

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MARCH 10, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Reams, Dan Fogt, Debbie Groat

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathy House, Tracie Davies, Phil Roush, Brian Palmer, Dale Scheiderer

AGENDA:

- 1) Elect a Chairperson. Mark Reams was elected Chairman.
- 2) Trunk Interceptor projects update. The Trunk Interceptor Projects are on schedule and about 35% complete.
- 3) Water Reclamation Facility update. The Water Reclamation Facility is over 50% complete and is a couple of days ahead of schedule. Dan Fogt mentioned that he would like to see us land-apply the sludge instead of hauling it to a landfill. Regulations have changed, and this would require processing of the sludge as Class A. An additional investment at the facility would be needed. The committee will add this topic for additional study this year.
- 4) Reservoir and related projects update. Reservoir and related projects are all underway. The dam and pump station project contract was awarded last week. Construction will begin on it very soon, as there is a date requirement in early spring to get the temporary stream bypass completed around the dam site. Raymond Road will be closed to traffic at the site beginning April 1st, so excavated material can be moved from the west to east side of Raymond Road. Closure will be a maximum of 90 days.
- 5) Southwest Sanitary Sewer design. (drawings attached). Reviewed the Southwest Sanitary Trunk Sewer route from Industrial Parkway to Southard Road. Alignment of proposed sewer generally follows the DPL high power easement from Industrial Parkway to the Boerger Road area. Looked at alternate routes through the area near Hickory

Run subdivision in detail. Will ask consultant to provide additional information for each route, including right-of-way needs and estimated costs. Review at next meeting.

- 6) JRS projects update. Update of the JRS projects included the point that a big issue remaining to be resolved with the Ohio Department of Development is natural gas service. All other items are easily achievable. The gas issue has been ongoing, including a meeting with ODOD in December. A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, at ODOD in Columbus with representatives from the City, Union County, State Legislature, PUCO, Union Rural Electric and Columbia Gas, et. al. to address the issue. We have also applied to Ohio Public Works for improvements to Scottslawn Road.
- 7) Collins Avenue OPWC project. Project was reviewed. Three options were presented on the project scope. (Options attached in a separate document). Option B was selected to be pursued as the best long-term project. Mr. Morehart will do a general fund balance overview at close of 2007 projects to get an idea of available funds. Additional money needs to be appropriated for this project. Decisions need to be made soon so that the projects can be bid.
- 8) Traffic Study update. Traffic Study update was presented by Brian Palmer. He gave an overview of the "Status Summary" from the consultant. (attached)
- 9) Proposed Traffic Impact Study standards. Proposed Traffic Impact Study standards were presented in draft form. (copy attached) These standards are very similar to requirements used for previous traffic studies completed in the past. The plan is to formalize a printed handout outlining the requirements. Legislation is proposed to be added to the Codified Ordinances requiring completion of traffic studies as part of developments. This will be brought back at the next meeting.
- 10) Plum Street Culvert. Plum Street Culvert was reviewed as necessary to be replaced before Plum Street is rebuilt by the hospital. The budgeted amount of \$150,000 is not enough for the work. Additional money will need to be appropriated for this project. John Morehart will look into funding availability. Decisions need to be made soon

so that the projects can be bid. Engineering Department will review physical parameters of the culvert. Kathy House will pursue additional funding sources.

- 11) Safe Routes to Schools program was reviewed by Brian Palmer. Six new street lights have been erected along Maple Street, along with brighter bulbs being put in existing lights, between Third Street and Quail Hollow Drive. We have had a problem with snow removal from sidewalks.

The Health Department received a \$7,900 grant, which will be used to repair and replace 450' of sidewalk and four curb ramps along 6th Street, between Plum and Vine.

- 12) City-owned property discussion. Kathy House agreed to provide a list of city properties to each Committee member. She will review the list and make notes about parcels with "a history" or significant features to consider.

Public Service Committee will meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on April 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.