

# **The Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee**

held a meeting on

**Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022** beginning at 6:00 P.M.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Committee Chair Mitchell, Members; Davis, Oswald, Simmons, Corbin, Schneider, Stewart, Cerra and Tollett

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Law Director Deery, Safety Dir Brubaker, Finance Dir's Pileski and Farrell, Engineer's McKillips and Schneider, Water Team Leader Jacobs

## **1. Approval of the May 11th, 2022 Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes.**

**Mrs. Simmons moved and second by Mr. Oswald to approved the above mentioned Committee Meeting Minutes.**

## **2. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the Wet Weather Program - East Side Relief Project, Phase 1D and 2N.**

**Referred By: Engineer McKillips** *(Tabled by Finance May 23<sup>rd</sup>)*

Engineer McKillips said they are requesting authorization to advertise for bids and award a contract for Phase 1D and 2N of this project. This project will construct a sewer on Poplar St. where they left off with the previous phase, (1C). (Which was at Poplar & Longfellow). It will continue down Poplar Street and continue to Harwood and then will go down Harwood to Dilworth and to Gulf. It will continue on Gulf to East Bridge and to a point where they will stop and bore underneath the railroad. The funds will come from a loan through the WPCLF which is thru the Ohio EPA Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance Program. The City has used this program before for the Wet Weather Projects. This Wet Weather Program is required by Federal and State EPA. It's also a requirement through the Clean Water Act of 1972. This is the next Phase of a Multi Phase Project. The previous phases began at the Water Treatment Plant on Gulf Road back in 2017. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> Phase and are moving along and getting close to finalizing negotiations with the Fed EPA as part of the City's Good Faith effort to meet our requirements and do our due diligence in meeting our Clean Water Act Requirements.

Chair Mitchell asked how this will be funded?

Eng McKillips said it will be through a loan that we're receiving through the Ohio EPA.

Mr. Cerra asked about the section of the project between Harwood and Gulf Road and if that section of Poplar St will be included in the road construction project?

Eng McKillips said, yes, that section will get a total curb to curb reconstruction. Once the contractor is contracted they will have an obligation to start on East Bridge St., because of the construction on Cleveland and the contractor will provide with a construction schedule, so they don't interfere with other projects. They will have minimum time-lines they'll have to meet and they will be able to move forward and if they bring in a second crew, they could potentially be working at two locations at one time.

Engineer McKillips said the project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2023.

**Mr. Oswald moved and Mrs. Davis seconded to recommend an ordinance authorizing to advertise for bids and award a contract for 'said' project.**

**MOTION MADE**

**COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

## **3. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Youngstown, to sponsor for the OEPA Water Resource Restoration Sponsorship Program.**

**Referred By: Engineer McKillips** *(Tabled by Finance May 23<sup>rd</sup>)*

Engineer McKillips said this was brought to us regarding this program that requires a sponsor that involves a project that utilizes the WPCLF Loan Program, which we are using for our large East Side Relief Sewer Project. The cost of that project utilizes enough loan funds that produces enough interest that can fund a WRRSP (Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program) project. It is the only way this type of program can be funded thru the EPA and it has to have a sponsor. The City of Youngstown reached out to us if we would be interested in sponsoring their project and in turn we would sponsor their project. The goal of this program is to counter the loss of ecological function and biological diversity, basically it looks at projects that clean water, provides for improvement of aquatic life and restores streams and wetlands. Youngstown is going to remove 3 dams and sediment and other improvements along the Mahoning River. The project would require NO funding from Elyria, just some of the Engineer's Dept. time and in turn for the sponsorship the City of Elyria would receive 0.1 percent discount on our loan for our sewer project. Our project is 20 million and Youngstown's project is 3.5 million the percent discount we could receive would be                   It's a win-win for both cities. The interest that we pay on our loan benefits another Clean Water Act project.

Chair Mitchell said this costs us nothing, other than some time and we will get a discount on our loan. She wondered how Youngstown chose us?

Engineer McKillips said any City, County or Entity who wants to do a project of this type and use a Water Resource Project, can reach out to participates in the WPCLF Loan Program. Youngstown reached to the EPA and got a list of participates and ended up choosing Elyria.

**Mr. Oswald moved and Mrs. Simmons seconded to recommend an ordinance authorizing an ordinance for the 'said' program with the City of Youngstown, Emergency Clause.**

**MOTION MADE**

**COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

**4. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into contract for the Reconstruction of E. Broad Street.**

**Referred By: Engineer McKillips**                   *(This matter was passed by Finance Committee May 23<sup>rd</sup>)*

Engineer McKillips said this is for the reconstruction of E. Broad from Abbe to E River. It will include resurfacing and widening of the roadway to 3 lanes, upgrading traffic control signals and other safety improvements. It's estimated to start as early as July or August and be substantially completed by November 2023. Bidding process won't start until we receive Federal Authorization from ODOT.

**Mr. Oswald moved and Mrs. Simmons seconded to recommend an ordinance authorizing to advertise for bids and award a contract for 'said' project.**

**MOTION MADE**

**COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

**5. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to submit applications for a grant and/or loan from OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) for the year 2023.**

**Referred By: Engineer McKillips**                   *(This matter was passed by Finance Committee May 23<sup>rd</sup>)*

Engineer McKillips said applications for OPWC are due early Sept. They will apply for several projects; Chestnut Ridge (Stillwater to RT 57), Abbe S (Chestnut to University), Lake Ave (RT 113 to Parmely), Furnace (Lake to W River), W River (Furnace to RT 57) and Foster Ave (Furnace to Lorain).

**Mrs. Davis moved and Mr. Oswald seconded to recommend an ordinance to submit applications for grants and or loans for the OPWC 2023 Street Projects.**

**MOTION MADE**

**COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

**6. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the Oberlin-Elyria Road Resurfacing Road Project.**

**Referred By: Engineer McKillips** *(This matter was passed by Finance Committee May 23<sup>rd</sup>)*

Engineer McKillips said this is for the resurfacing of Oberlin-Elyria Road from Middle Ave to City Limits. It's the section where they will be getting new water mains which will begin next week. Monies are appropriated.

**Mrs. Simmons moved and Mr. Oswald seconded to recommend an ordinance authorizing to advertise for bids and award a contract for 'said' project.**

**MOTION MADE COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

**7. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with CT Consultants for Lead Service Line Replacement Project, #3.**

**Referred By: Water Team Leader Jacob**

Team Leader Jacob said this is to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with CT Consultants and not to exceed \$60,000. This is to help with the bidding process, design and loan application for a led service line million dollar forgivable loan. The EPA will award funds in the fall, so we now need to bid. We already have an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into a contract if we're awarded the million dollar forgivable loan.

Mr. Oswald asked if this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> part of this project?

Team Leader Jacob said yes. We still have a number of lines to be replaced, around 400-500. The million dollars will do between 300-400, depending on the customer side. We want to be the 1<sup>st</sup> to apply as soon as they say they're accepting.

**Mr. Oswald moved and Mrs. Simmons seconded to recommend an ordinance to enter into a contract with CT Consultants for 'said' project.**

**MOTION MADE COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

***The Evening's Meetings continued with a JOINT Meeting of the Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee and The Finance Committee ~ which began at 6:30P.M.***

**The JOINT Meeting ended at 6:45 P.M. and the evening's meetings continued with The Finance Committee which began immediately following the JOINT Meeting.**

***Chair Mitchell asked for a motion to adjourn The Utilities Safety & Environment Committee:***

**Mr. Oswald moved, seconded by Mrs. Simmons to Adjourn the Meeting at 6:45 P.M.  
MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted by,

Colleen Rosado, Secretary  
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