

AGENDA
PUBLIC WORKS & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT MEETING
CITY OF WARSON WOODS
July 27, 2021
7:00 P.M.

Jim Newman, Chair	_____X_____
Barbara Hershfelt	_____X_____
Andrew McDowell	_____X_____
Will Aschinger	_____X_____
Laura Spreck Lee	_____X_____
Van Sage	_____X_____
Lauren Brickler	_____X_____
Rob Hurtt	_____X_____
Ruthie Carse	_____X_____

Also, present were: Ava Aschinger, Harry Lambert, Tim Quinn, Alderman Charlie Luisetti, Mayor Larry Howe,

Chairman Newman Called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Introduction of Bruce Frazier to the Committee;

Bruce spoke to his responsibilities; Asked that the committee not share his number with the residents. Andrew McDowell offered to assist in equipment rental, as he has experience.

a. Discussion hiring help for the Parks/Public Works Depts.;

Bruce informed the committee that he would be able to take on more (i.e., turf program, more timely address of issues, etc....) if he had part time help or assistant.

List of Major Projects -An overview of issues to be examined by the committee and to address the needs v. wants of the city

a. ADA Program;

Explanation of ADA lack of conformity regarding sidewalks

b. Sidewalks;

Chair explained that it has been suggested that the city take over the sidewalk maintenance. Should the committee indorse this idea, or should the committee come up with a plan to enforce the current code of the residents being responsible for their own sidewalk?

c. Warson Woods Drive;

Chair stated that this was most likely a need and not a want. Questions were asked about what was the hold up? MSD has major work to be done and will be tearing up WW Drive and that the city was holding off until MSD's work was completed.

d. Forest View Bridge Replacement;

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e. Additional Bridge Work;

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f. Development of the St. Matt's Property;

Chair stated that the development of the Property was something that the city would be able to pay for thru the Parks Tax that was passed and that once the property was paid off (est. 10 years from now), the city revenue would continue from tax. A "town hall" type meeting perhaps should be held to discuss. One possibility would be to move the pool from its current location.

Discussion of having mailer/ballot polling residents regarding Police Services.

Rob Hurtt passed out a draft ballot to the committee to review. The ballot would ask the residents what was important to them so that the committee would know where the resident's priorities were in regard to the city issue such as public works projects. Chair suggested that any changes should be emailed to him.

City Engineering Services; (this was discussed as the Second item)

Laura Spreck Lee questioned the timing and the why of the Contract with KdG. It was stated that the city needs to replace its City Engineer and Building Commissioner. There are residents who need to have their plans examined and we have no one handle the requests.

Chair read the Acting City Attorney's opinion of the conflict-of-interest aspect of engaging KdG "The resolution on last night's meeting agenda would approve a contract for KdG to provide professional engineering services as requested by the City. Exhibit 1A to the proposed contract, entitled "Scope of Services," indicates the City's contact for the work would be the mayor, and the firm would charge hourly rates plus costs "for each assigned task." That exhibit has its own Exhibit A – Scope of Services that provides some additional detail, and states in the "Deliverables" section that the firm "will provide project deliverables dependent upon the City's needs for each specific task." Therefore, the proposed contract contemplates that the firm will only provide engineering services to the City for tasks specifically assigned by the mayor.

If it were to be approved, the resolution would not appoint this firm as the City Engineer. The firm would basically be providing recommendations to the City to act on for any assigned tasks, but the firm would not have authority to make decisions that bound the City on its own without express delegation from the mayor. If the City went forward with this contract, it would be helpful for the City to determine how each task would be

ordered and tracked, and whether it would be the mayor or someone else who would ultimately act on the recommendations of the firm (by signing a zoning review, issuing a right-of-way excavation permit, issuing a permit for construction of a fence, etc.). If this approach were utilized, it should be possible to avoid the types of conflicts of interest mentioned during the meeting because the firm would not have the authority to act independently.

Discussion ensued and several questions were asked as far as who would KdG report to, what kind of oversight would be required, how would they be engaged, etc.? Chair recognized that these were all items that the BOA should be discussing at the next meeting.

Temporary speed bumps;

Chair offered that an Alderman suggested temporary speed bumps to reduce speeding cars in the summer months and the Committee's discussion ensued with questions to Bruce Frasier of his experience with them. He stated that he had and that the bumps work as a speed deterrent. They cost about \$150 a piece and that they were secured with spikes in the concrete. They upon removal the holes left by the spikes would have to be filled as not to cause further damage to the concrete pads. Will Aschinger and several others suggested that metal horses were a better option as they were more easily implemented as removed.

Several committee members suggested that the matter be looked into further.

Discussion of Waste Diversion Municipal Grant Program;

Chair stated that he had attended the webinar concerning the grant application and recommended the city pursue this grant to help electronic recycling. Discussion ensued. Barb Hershfield suggested that the city also look into a paint disposal options. Chair agreed to look into that as an option. The Committee was in agreement to pursue the Grant.

Misc. Business;

Tim Quinn asked if there was any more information shared by the Municipal League regarding the Recovery Act and any monies available. Chair stated that he had not seen any new information and that he would check and follow up if he found any.

The matter of unsightly fire hydrants was discussed, and Ruthie Carse said she was told by the Glendale Fire Chief to paint them herself. Barb Hershfeld suggested a rust proof paint.

Adjournment

There being no further business Van Sage moved, seconded by Will Aschinger to adjourn. On Voice Vote the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting closed at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Newman, Chairman