

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 12, 2016

COMMITTEE ROOM

Room 239, City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Member Dan Besse, Chair (in at 6:06 p.m.)
Council Member Derwin L. Montgomery, Vice Chair
Council Member Robert C. Clark
Council Member James Taylor, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: Council Member Jeff MacIntosh

Vice Chair Montgomery called the meeting to order and stated that without objection, the Committee would first consider the Consent Agenda. No items were removed for discussion.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the balance of the Consent Agenda. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Clark and carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C-1. PETITION TO CLOSE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF AN ALLEY OFF OF URBAN STREET (SOUTHEAST WARD) – *Petition of Nelly McCollum. Public Hearing: February 15, 2016.*
- C-2. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE SUMMARY OF MINUTES - *December 15, 2015.*

GENERAL AGENDA

- G-1. REPORT ON GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

Mr. Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager, gave the introduction for this item.

Mr. Robert Prestwood, City Engineer, gave the staff presentation on this item.

Council Member Clark requested information on the revised parking plan for Fire Station #7.

In response to Council Member Montgomery, Mr. Lee Garrity, City Manager, stated the Alexander Beaty Public Safety Training and Support Center along with the other Police District Facilities will be completed before work will begin on the Public Safety Center. The approximate start time for that project is a year and a half from now.

In response to Council Member Clark, Mr. Prestwood stated staff has received several bids for fire stations and police stations. He explained the park projects are more difficult and will require someone that can do both site and building work.

Chair Besse requested more information on the amount of parking that will be available at Salem Lake and how many months it will take to create the parking area.

Council Member Montgomery requested he be included in any conversation concerning value engineering cut backs for the Winston Lake Aquatic Facility if needed.

In response to Chair Besse, Mr. Prestwood stated staff is investigating the possibility of rerouting the greenway to connect to Happy Hill Park

Council Member Clark requested staff ensure the repairs to curbs and sidewalks at Hanes Park be considered.

In response to Council Member Clark, Mr. Prestwood noted the request for proposals for the Meadowlark widening project will go out in August.

In response to Council Member Montgomery, Mr. Prestwood noted staff would research if a conversation has occurred concerning Union Station and the usage of the parking deck with Winston-Salem State University.

Mr. Rowe stated the Bond Project information will be available to the public in the newspaper and on the website. Commercials for radio have been created, and citizens can call the feedback line at (336) 734-1400.

G-2. GREENWAY PROJECT ACCELERATION OPTIONS DISCUSSION.

Mr. Prestwood gave the staff presentation on this item.

Chair Besse requested information on creating a Greenway Fund to help expedite this process.

In response to Chair Besse, Mr. Prestwood explained Engineering staff have worked towards getting the paperwork and designs ready for each project while waiting on notification from the State to ensure the project moves forward more efficiently.

Council Member Clark noted that having staff walk the site before starting the process to identify any problem areas was a great idea.

G-3. INFORMATION ON PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER CHURCH STREET.

Mr. Prestwood gave the staff presentation on this item.

In response to Council Member MacIntosh, Mr. Prestwood stated any encroachments would be “air rights” since the bridge is going over the street.

In response to Council Member Montgomery, Mr. Prestwood explained the height of the bridge would be reviewed by staff to ensure there are no issues.

Council Member Taylor requested adding a condition preventing advertisements from being displayed on the bridge.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:55 p.m.