

MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC SERVICES COUNCIL COMMITTEE
Monday, February 25, 2019
Fire Station #17
1401 Railroad Avenue

In Attendance:

Council Member – Jim Sandager	City Engineer - Brian Hemesath
Council Member – Renee Hardman (by phone)	Public Services Deputy Director – Joe Cory
Deputy City Manager – Jamie Letzring	Public Services Superintendent – Kevin Hensley
Finance Director – Tim Stiles	Principal Engineer – Jeff Nash
Assistant City Attorney – Greta Truman	Traffic Engineer – Eric Petersen
Public Services Director – Bret Hodne	Traffic Engineer – Jim Dickinson
Parks & Rec Director – Sally Ortgies	Associate Engineer – Jeff Behan

Meeting was called to order at 11:34 AM by City Engineer, Brian Hemesath.

1. Iowa DOT’s Integrated Corridor Management Study

Issue Summary:

The Iowa DOT is currently studying strategies that will better manage traffic in the Des Moines metro area. The study will be based on a holistic look at the transportation issues facing the metro, and it will ultimately give recommendations for Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) strategies that may improve traffic flow on major routes. The study is in its early phases, but Staff will give an update on the progress to date. Staff will continue to be involved and will give future updates on the study’s recommendations.

Direction

Information only.

2. 1301 20th Street

Issue Summary:

The City is considering purchasing the 1301 20th Street property and house due to flooding concerns and as a potential west side public access to Pearson Park. The house was built in 1971. The current owners of the 1301 20th Street have recently indicated they were willing to sell this property to the City.

The property has two culverts with Blue Creek going through it. The property also has an existing overland flowage easement adjacent to the house. On the June 30, 2018 storm event, water went over the culvert causing damage to the property and house. The City is checking if there are any available partial FEMA reimbursements for purchasing this property.

Purchasing the property would also allow for constructing a west side public access to Pearson Park. The Parks Department said they can defer the replacement a nearby pedestrian bridge in Pearson Park and use that budget to offset some of the cost for the purchasing the property, house removal and constructing a

public park access.

The two culverts running across the 1301 20th Street property are currently under study along with other areas on Blue Creek. The culverts may be undersized and would probably be in need of future replacement. The culvert replacements would most likely require removal of the 1301 20th Street house. Purchasing the property now would allow for spreading out the cost. Purchasing now would also allow for overland flowage improvements on the property.

Direction

The Council Committee supported Staff's recommendation.

3. Review of Items for Council Meeting (March 4, 2019)

Engineering items presented by City Engineer Hemesath:

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution – Order Construction

2018 Channel Repair Program

(0510-041-2018) WHKS & Company 660.000.000.5250.490

2019 PCC Patching & Medians Program

(0510-002-2019) I+S Group, Inc. 500.000.000.5250.490

South 88th Street & Mills Civic Parkway Reconstruction

(0510-048-2018) HR Green, Inc. 500.000.000.5250.490

Resolution - Approval of Agreement with Warren Water for Relocation of Water Main – SW 60th Street, South of Veterans Parkway (0510-013-2017)

Resolution – Accept Work

2016 Channel Repair Program

McGreger Corporation (0510-018-2016) 660.000.000.5250.490

Motion – Approval of Change Order #1 Nature Lodge – Lakeview Room Lighting

ABC Electrical Services (0510-057-2017) 500.000.000.5250.490

Motion – Approving Professional Services Agreement Amendment No. 1

Nature Lodge HVAC Replacement, Roof Repairs & Exterior Improvements

Benjamin Design Collaborative (0510-019-2018) 500.000.000.5250.495

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Award Contract

EP True Parkway Widening – Jordan Creek Parkway to 81st Street

SEH (0510-075-2017) 500.000.000.5250.490

Public Safety Station #21 Flat Roof Replacement

OPN Architects, Inc. (0510-057-2018) 500.000.000.5250.490

27th and Vine Culvert

Shive-Hattery, Inc. (0510-045-2018) 660.000.000.5250.490

2019 PCC Reconstruction Program – Vine Street from 9th Street to 12th Street
Bolton & Menk, Inc. (0510-001-2019) 500.000.000.5250.490

OLD BUSINESS

Award Contract

West Public Services Facility, Buildings & Site Improvements (Phase 2)
Koester Construction - FEH Design (0510-027-2017) 500.000.000.5250.490

4. Staff Updates:

Public Services Director Hodne stated that removal of snow from five zones of City cul-de-sacs began last Thursday and is in progress, this service is being provided by a third party as City staff are currently working on snow removal to improve site visibility obstructions at intersections throughout the City. He noted that snow removal and hauling of snow is an expensive operation, and that there is another month of snow season ahead so snow storage needed. Council Member Hardman commended Director Hodne for the great work the Public Services staff has been providing with snow removal. Council Member Sandager agreed. Council Member Hardman asked where the snow is being removed to. Director Hodne stated that snow is being removed to the Aquatics parking lot and a City owned site near Martin Marietta off S. 11th Street. He added that our normal annual snowfall totals are between 34-37 inches, and this year we have reached 45 inches already.

City Engineer Brian Hemesath updated the committee regarding concerns brought to his attention by Council Member Trimble regarding the number of street lights which are not functioning. Engineering staff are counting non-functioning lights between 3 am and 8 am, and providing locations to Mid-American. So far 230 lights have been counted which are out, and it is believed a contractor installing lines underground may be cutting the power lines while working.

Director Hodne noted that Kevin Hensley and Jim Dickinson recently provided a presentation to Edgewater regarding technology and an update on Public Services which was well received.

5. Other Matters:

Council Member Sandager informed the committee that he will be out of town for a funeral but will be calling in to participate in the Council meeting on March 4th during a layover with his return flight.

The meeting adjourned at 12:08 pm. The next Public Services Council Committee meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2019.

Copies of handouts are available at Engineering Services upon request. A recording was made.
Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Canaday, Administrative Secretary