

**Meeting Minutes of the JOINT ~ UTILITIES and FINANCE Committees which held a meeting on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:35 p.m. *circulated 6/3/2026***

**FINANCE PRESENT:** Chair Tollett, Cerra, Schneider, Davis, Van Wormer  
**COM DEV PRESENT:** Chair Schneider, Mitchell, Rothgery, Doehne, Lipian  
**UTILITIES PRESENT:** Chair Mitchell, Rothgery, Oswald  
**EXCUSED ABSENCE:** Armstrong

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Law Dir Deery, Safety Svc Dir Pyanowski, Finance Dir Farrell, CD Dir Scott, CD Manager Almobayyed, Parks Dir Reardon, Legal Counsel Craig, Engineer Schneider

**1. The matter of approval of meeting minutes of the JOINT Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee and Finance Committee Meeting, which took place on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, as circulated 5/26/2026.**

**UTILITIES COMMITTEE:**

Motion made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Oswald to approve the said Minutes.

**MOTION CARRIES**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Motion made by Mr. Van Wormer and seconded by Mr. Cerra to approve the said Minutes.

**MOTION CARRIES**

Engineer Schneider is not in attendance and the committee moved to take a 5-minute recess. Motion made by Mrs. Davis and second by Mr. Oswald to take a 5-minute recess.

**Motion Carries**

Motion made by Mr. Schneider and second by Mr. Van Wormer to take a 5-minute recess.

**Motion Carries**

Chair Mitchell asked for a motion to bring Utilities back into order.

Motion made by Mrs. Rothgery and second by Mr. Oswald for Utilities to come back in order.

**Motion Carries**

**2. The matter of advertising for bids and awarding a contract for the OPWC resurfacing of Griswold Road, (W. River, N to Tillotson)**

Referred By: Engineer Schneider

Engineer Schneider said they applied for five Ohio Public Works Projects and they were awarded all five. This project is to get approval to go out for bid for the Griswold Rd. project which will 74/26 split, OPWC paying 74% and City paying 26%. The project will consist of concrete replacement, which will be cut out and replaced, total projected cost is \$409,300.

Mr. Oswald asked how that concrete replacement will be handled and if the cutting out and replacing is the cheapest way to do the project?



**UTILITIES:**

**Motion made by Mr. Oswald and second by Mrs. Rothgery to authorize the Mayor to advertise for bids and award a contract for the ‘said’ OPWC project. Emergency clause.**

**MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

*Chair Tollett asked for a motion from Finance.*

**FINANCE:**

**Motion made by Mrs. Davis and second by Mr. Schneider to authorize the Mayor to advertise for bids and award a contract for the ‘said’ OPWC project. Emergency clause.**

**MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

**4. The matter of advertising for bids and awarding a contract for the OPWC resurfacing of Washington Ave. (Black River to Ohio Street).**

Referred By: Engineer Schneider

Engineer Schneider said this is the same as the previous requests for bids. This is a mill and fill project and it won't make any difference to the road and the way it's currently stripped. Request to pass as emergency. They will plan to work around the activities that are happening downtown and will make sure the contractor is aware of the events.

Mr. Oswald asked if they are pretty sure there is no infrastructure work that will need to be done, since it had been discussed in the past?

Engineer Schneider said he can't guarantee that, but, when it comes to the infrastructure, the water main that they are looking to replace and there is plenty of room to do that in the tree lawns and it will not disturb the road. Unless, they want them to wait on this project.

*There were no more questions and Chair Mitchell read the committee report and asked for a motion:*

**UTILITIES:**

**Motion made by Mr. Oswald and second by Mrs. Rothgery to authorize the Mayor to advertise for bids and award a contract for the ‘said’ OPWC project. Emergency clause.**

**MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

*Chair Tollett asked for a motion from Finance.*

**FINANCE:**

**Motion made by Mr. Van Wormer and second by Mr. Schneider to authorize the Mayor to advertise for bids and award a contract for the ‘said’ OPWC project. Emergency clause.**

**MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

**5. The matter of advertising for bids and awarding a contract for the OPWC resurfacing of West Ave. (Oberlin-Elyria Rd. to 15<sup>th</sup> St.).**

Referred By: Engineer Schneider

Engineer Schneider said this area has four lanes and will be reduced to a single lane in each direction and it will tie into Oberlin-Elyria Road and it will flow better and there will be a defined parking area and it will lay out better. They ask for emergency clause.

