



CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 5:15 PM

1 Benjamin Franklin Way Franklin, Ohio 45005

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CLERK'S JOURNAL

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wilcher called the meeting to order at 5:17PM.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chairman Matt Wilcher

Denny Centers

Paul Ruppert

Mr. Westendorf, Mr. Conway and Mr. Inman were also in attendance.

3. APPROVE THE CLERK'S JOURNAL AND ACCEPT THE TAPES AS THE OFFICIAL MINUTES

A. May 12, 2022

Motion made by Centers, Seconded by Ruppert.

Voting Yea: Chairman Wilcher, Centers, Ruppert

Motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Stormwater Utility Update

Mr. Westendorf gave an update on the Gorsuch Road Stormwater issue. A bulk of the problem was solved by repairs made by the Public Works Department to piping under the road. There was a topographical survey done which will allow staff to design an engineered solution for any remaining issues. Mr. Conway will work on this. Once a cost is determined, there will be a follow-up meeting with the residents. Mr. Yoder would be a part of the meeting to explain the assessment process.

Mr. Inman has been working with the County on other Stormwater retention issues. They are working to make sure all resolutions are up to current EPA standards.

B. Staff gave a high level overview of some upcoming projects so that grant funding can be sought. These included:

- MVRPC STP Application S. Main
- MVRPC STP Application N. River
- MVRPC CMAQ Application Park/Oxford/Miami Roundabout
- MVRPC CMAQ Application 73 Interconnect
- MVRPC CMAQ Application East Second St Signal Replacement
- ODOT Preliminary Legislation N. Main Resurfacing
- ODOT Preliminary Legislation Bridge Inspection

The Committee was in favor of applying for funds for all projects discussed.

I. Dial Park

Following the completion of grading at Dial Park last fall, the weather did not cooperate. The grass planting didn't take, and the fields fell victim to erosion. Additionally, we have been battling 4-wheelers and dirt bikes damaging the final grade, so there are lots of exposed rocks and roots that need to be addressed. Steve and his team are going to de-rock a large portion of the fields, place 1" of fresh topsoil on the fields and hydroseed the work area this week. We will overseed in the Spring in hopes the fields will be ready for play next fall.

J. Public Works Staffing

Mr. Inman requested the committee consider adding an Assistant Public Works Director position. Mr. Inman's work load has increased dramatically over the past five years with EPA regulations and reporting. He would like to make some other changes to ensure all public works staff is cross-trained. The Committee was in favor moving forward with developing these changes.

Mr. Centers would like to see Standard Operating Procedures in place for the department. Mr. Inman had already started to develop these for the department.

Mr. Inman would also like to try using a contracted company next summer to help take care of the tall grass violations. This would allow the department to handle more paving projects during the summer. The Committee was in favor of trying this in 2023.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ruppert, Seconded by Centers.
Voting Yea: Chairman Wilcher, Centers, Ruppert

Chairman Wilcher adjourned the meeting at 6:52 PM.

Chairman Wilcher