

MINUTES

CITY & SAFETY SERVICES COMMITTEE

AUGUST 8, 2022

Members in Attendance:

Micah McCarey, Chair
Sarah Grace, Member
Sam Crawl, Member
Alan Swank, Member

Administrators and
Other Elected Officials:

President Knisely
Mayor Patterson
Service-Safety Director Stone

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Dairy Lane Sewer/Water/Sidewalk & Stagecoach Sewer (design and construction, as part of the City/County Sewer Expansion, and a Water Pollution Control Loan, Project #317)
-S-S Director – this project is funded primarily through an Ohio EPA Water Pollution Loan Fund, a long-term 0% loan – (5) separate pieces of legislation will be needed for this project, one has already been approved by Council, to authorize and accept bids (0-72-22) – after receiving bids the EPA requires a one-reading Resolution of Tentative Award – legislation on Monday will be needed to authorize entering into the loan agreement, would like it approved under Suspension of the Rules in order to keep all of these legislative pieces moving forward – once the bids come in legislation will be needed, again he asks that City Council move quickly, to authorize awarding a bid and to enter into contract for construction and construction engineering, and to appropriate and authorize the expenditure – anticipates the cost of construction will be in the \$6-6.5 million range – scope: includes the new sewer that will come across The Ridges Tier II property (all of the land south of Dairy Lane, down to Blackburn and Stagecoach intersection) which will provide sewer service should that land develop in the future, as well as bring in the County sewage; replace the undersized sewer on Dairy Lane, along with a new water line on Dairy Lane to support fire protection, approximate cost of the waterline is \$800,000-\$1 million; and, lastly, construct a sidewalk on Dairy Lane, approximate cost \$200,000 – the final piece of legislation will be entering into an agreement with LeAx to serve the (7) customers currently receiving water from the LeAx Water District – revenue loss over a 30-year period, according to LeAx, is in the million dollar range, which is what they would ask the City to pay for losing these customers – City would like to swap customers for properties on Longview Hts., outside the City limits (5 or 6) – there is a LeAx line available, and then the City would pay LeAx the difference

-Mayor – clarified that on Longview Hts. it would affect customers outside the corporate limits, in the area from the Unitarian Church to Segal Lane

-McCarey – confirmed that the County Sewer Corridor Project is reflected in the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan intended resolve some environmental issues caused by failing septic systems, it will connect approximately 1300 users to the City's public sanitary sewer system, and will provide some development opportunities to The Ridges 2-tier area – asked about the development opportunities

-S-S Director – The Ridges Advisory group will be speaking to City Council later this year about possible redevelopment plans

-Swank – asked about the timeline from groundbreaking to completion date

-S-S Director – there is a January 1, 2023 deadline to meet the County agreement – project has been delayed due to acquiring property for easement rights – not sure he can meet that deadline, but does not want to be in breach with the County, and there will also be a revenue loss to the City, so the City is attempting to get this project completed as soon as possible – the actual construction is about a 3-month window

-Crowl – asked if the waterline would go all the way to Blackburn Road

-S-S Director – the waterline will end at the last City customer on Dairy Lane, the 317 Board

-Crowl – understands the sidewalk will be on the other side of the street

-S-S Director – working with the University to ensure that access can be provided – most will be in the right-of-way

-Crowl – asked if existing fence would be removed

-S-S Director – no, that will not require removal; that is an historic feature

-McCarey – asked for clarification on whether the 0% loan would be for a term of 30 or 40 years

-S-S Director – it is for 30 years

-McCarey – asked for clarification on the cost of the project

-S-S Director – approximate cost is \$6 million that includes about \$5 million for sewer; \$800,000 for water; and about \$2000 for the sidewalk component

-Risner – questioned whether the residents on Longview Hts. would have any say when the change is made to switch their service from City to LeAx water

-S-S Director – no, as there is no obligation for the City to serve water outside the corporate limits

