

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15th, 2019
3:30 P.M.

Present: Arlene Luebbe, Frank Sommerkamp, Bill Dorsey, Genie Wambaugh, Ed Wise, and Ted Kute.

Mayor Paul Meier, Jim Berling and Tim Williams also attended the meeting.

Absent: Mark Townsend

Ms. Luebbe called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Chairwoman Luebbe opened the meeting by asking those present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the April 17th, 2019, meeting Minutes. Motion by Mr. Dorsey and seconded by Mr. Ed Wise to approve the minutes as read.

All voted in favor of the motion to approve the minutes as read.

Old Business

1. Update on Turkeyfoot Road

Mayor Meier updated the Committee on the Turkeyfoot Road project. He stated that he spoke with Representative Sal Santoro at the Mayor's group meeting on Saturday, and he indicated the engineering contract with Gresham Smith was not scheduled to be signed until July. The Berling alternate plan has not been shared with the consultant since they have not been officially hired at this point.

Staff Reports

1. Shinkle Road Sidewalk Project Update

Mr. Williams reported that this project has been completed and the contractor paid.

2. Rossmoyne, Druid, & Warwick Water Main Replacement Project Update

The water main replacement on Rossmoyne, Druid, and Warwick has been completed by the Northern Kentucky Water District contactors. The paving work is scheduled to begin in mid-June and will only take a few days.

3. Parkway Drive Water Main replacement Project.

Mr. Williams indicated that he spoke with a representative for the contractor and they are anticipating the project will be wrapped up within the next week, depending on weather.

New Business

1. Distribution Building on Kenton Lands Road

Mr. Ed Wise brought up the issue of the new industrial warehouse building on Kenton Lands Road. He recounted the recent City of Erlanger Council meeting that was attended by a number of the Old Crestview residents. Ms. Luebbe stated that her take away from the meeting was that the Erlanger Councilmembers listened to our residents, but that it didn't appear that the City would be providing much assistance in altering the plans for the building. Old Crestview resident Crystal Fedders reviewed the requests that were made to the Erlanger Council, including improved landscape screening, assurances on noise control and flipping the location of the loading docks to the front of the building.

Mayor Meier was asked if the City has engaged Erlanger officials about this project. Mayor Meier stated that he has discussed this project on several occasions with Mayor Fette from Erlanger. The City is not interested in changing their zoning code to allow front facing loading docks, although they will be requesting the developer add more landscaping to help screen the building from the adjoining property owners.

The Committee discussed this issue at length. Mr. Jim Berling discussed the height of the building, and its relative elevation to the adjoining homes. He stated that he could prepare a schematic of the building with the adjoining properties, but Mayor Meier stated that this should be done by the developer.

Mr. Ed Moynihan indicated that he was providing legal representation to the Old Crestview Hills subdivision residents and explained that they were looking into the existing zoning requirements in Erlanger and also assisting in working with the developer.

Mr. Ted Kute asked the Mayor if there were any action steps that the Public Works Committee could take at this time. Mayor Meier noted that he would be happy to work with Al Neyer Company on the development planning and can send a letter stating the City's concerns with noise, lighting, etc.

2. Upcoming Election and 5G Deployment

Ms. Luebbe mentioned that the primary elections were coming up next week and that everyone should familiarize themselves with the health issues associated with the deployment of 5G technology and how the candidates stand on this issue. She feels as though currently citizens have no rights to protest the deployments and that we are only getting information on one side of the issue from those that stand to benefit such as cellular companies and other corporate users of the data.

Adjournment

Ms. Luebbe asked if there was any further business to discuss.

Mr. Jim Kuehne asked if the City was removing signs in the right of way. Mr. Williams stated that the City is diligent in removing those signs, when staff is available during the work week.

Mr. Kuehne thanked Mr. Williams for removing the sign on Turkeyfoot Road near the westbound interstate route.

Mr. Sommerkamp inquired as to whether the City could place signs in the right of way medians on Turkeyfoot and Dixie Highway as advertising for sponsors of the island's maintenance costs. Mayor Meier stated that KYTC rarely gives permission for any signs in the right of way, except for directional signs to Hospitals, Colleges, etc. Mr. Williams stated that the City routinely removes advertising signs from the right of way, so placing signs with sponsors might also be incompatible with our current practices to keep the City free from clutter.

Ms. Luebbe announced the next meeting is scheduled for June 19th, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.

With no further business before the Committee, Ms. Luebbe asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Mr. Sommerkamp and seconded by Mr. Dorsey to adjourn. All voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.