

The Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee

held a meeting on **Wednesday, October 8th, 2025** at 6:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Utilities: Chair Mitchell, Davis, Oswald, Armstrong, Stewart

Others: none

Excused Absence: none

Administration and Department Heads Present: Safety Service Dir Pyanowski,
Law Dir Deery, Engineer Schneider, WWPC Supt Stewart

1. The matter of authorizing the purchase of aeration diffusers for the WWPC Consent Decree Aeration Basin Project.

Referred By: WWPC Supt S. Stewart

[This matter was passed by Finance Committee on 10/14/25]

WWPC Supt Stewart said this is to purchase the Aeration Diffusers, to pre-purchase for the consent decree for the aeration basin upgrade.

They are looking to pre-purchase due to the long lead time. it will take about 26 weeks after the design. If we order now, we should get them in April and the project has a completion date of Dec. 31, 2026. So, they are trying to speed that process up.

These are the most essential part of this project and cannot continue with each phase of the project without them.

Mr. Oswald asked who will install them?

Supt Stewart said they will be installed by the contractor and installed in the main plant. These are made in Germany and they are very efficient. They have to be replaced, per the consent decree.

There were no further questions and Chair Mitchell read the committee report and asked for a motion.

Motion made by Mr. Oswald, seconded by Mr. Armstrong to authorize an ordinance for the purchase of the 'said' equipment for the 'said' project. Emergency clause.

MOTION CARRIES

COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

2. The matter of entering into an agreement with ODOT for the Oberlin-Elyria Rd. road diet.

Referred By: Engineer Schneider *[This matter was passed by the Finance Committee on 10/14/25]*

Engineer Schneider said they are requesting authorization to enter into an LPA Agreement with ODOT for the Oberlin-Elyria Road road-diet project. They will use NOAC funds in amount of \$966,994 and the City match will be \$241,686 to be paid out of muni motor vehicle funds. This involves reducing 4 lanes to 3 lanes, similar to Cleveland Street.

They will install bike lanes between Middle Ave and southwest to the corp. line. There will also be improvements, which will include removing the traffic signal and realigning the north leg at the intersection adding pedestrian crosswalks and installing a two-way stop. That intersection did not warrant a traffic signal. As part of this project with utilizing federal funds.

Chair Mitchell said she is concerned about where the two roads intersect.

Engineer Schneider said part of the design at the intersection and how it's skewed, is the road will curve and the southbound traffic and will be perpendicular to the road to give a better line of sight in both directions. The sight is from Middle Ave. to the RR tracks.

Dir Pileski said muni motor vehicle is the tax fund that they account for license plates fees and have been using that for matches on grants and grant road projects.

Mr. Armstrong said with the RFB from the plans that was sent to the residents, will that be more on Elyria Fence property or where the crosswalk is now?

Engineer Schneider said the plan is to move it so when you cross the road you cross perpendicular and not at a skew, it will go up the tree line of Elyria Fence and will cross perpendicular to the road and sidewalks will be installed extended to where to cross the road.

Engineer Schneider said the removal of the light was mandated because of the NOACA Grant and will be replaced with a stop sign, and there will be 3 lanes instead of 4 lanes.

There were no further questions and Chair Mitchell read the committee report and asked for a motion.

Motion made by Mr. Oswald, second by Mr. Armstrong to authorize an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into the 'said' agreement with ODOT. Emergency clause requested.

MOTION CARRIES

COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

3. The matter of Amendment #2 – Professional Services Agreement with Black & Veatch.

Referred By: Engineer Schneider *[This matter was passed by the Finance Committee on 10/14/25]*

Engineer Schneider said this is amendment #2 with Black & Veatch for design work for the high service pumps valve and VFD procurement and construction. VFD's modulate the frequency of a pump so it allows it to run in a slower speed so they can fluctuate the pump time and use less energy as well and a cost savings.

This will be paid from water fund and has been appropriated. This is only for design not construction services. If we decide to move forward with other projects, more amendments will be coming back to council for those.

There were no questions and Chair Mitchell read the committee report and asked for a motion.

Motion made by Mrs. Davis, second by Mr. Oswald to authorize amendment #2 to the Black & Veatch agreement, to increase the amount by \$408,000. Emergency clause is requested.

MOTION CARRIES

COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

4. The matter of authorizing to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the Water Treatment Plant Old Pump Building Roof Replacement Project.

Referred By: Engineer Schneider *[This matter was passed by the Finance Committee on 10/14/25]*

Engineer Schneider said this is a request to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the 'said' project. Funds are included in this year's budget. Estimated cost is \$650,000. The roof has been leaking for some time. Temporary repairs are not feasible. It would be a complete tear off and replacement.

Engineer Schneider said this is a flat roof with insulating foam and a membrane over it and they wedge it so it drains to the outside. It has a gypsum board insulation panels on the underside. Another building had that same issue and it was determined that the gypsum board should be removed and replaced with another type of material. But, because they ran into the same issue with this roof, but, instead of saving the gypsum board for long term, they decided to remove it and replace it.

There were no additional questions and Chair Mitchell read the committee report and asked for a motion.

Motion made by Mrs. Davis, second by Mr. Oswald to authorize the Mayor to enter into the 'said' contract. Emergency clause requested.

MOTION CARRIES

COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

5. The Updating and Amending Elyria Codified Ordinance 937 (Sewer Charges).

Referred By: Dir Pyanowski *[This matter was passed by the Finance Committee on 10/14/25]*

Safety Dir Pyanowski said there is nothing of great significance, changes to wording and updating to reflect operations. This is part of the process to update a number of different sections of the codified ordinance and to reflect current operations and rules.

Supt Stewart is speaking on this matter and he said these are mostly small language revisions, modern gender neutralized updates. There were seven changes that were made. The first one is the insertion of 937.12, the 2025 to 2027 rates. 937.14 thru 937.143 is the insertion of the hauled waste and septage fees, which is an update. 937.15 is the clarified appeal procedure for making sure it goes to the relevant board or committee.

937.17 reduces the lean certification for unpaid sewer charges from 90 days to 60 days and follows with the water rates that were passed. 937.20 ends the alternative billing after 2024 to reflect water rules. 937.09 is the increase of the industrial monitoring fee from 25 cents to 50 cents per 100 cubic feet. This rate hadn't been updated since 1992. Some fees that are increased are for laboratory services and personnel.

Mr. Oswald asked how often will this need to be done?

Supt Stewart said it should be reviewed annually and they will do that moving forward along with Dir Pyanowski and Pre-treatment Supt Derricotte, they will make sure this gets done in a better and more sure fit way.

Dir Pyanowski said this was an overdue update to some language and fees related to increases in costs providing services. He likes to do annual reviews because you get smaller increments and it's a simple clean up.

Supt Stewart said this does not need to be passed as an emergency.

There were no further questions and Chair Mitchell read the committee report and asked for a motion.

Motion made by Mr. Oswald second by Mr. Armstrong to authorize changes to Chapter 937 of the Elyria Codified Ordinances for sewer charges.

MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

Chair Mitchell asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Stewart moved to adjourn the Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee Meeting and that motion was seconded by Mr. Oswald and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

MOTION CARRIES

The next Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

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