

The Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee

held a meeting on **Wednesday, September 13th, 2023** at 6:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Committee Chair Mitchell, Davis, Oswald, Simmons, Corbin

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilman Schneider, Law Director Deery, Safety Service Dir Lundy, Asst Dir Williams, Engineer McKillips, WWPC Supt Korzan, Police Lt. Palmer, Parks Dir Reardon

Note: the sound system in Council Chambers went down, therefore there is no audio recording of this meeting and these minutes have been created from notes taken during the meeting.

1. Approval of the Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes ~ August 9th, 2023.

Mrs. Simmons moved, seconded by Mr. Oswald to approve the 'said' meeting minutes.

2. The matter of codification of Ohio Revised Code for seatbelts; occupants restraining device ordinance 4513.263 to ECO Chapter 337.

Referred By: Elyria Police Chief Pelko

Lt. Erik Palmer spoke on this matter in place of Chief Pelko who was not able to be here this evening. Lt. Palmer said they were looking to get the matter of an ordinance for occupant restraining devices to be codified in the Elyria Codified Ordinances.

Currently monies from these fines go to the state and by having this put into the Elyria Codified Ordinances the fine money would then go back to Elyria.

Mrs. Davis moved, Mrs. Simmons second to authorize an Occupant Restraining Device ordinance to be codified under EOC Chapter 337.

MOTION CARRIED COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

3. The matter of an Agreement with Lorain County and State of Ohio for the West Ridge Road Resurfacing Project, (from Rt 113 to Russia Road).

Referred by: Engineer McKillips

Engineer McKillips said this project will be part of the 2024 – 2027 NOACA Program. Part will be funded by the City and part will be funded by the County.

The Lorain County Engineer's Office reached out to the City to partner with them on this project.

Mrs. Simmons moved, Mrs. Davis second to authorize an ordinance for the Mayor to enter into a cooperative agreement to share the cost for repair and resurfacing of a section of West Ridge Road.

MOTION CARRIED COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

4. The matter of applying for a loan thru the Division of Environmental & Financial Assistance (DEFA) for the Wet Weather Program, East Side Relief Sewer Improvements.

Referred by: Engineer McKillips

Engineer McKillips said that this is to apply for a DEFA loan. They already have an ordinance authorizing to go out for bid, Ord No. 2023-99. Today they are asking for approval to apply for this loan agreement so it can fund the project. It is a 1.8-million-dollar forgivable loan. And those funds are appropriated in the Waste Water Capital Fund and with the balance being funded through WPCLF Loan.

They've requested this to be an emergency clause so they can apply for the DEFA loan during the 2023 loan cycle.

Mr. Oswald moved, Mrs. Simmons second to authorize an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for and enter into a 'Loan Agreement' through DEFA for the East Side Relief Sewer Improvement Program. Emergency Clause requested.
MOTION CARRIED COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

5. The matter entering into a contract with a selected firm for services to monitor overflows in the City's sewer system, as required by the Consent Decree.

Referred by: Engineer McKillips

Engineer McKillips said that this project is a requirement of the City's Consent Decree.

They received applications from five firms to be considered for this project. Each firm's application was reviewed and interviewed by the department along with Supt. Korzan.

CT Consultant was the lowest bid and they were chosen out of the 5 applicants. They will monitor overflows in the sewer system as required by the Consent Decree.

The amount of the 3-year agreement for their services is \$511,080 and that amount has been appropriated out of the 2023 WWPC Fund. The department will go out for bid again in 3 years.

Mrs. Davis moved, Mrs. Simmons second to authorize an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with CT Consultants for 'said' services. Emergency Clause requested.
MOTION CARRIED COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

6. The matter of Adopting an Updated Parks & Rec Master Plan.

(Approved by Parks & Rec Board on Aug 24th and copies of the updated plan were placed in City Hall mailboxes on Aug 28th).

Referred By: Parks Dir Reardon

Director Reardon said this updated master plan needs to be adopted by City Council. This plan is a great guide for the department, per feedback they have received.

They will focus on the new plan and ideas but they will also work to maintain what they have and they will continue with current Issue 6 projects.

Mr. Oswald said the Dog Park at Hilltop is working great.

Some questions were; are there any plans for a dog park at East Rec? and any plans to add electricity at the pavilions?

Dir Reardon said those are good ideas and she will add those are possibilities.

Mr. Corbin moved, Mrs. Davis second to authorize an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to adopt the 'said' Master Plan.

MOTION CARRIED COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

7. The matter of confirming appointments to the Demolition Board of Appeals.

Referred by: Safety Svc Director Lundy

Svc Dir Lundy said these folks have been chosen to sit on the City's Demolition Board of Appeals. He is requesting Council to confirm these appointments; Steve Pesch, Bob Yun and Monet Roberts. The term is for 3 years.

Mrs. Simmons moved, Mr. Oswald second to authorize a resolution to confirm the appointment of 3 members to the Demolition Board of Appeals.

MOTION CARRIED COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

Chair Mitchell asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mrs. Davis moved to adjourn the Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee Meeting and that motion was seconded by Mrs. Simmons.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED

*Respectfully Submitted by,
Colleen Rosado, Secretary/Administrative Assistant*