Minutes
Public Works Committee
February 10, 2020
6:00 p.m.
6th committee meeting

Members present were Mayor Merritt, Committee members Carol King and Michael Reynolds. PW Director Matthew Fleahman and Brandon Madden, City Administrator, were also present.

1. Call to Order- Mayor Merritt

2. Public Comment- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
   a. Public Works Committee Meeting: January 7, 2020
      Councilwoman King made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Reynolds seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers
   a. Department Reports

      Brandon reported that after a request about numbers for trash and recycling, a report was done. There are about 9800 cans for recycling and trash that are serviced.

      Public Works Director Matthew Fleahman
      Budget Review- The Sewer budget is skewed high because of a CIP. That item will come through committee next month.

5. Unfinished Business- None

6. New Business
   a. Motion to enter into Executive Session for the consideration of contractual matters involving Metro Connects as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70 (a)(2)

      Councilman Reynolds made a motion to go into executive session with Councilwoman King seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

      Mayor Merritt reconvened the meeting. Councilwoman King reported no decisions were made and no votes were taken.

   b. Possible action on items discussed in executive session- None
c. Muirwood Drive Update

During the December 16, 2019 Council meeting, Councilman Merritt requested that an update on Muirwood Drive stormwater be brought to the Public Works Committee. During the January 7 Public Works Committee meeting, Council requested that driveway repairs be removed from the Public Works quote for the materials needed to address this matter as there were concerns related to repairing the homeowner’s driveway. This matter is a policy decision of Council.

Staff met with Mr. Maio on January 31, 2020 and discussed the concerns of the Public Works Committee as it related to the driveway repairs being at the owner’s expense. Mr. Maio agreed to being solely responsible for repairing the driveway with the City replacing the storm water piping. Staff has developed a quote in the amount of $5,886.65 for the materials needed to address the concerns. The improvements involve replacing the storm water piping from the existing sink hole down to the outfall in the back yard. The sink hole appears to be above the area where the 36-inch stormwater pipe is reduced to 18-inches. If authorized, this will be a budget amendment. It will take 3-4 weeks to get the materials.

Councilwoman King made a motion to send this item to council. Councilman Reynolds seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0). Mayor Merritt said the City did not create the problem nor is it our responsibility to repair this. Mr. Maio will sign a hold harmless agreement.

d. Replacement of Gateway Entry Sign- Someone drove through one of our gateway signs and it has been removed. An insurance claim was issued and funds in the amount of $10,057.32 were received. Staff is recommending that the City authorize the use of the funds to replace the sign. The cost to add “Welcome To,” will be $1,617.56. Since both items are unbudgeted expenses, a budget amendment is required. The recommended funding source for adding “Welcome To” to the other 4 gateways signs is the General Fund balance.

Councilman Reynolds made a motion to send this to Council with a recommendation of approval. Councilwoman King seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0).

e. Millport at Butler Rd. Intersection Improvement Project – Participation Agreement- During its September 19, 2019 meeting City Council approved to proceed with the closure of Rothwell Dr., and the construction of new signalized Rothwell Dr. and E. Butler Rd. intersection utilizing the funding mechanisms recommended by staff.
Traffic safety concerns attendant to ingress and egress of Rothwell Dr. off E. Butler Rd. have been presented to the City over the past year. In an effort address those concerns (e.g., traffic congestion, traffic hazards) and potential economic, this project will:

- Close the current location of Rothwell Dr.
- Relocate Rothwell Dr. no less than 700 feet from the E. Butler Rd. & I-385 interchange.
- Signalize the Rothwell Dr. & E. Butler Rd. intersection at the new location of Rothwell Dr.

The project will be managed by the GLDTC with assistance from the City as it relates to any needed agreements (e.g., easements, ownership, maintenance) requiring City approval and the closing of Rothwell Dr. at its current location.

The total cost for this project is $1,108,881. The funding of this project includes contributions from the Greenville Legislative Delegation Transportation Committee, Shaw Resources and the City of Mauldin. The City will pay 40% of the project, $440,000. Council approved the funding mechanism last year. The request is to authorize the City Administrator to sign the Participation Agreement. The City Attorney has a concern that the contract says the City will pay any cost overruns. The C-Funds Committee will let us know if the bid comes in higher and it will come back to Council if any extra money needs to be expended.

Mayor Merritt asked if the $227,000 is the land cost and if it was included. Is there a dollar amount coming from Shaw or is it the land donation only? Brandon said Shaw is donating the land and it would be treated as a right-of-way acquisition. The $227,000 is included in the $1,108,881.

Councilwoman King made a motion to forward this item to Council with Councilman Reynolds seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

f. Municipal Match Resurfacing Program Participation Agreement - Councilman Reynolds made a motion to send this item to Council with Councilwoman King seconding. Councilman Reynolds said he would like signage to show the citizens that these are Mauldin roads and we are taking care of the repairs and paving. The vote was unanimous (3-0).
7. Public Comment- Councilwoman Kuzniar said she saw the debris truck going around the City and thinks the PW Department is doing a great job.

8. Committee Concerns- Councilwoman King thanked PW for the great job they did during the flood response.

    Mayor Merritt said there is a spillway where some of his neighbors are throwing shrubbery and brush. It is blocking the ditch and causing problems. Matt said there are a number of ordinances in public works that are not being enforced. The department is historically told to pick things up that are not in compliance with the ordinances. There will be something brought to committee on that to look for recommendations and authority.

9. Adjourn- Mayor Merritt adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk