in detail lot clearing fees and county requirements to add fees to property taxes. Chairwoman Bagley informed the Committee that she will contact the county for more information about adding lot clearing fees to property taxes. Mrs. Jackson asked the Committee which budget monies were coming from to pay contractor for lawncare. The Committee discussed in detail each bid amount and compared what each business will provide the city for lawncare. Chairwoman Bagley asked the Committee what they wanted to do with bids submitted. After a brief discussion, Chairwoman Bagley tabled item as information.

Wesley Memorial Methodist Church Parking Lot Update

Chairwoman Bagley request an update on Wesley Memorial Methodist Church parking lot repairs. Mr. McBeth gave the Committee an update on the Wesley Memorial Church parking lot repairs. The Committee briefly discussed bids for parking lot repairs.

Replacement of removed trees

Chairwoman Bagley requested an update on the replacement of trees. Mr. McBeth gave the Committee an update on the replacement of trees. He recommended trees with roots that grows downward and not across to prevent damaging sidewalks. Mr. McBeth informed the Committee that David Ford will provide the Committee with a list of trees. The Committee discussed the tree replacement and maintenance care.

Beautification Partnership

Chairwoman Bagley requested an update on the Beautification Partnership. Mrs. Jackson provided the Committee with an update on the Beautification Partnership. After a brief discussion, Chairwoman Bagley tabled item as information until the Committee decide.

Vehicle Leasing Cost

Chairwoman Bagley requested an update on Vehicle Leasing Cost bid. Mr. McBeth gave the Committee an update on Vehicle Leasing Cost bid. Mr. McBeth informed the Committee that bid includes three repayment options, a five-year, seven year, and a one-year option plans.

Sale of Old Vehicles

Mr. McBeth and the Committee reviewed the old vehicle list. Mr. McBeth provided the Committee an update in reference to old and replacement vehicles needed. The Committee discussed in detail the current condition and cost for repairs on the One Arm Bandit. Mr. McBeth recommended that the city have an auction for inoperable vehicles in the Public Works Department. Councilwoman Kovas inquired if the vehicle auction can be placed on the website for bidders. Mr. McBeth assured Councilwoman Kovas that vehicle auction can be placed on the web for bidders. After a brief discussion, Councilwoman Kovas made a motion to auction off vehicles that do not operate to get them off city lot and accept the best offer. Chairwoman Bagley interject to the Committee that the motion must be a recommendation to Council. Chairwoman Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Waste Industries, Ms. Jennifer Rackley – Susan Kovas

Councilman Kovas gave the Committee update concerning Waste Industries, Jennifer Rackley. She informed the Committee that she has received an email from Mrs. Rackley to cancel date to come before the Committee. She informed the Committee that Mrs. Rackley wish to still speak to the Committee and wants to reschedule date. Chairwoman Bagley removed item from agenda for discussion.

Demonstration of Ravo Sweeper

Chairwoman Bagley and the Committee discussed the pros and cons from the street sweeper demo. The Committee discussed in detail the purchasing vs leasing of street sweeper vehicle. The Committee discussed two purchase options and the functions of street sweeper. Mr. McBeth informed the Committee that vehicle will provide street sweeping, pick-up trash, clean curbs and remove small piles of leaves. After much discussion, Councilwoman Kovas made a motion to make a recommendation to Council to buy the Ravo Sweeper using the seven-year option for \$40,158 per year pending due diligent with the warranty. Chairwoman Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

With no further discussion, Chairwoman Bagley made a motion to adjourn meeting. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Sylvia Young

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