



Public Works Committee of Council Agenda
August 13, 2024 - 5:00 PM
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio

Approval of the June 11, 2024, Public Works Committee Minutes.

2024 ADA Ramp Project

Camera and Door Access Control Project

Project Update

- Todhunter Road Culvert
- Main Street Waterline
- Timrick Pl

2025 Salt Contract

East Avenue Reconstruction

Discussion, questions, and requests for future meetings.

Adjournment



**Public Works Committee of Council
June 11, 2024 – 4:30 p.m.
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio**

The Public Works Committee of Council met at 4:30 p.m. on June 11, 2024, in the Council Library located at 233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio.

Present were: Christina McElfresh, Vice Mayor; John Centers, Council Member; Ben Wagner, Council Member; Larry Lester, City Manager; Gary Morton, Director of Public Works; Jake Burton; Director of Finance; Kacey L. Waggaman, Assistant City Manager; and Angela S. Wasson, Assistant to the City Manager and Clerk of Council.

Mr. Wagner moved to approve the Public Works Committee Minutes of May 14, 2024; seconded by Mr. Centers. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Gateway/Butler Warren Road Design. Mr. Morton explained this is for a possible roundabout at the intersection of Mason Road, Butler Warren Road, and the Gateway Boulevard extension. Also, the possibility of realigning Pierson Sayre Road. He and his staff spoke with Lenny Robinson, the owner of the land at Gateway in Corridor Park 75, and expressed interest in a roundabout. After having a conversation with Mr. Robinson there will be a few minor changes and the City would proceed with moving forward with right-of-way negotiations. Mr. Morton added that the Economic Development Committee will be discussing options for grant funding through various agencies.

In response to Mr. Center's question, Mr. Morton advised that funding would be sought in 2026.

Timrick Place Rehabilitation. Mr. Morton stated that we are waiting for a month to sixty days before the contractor begins.

Main Street Water Main Replacement. Mr. Morton reported that contractor it will be 30 to 45 days before the contractor begins and they will start south, work their way north, and will maintain traffic.

Public Works Facility Land Options. Mr. Morton advised that a decision will need to be made on which side of the property the Public Works Facility would be built on. Looking at the topography it will cost approximately \$1 million more to build on the west side. The remaining land Mr. Morton hopes that the City would be able to get back the \$3 million that was paid for the all of the land. On the west side there are wetlands and streams that would cost an additional amount. Mr. Morton advised that KZF is going to design what a residential development would look like on the remaining portion of the property. It would be single-family in the rear and move into a mixed use or higher density. There is approximately 96 acres that we will not need for the Public Works Facility and having a plan for the development will be of benefit.

Mrs. McElfresh commented that it may be good to know the City has this land in the event something comes up in the future such as, a community center.



Mr. Morton informed the Committee that KZF is saying that as light industrial property, this is probably going to sit for a long time as there are topography issues and you are trying to piece off.

Mr. Centers asked if the developer that makes the purchase or the individual buyer of the property takes care of the buffering. Mr. Morton replied that it would be under the development and you wouldn't run into that if it is developed as residential.

Mr. Morton sought the Committee's opinion on building on the east side rather than the west side. There was no objection from the Committee to recommend to Council that the building be constructed on the east side rather than the west side. He noted that KZF will assist in preparing a Master Development Plan for the remaining land that will not be utilized by the Public Works Facility.

Transportation Master Plan. Mr. Morton explained this plan lays out your use, major arterials, state routes, and looks at safety, bike paths, and walking paths. It is transportation as a whole. We will look at the land uses around these empty parcels of land and what we may need, such as widening or more lanes of traffic.

Mr. Morton stated we have the Great Miami River Trail that is on the far west end of the City and there is no connectivity to it. We want to lay out connectivity all the way to I-75. The Transportation Master Plan will look at all of this.

Mr. Morton advised that the projects Monroe has are the Pedestrian Safety Project, Great Miami River Trail, Corridor 63 Safety Study, and the SS4A Grant that is for the Transportation Master Plan. All of these projects tied together will allow the City to go after a larger amount of grant funds.

Mr. Morton reported that he has reached out to the Miami Conservancy District (MCD) and informed them that he will be requesting assistance for the cost of engineering work for the 870 feet work along the Great Miami River. There is no opposition from MCD since that portion belongs to them.

Mr. Lester advised he received an email from Kroger's engineering team and they approved project costs to enclose both mounds and raise the fence on the north property. The work is expected to begin the end of June or beginning of July and take approximately four to six weeks to complete.

Mr. Lester reported that the Public Works Department is working on replacing the signals at Main Street and Elm Street.

Mr. Centers asked if the intent, following all of the improvements, is to remove the no truck traffic signs on Todhunter Road. Mr. Morton recommended that this question be directed to legal counsel to see if you can make it a no truck route just because you want to. He noted that just because the culverts are being replaced does not mean that trucks are going to start utilizing that portion of Todhunter Road.



The Public Works Committee meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela S. Wasson, MMC
Clerk of Council