



Council Special Called Meeting

Public Works Services

June 06, 2022

PURPOSE

- To provide information and update to the Council on Public Works related services provided to city residents

Current Service providers:

City of Stonecrest - Limited services

DeKalb County Departments

PW - Roads & Drainage

PW - Transportation

PW – Sanitation

Watershed Management



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- Currently there is no IGA between the County and the City for services provided by the County

Main Services requested by Residents:

Pond maintenance	-	County
Pothole patching	-	County
Guardrail repair	-	County
Sign replacement/repair	-	County
Signal maintenance	-	County
Bulk item pick up from ROW	-	County

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Main Services requested by Residents:

Streetlights	-	County
Traffic calming	-	County
ROW mowing & litter pickup	-	County
ROW mowing & litter pickup	-	City (selected streets)
Street Beautification	-	City(?)/CID
Stormwater repair/Maintenance	-	County
Tree Trimming	-	County (KDB)

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Possible Improvements on services provided to the Residents:

- Improved response time
- Improved quality of pothole patching
- Improved Stormwater maintenance
- Periodic and instant updates to residents on their work requests
- Manage expectations
- One place for residents to make request and reduce frustration

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Stormwater Utility Fund Services

County keeps stormwater utility fees (\$48/ERU/year)

This fee covers the following services:

Pond maintenance

Stormwater repair/maintenance

MS4 permit compliance

Stormwater capital improvement

Street sweeping

ERU – Equivalent Residential Unit (3,000 SF of impervious area)

Single family homes pay 1 ERU

MS4 – Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System

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Transition of Public Works Services to the City of Stonecrest

General Fund Services

Pavement maintenance -> pothole patching, striping

Sidewalk maintenance -> repair, replacement

Rights-of-way maintenance -> litter control, mowing,
tree trimming, tree removal, ice removal

Traffic signal & signs -> timing, repair, upgrade

ROW permitting -> utility work, permitting &
inspection

Scope of Services – Field Services

- **Road Maintenance (approximately 80 miles of roads) – year-round activities**

- Pothole patching and repair
- Concrete curb and gutter repair
- Cosmetic minor bridge maintenance
- Guardrail repairs
- Debris/dead animal removal

- **Right-Of-Way (ROW) Maintenance**

- Mowing – (Apr – Sep) mow grass in ROW (arterials & collectors)
- Weed control – (spring & fall)
- Brush cutting – trim trees and shrubs in ROW
- Concrete sidewalk repairs
- Litter pickup – year-round on arterials and collectors
- Debris/dead animal removal



Scope of Services – Field Services

- **Emergency Response**
 - 24 hour / 7 days per week / 365 days per year
 - Inclement weather – downed trees, flooding in road, and washed away roadway
 - Snow and Ice Management
 - Roadway flooding
- **ROW Utility Permitting**
 - Administer utility cut repair permits & fees
 - Inspection and oversight of utility contractors
 - Quality control



Scope of Services – Traffic Operations & Maint.

- **Traffic signal operations/maintenance (O&M)**

- Control Cabinets
- Detection/loops
- Signal timing adjustments
- Equipment repairs and replacements
- School crossing beacons

- **Traffic sign maintenance**

- Repair, replace and install traffic signs

- **Pavement markings**

- Restripe yellow and white lane lines
- Restripe crosswalks and stop bars



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Transition of Public Works Services to the City of Stonecrest

Special Fund Services

Traffic Engineering -> Traffic Calming

Take over existing districts, handle new requests

Streetlights -> repair, replacement, pay utility bill

Take over existing districts, handle new requests

Stormwater Utility -> Pond maintenance, ditch cleaning, stormwater repair, MS4 permit, flooding issues

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Transition Process of Public Works Services from DeKalb County to the City of Stonecrest

Next Step

- Negotiate an IGA with the County, with an end period
- Prepare for transition -> staff, contracts, equipment
- Study the Financial Impact of service Transition
- Carl Vinson Institute proposal to study
- Consider options for transition

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Two options are presented

Transition Option 1 (Brookhaven, Dunwoody....)

- Limited staff in Public Works Department
Five to seven, mainly office staff
- Contract out field services
 1. Rights-of-way services (supplement existing contract)
 2. Stormwater Services (pond maint. etc. new contract)
 3. Sign and Signal Services (new contract)

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Transition Option 1 (Ex. Brookhaven, Dunwoody)

- **Pros**

Limited staff – less office space needed

Less vehicles

Field services contracted out

- no initial capital cost

- no heavy & light equipment maintenance cost

- no employee benefit, workmen comp etc.

- **Cons**

Annual contract cost

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Transition Option 2

Fully staffed Public Works Department

Hire Office Staff & Field Staff

5 to 7 office staff and 15 to 20 Field staff

- Purchase Equipment: Crew Trucks, light equipment, heavy equipment
- Materials purchase directly, storage
- Larger Maintenance yard, security
- Contract out Signs & Signal Service

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Transition Option 2 (DeKalb County..)

- Pros

- City staff

- Cons

- Initial capital cost

- Heavy & light equipment maintenance cost

- Employee benefit, workmen comp etc.

- Hiring and maintaining quality employees

- Larger maintenance yard

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Recommendation to the City Council

- **Authorize City Attorney to negotiate an IGA with the County**
- **Begin transition related activities**
- **Start providing public works related services beginning July 1, 2023**
- **Staff Recommendation: Option 1**

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