- West Union Street Improvements/Access Road (LPA agreement, accept easements, construction, SIB Loan, Project #322)
 - S-S Director – this project will also require several pieces of legislation – an LPA agreement will be required, accept the property easements that have been acquired from the property owners; appropriate & authorize funding for construction; and applying for an SIB loan – he doesn't believe any of this legislation can begin next week
 - Swank – asked about the location of the access road
 - S-S Director – via Herrold Avenue between West Union and West State Streets – has been redesigned along the current alignment of Herrold Avenue and West State, and behind the City Transit Garage
 - Swank – would like to review the redesign
 - Mayor – can provide the pathway of the current design plan – it is simply moving approximately 200 feet in the opposite direction from the original plan denied by City Council
 - McCarey – would like the image shared with the Council prior to 1st reading
 - S-S Director – will make it available
 - Spjeldnes – concerned about the Larry's Dawg House intersection; it is dangerous – need some relief from the vehicles that line up on the roadway waiting to turn into the drive-thru
 - S-S Director – Administration has worked extensively with both the previous and current owners, as to what is possible since they own out to the corner; there is no right-of-way – the City will need to acquire right-of-way from them – the final outcome will not reduce the traffic, but provisions will make it better – he can provide Council with a diagram showing a less dangerous situation
 - Spjeldnes – looks forward to seeing a plan of these mitigation efforts
- City Sewer System Improvements, Project #330 (increase expenditure for design engineering by \$250,000)
 - S-S Director – a needed realignment of the sewer line will go down the bike path and will be a forced main as opposed to a gravity line on West Union – redesign will increase cost by \$250,000 – this is just a part of the larger project that includes upgrades to two lift stations (in front of Bedrock and at the Richland roundabout)
 - Crowl – need to preserve the cherry trees
 - S-S Director – they will be protected

ITEMS NEEDED ON AN UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

1. Project #317 Loan
2. Sewer System Improvements

MINUTES: AUGUST 8, 2022

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Members in Attendance:

Sam Crawl, Chair
Jeff Risner, Member
Solveig Spjeldnes, Member
Ben Ziff, Member

Administrators and/or Other Elected Officials:

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ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Appropriations
 - (\$2,170) to Garbage Fund
 - Crawl – this is a litter grant received from the Ohio EPA, Recycling & Litter Prevention Fund – the City will install security cameras for monitoring illegal dumpsites
 - (\$20,000) to Sewer Debt Fund, for payment
 - (\$21,700) to General Fund, Other Administrative, for virtual history displays--
 - Crawl – City will upfront funding that will be reimbursed by the Ohio History Center for more sites like the Berry Hotel
 - Swank – asked about other sites being considered
 - Mayor – Mt. Zion and Armory
 - Swank – asked if the City is planning a virtual history walking tour
 - Mayor – yes, a self-guided tour
 - (\$7,500) to General Fund, City Council; (\$3,000) for gender-neutral changes (468 pages @ \$11.50 per page, (\$5,382) – company is offering a (\$3,000) flat rate, and (\$3,500) for general 2022 ordinance amendments (128 pages, plus seven images, and nine OrdLink postings; and an additional (\$1000) to link to the City's Website
 - Swank – questioned if this work has already been completed
 - Crawl – the updates have been completed, and the company is waiting for approval to proceed with publishing
 - McCarey – is pleased about the flat rate to make the gender-neutral changes – seems like an incentive for other municipalities to do the same

ITEMS NEEDED ON AN UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

1. Appropriations

MINUTES PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MAY 23, 2022

Members in Attendance:

Sarah Grace, Chair
Sam Crawl, Member
Micah McCarey, Member
Solveig Spjeldnes, Member

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Items Discussed:

- Sanitary Sewer Easement (Clippinger Center)
 - Grace – Ohio University/Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS) is seeking documentation of a sewer easement at the Clippinger Center – this infrastructure has been in place for some time – this is simply signing off on the official documents
 - S-S Director – clarified that Ohio University is granting this easement to the City – the University designed and paid for construction of this new line

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1. Sewer Easement

MINUTES TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AUGUST 8, 2022

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- Adhoc Committee on Pedestrian Accessibility
 - Council Member Spjeldnes presented the Committee's Second Quarter Update (see attached)
 - Risner – questioned types of data being collected
 - Spjeldnes – sidewalks in disrepair will be prioritized, as well as funding issues and options
 - Swank – asked when specific funding mechanisms will be discussed
 - Spjeldnes – recommendations will be made more toward the end of the Ad Hoc Committee's review, after a great deal of analysis – funding is complicated and potentially contentious