

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 3, 2023, 6PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS 5 E. BUTLER ROAD
5th AND FINAL COMMITTEE

Committee Members present: Jason Kraeling (Chair), Carol King, Michael Reynolds
Others present: PW Director Matthew Fleahman and City Administrator Seth Duncan

1. Call to Order- Chairman Kraeling

2. Public Comment- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. Public Works Committee Meeting: June 5, 2023

Motion: Councilwoman King made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Reynolds seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (3-0).

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

a. PW Director Matthew Fleahman

i. Budget Review

Sanitation was over budget in the old fiscal year.

The Street department has started pouring curbs to help with stormwater. The machine being used is labor intensive. In the future, the department may ask for a more commercial machine.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business.

6. New Business

a. Resolution 7-2023 Sale of Fixed Assets

With the purchase of new trucks and equipment over the past three years, the City now has old, outdated, and/or damaged equipment which is stored at the Public Works Facility. Municipalities have historically gotten rid of the old equipment at auctions. This process requires staff hours to both set up and manage the process. This whole process can now be managed easily with the use of the Gov Deals website. Public Works has taken over the sale of equipment from all City Departments. All revenue from the sale of the equipment will be added to the General Fund for the City of Mauldin.

Motion: Councilwoman King made a motion to send this resolution to Council with

Councilman Reynolds seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (3-0).

b. GLDTC 612.01 Agreement

Motion: Councilman Reynolds made a motion to send this item to Council with Councilwoman King seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (3-0).

c. Discussion: Janitorial Services Contract

Over the years, cleaning services for City Hall and the Cultural Center have been completed by both paid employees and contract service providers. During the 2022-2023 fiscal year the oversight of this service was transferred to the Public Works Department. During this period, the service was provided by a full-time employee and a part-time employee.

In June 2023, the City of Mauldin solicited three responsible bids to replace the employees with a professional service in accordance with the City's purchasing policy. Staff met with each vendor and walked through both facilities to explain the scope of service. Bids were received at the end of the month and staff reviewed each submittal.

The cost associated with the contract is 4,705 dollars per month. The Public Works Department will be forfeiting one full-time position to offset the cost of the professional service.

Motion: Councilman Reynolds made a motion to send this item to Council with Councilwoman King seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (3-0).

d. Discussion: Whispering Oaks Road Acceptance

The Whispering Oaks Homeowners Association is requesting to add Endeavor Circle to the City's roadway inventory.

The City was not able to accept the streets when the townhome community was completed because they were constructed as private driveways which neither meets a public or private street standard.

In addition to the roadway standards, a utility right of way at least 44 wide for the streets in this community would be required. The right-of-way in Whispering Oaks is only as wide as the pavement which is 24 feet.

There is no cost associated with accepting the roadway into the inventory; however, there would be costs associated with paving the roadway in the future. Using current pricing from the Greenville Legislative Delegation Transportation Committee (GLDTC) contract, the cost to replace this roadway with full base reclamation would be approximately 143,351 dollars. The justification for full base reclamation prices is that the roadway was not originally constructed to public street standards and a full rebuild would be required to meet our standards

This item will be brought back to committee at a later date.

7. Public Comment-

Terry Merritt: I am currently the Mayor and live at 214 Fairfield Drive in Mauldin, South Carolina. A couple of things I am confused on. You talked about pouring new gutters. Are we pouring new gutters on streets with residents who request it like roads who don't have rolled asphalt, such as what I call curbing? Or are we just taking requests for those who want curbing at a higher level? That is my question. I didn't know we were pouring gutters now. Putting gutters on streets that don't have them.

Chairman Kraeling: These are curbs, not gutters.

Terry Merritt: Curbs. Sorry. Everywhere I said gutters, put curbs. That was one question. The second one that came up, I believe we entertained a few years ago as we did future paving with the company, that we would grind and pave. Hopefully that is still the case. Are we grinding before we pave like we did on Hyde Circle? Those are the two areas I was kind of confused on.

Mr. Fleahman: The curb is the vertical portion; the gutter is what takes the water. We are only pouring curbs. We don't have the capability to form a rolled curb that you see in the new developments. We can patch those, but our curb machine makes the old-style square curbing. With the exception of one lot in Knollwood, and that is always the case in Knollwood, every location we have replaced the curbing to the acceptable standard. There was one house in Knollwood that was just concerned about the roadway drainage coming off and into their property. We did a curb on his road frontage on the left. I don't have the address in front of me. It is the third or fourth on the left from the dollar store.

In the four years I have been here, we have diligently made sure the previous roadway surface has been removed, milled down, and repaved to the existing height prior to milling activity.

Councilwoman King said three plus years ago, there was a study done that we could take a substance and fill in the cracks. She asked if we were doing that. Mr. Fleahman said we got a crack filling machine in 2021. The filling has to be done when it is cool outside. The hot temperature makes it peel out when tires go over it.

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjournment- Chairman Kraeling adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk