

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

held a meeting on

**Wednesday, MAY 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022** beginning at 6:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Committee Chair Mitchell, Members; Davis, Oswald, Simmons, Corbin

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Law Director Breunig, Engineer McKillips, Parks Dir Reardon, Councilman Cerra

**1. Approval of the April 13th, 2022 Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes.**

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

**2. The matter of the Seasonal Farmer's Market to be held in Ely Square for the 2022 Summer Season.**

**Referred By: Parks & Recreation Director Reardon**

Dir Reardon said this is the annual Invest Elyria Farmer's Market. The market had been held at Pioneer Plaza but last year they moved to the Square due to the construction of the new library. They are requesting to be back in the Square this year. It will run from June 25<sup>th</sup> thru Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, on Saturdays from 9AM to 1PM. The Parks Board approved this matter at their Board Meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Davis asked why they aren't back at Pioneer Plaza?

Dir Reardon said from what she understands that the Market was to be back at Pioneer Plaza. She believes it's not there again this year, because of the new parking lot that is being constructed. She said she will bring this up at a Park Board Meeting and she will check with Invest Elyria to ask them, going forward, what their plans are. The Parks Board only approves this on a year to year basis.

Mrs Oswald asked if we're doing what we're supposed to with the Pioneer Plaza so we don't have to pay back the \$300,000?

Dir Reardon said she was not part of that grant, but she can do some research and look into that, she apologized that she doesn't have that information available now.

Dir Breunig said he has reviewed a grant agreement. As of right now he said he doesn't see any direct connection between the plaza itself and the Farmer's Market with that grant which was primarily for housing the Arts Council in the building, the former Brandau's Building. We've always kind of attached those two together as part of a comprehensive utilization plan for Pioneer Plaza and The Arts Council all together and then the library fitting in next door. He doesn't believe there were any grant ties to that, but he can look into it.

**Mr. Oswald moved and Mrs. Davis seconded to recommend an ordinance authorizing the approval for Invest Elyria to hold their annual Farmer's Market.**

**MOTION MADE**

**COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

**3. The matter of amending Ord No. 2022-31 (2022 Street Resurfacing Program) ~ due to a change of some streets.**

**Referred By: Engineer McKillips**

Engineer McKillips said during the course of the process of design and reviewing streets, additional streets were determined to be in need of attention so they will add to the alternate list; \* Murray Ridge between Lowell St and the Railroad Tracks, \* Adams St between Bell and High St. \* Arlington Circle and they will remove Poplar St and Wesley because the water mains on those streets are in poor condition and they will need to be replaced prior to doing pavement rehab.

Mr. Cerra said \$147,000 dollars out of Ward 7. He asked if he has the option of replacing those streets with other streets? He would like to have Arlington Cir, Hartford (Georgetown to Cul-de-sac) and Hollywood to replace the streets that were removed.

Dir Breunig said to be clear, Engineer McKillips suggestion was to add Murray Ridge, Adams and Arlington to the alternate. And what he's hearing from Mr. Cerra, instead of doing that, we'll put the primaries in Ward 7 in Arlington, Hartford and Hollywood, we won't do those alternates. Engineer McKillips said we're taking off Poplar and Wesley in Ward 7 and Mr. Cerra said he would like to exchange those streets for Hartford and Hollywood. And Murray Ridge and Adams will still be alternates. Arlington, Hartford and Hollywood will be added to the Primary list.

Engineer McKillips said they will go out for bid the following week, for the concrete streets and once those bids are open they will know how much money we have available. Then they can determine what other streets they can complete and then to determine the final list.

Mr. Oswald asked if they got any bids yet for the concrete streets?

Engineer McKillips said they are going for those bids next week. They've already went for bids for the asphalt because they are waiting for the bids for the concrete streets.

Mr. Cerra said last year after they did the street list, all of a sudden there was a million dollar referral that came from the Mayor's office that wanted to invest in some streets and he asked what happened with that?

**Mr. Oswald moved and Mrs. Davis seconded to recommend an ordinance authorizing an amendment to ordinance 2022-31 to remove certain streets and add additional alternate streets as per the attached, emergency clause requested.**

**MOTION MADE COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

Chair Mitchell said after Monday's meeting where the issue of reporting potholes was discussed, she said she rode around in her ward today and she was able to report quire a few potholes. Residents can call the Street Dept to report potholes and she recommended everyone to look out for them and be sure to call Preston or Keenan in the Street Dept to report them.

*Chair Mitchell asked for a motion to adjourn.*

**Mr. Oswald moved, seconded by Mrs. Simmons to Adjourn the Meeting at 6:20 P.M.  
MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Colleen Rosado, Secretary /CMR