

**PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, March 13, 2017**

*The Public Works and Economic Development Committee met Monday, March 13 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers at the Knisely Centre. The purpose of the meeting was to review Resolution 20-2017 and Resolution 21-2017
In attendance were Public Works and Economic Development Committeepersons:*

Mrs. Cheryl Ramos

Committee Chairperson: Mr. Dean Holland

Committee Member John Zucal and Alternate Kelly Ricklic had excused absences

Guests were:

Mayor Joel Day,

Law Director Marvin Fete,

Service Director Ron McAbier,

Safety Director Greg Popham

Auditor Beth Gundy

Treasurer Tom Gerber

President of Council Sam Hitchcock

Council Clerk Julie Courtright

Councilperson Mrs. Aimee May

Councilperson Mr. Rob Maurer

Councilperson Mr. Darrin Lautenschleger

Public Works and Economic Development Committee Chairperson, Dean Holland called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Holland thanked everyone for being in attendance and stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss Resolution 20-2017 and Resolution 21-2017.

Mr. Holland made the following statement:

These Resolutions are agreements with the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Service Director Ron McAbier made the following statement:

Resolution 21-2017 is for the Bluebell and West High Intersection Improvements; traffic light, and the striping they'll be doing. I believe I reported before that the beauty of this is it's a \$433,000.00 project with ODOT picking up 100% of that cost. Originally when the Mayor and I met with ODOT, typically they're 80/20, sometimes you get 90/10 out of them, but the fact that we brought the info with them for the intersection and the safety issues we have there, and hopefully the upcoming building of the new proposed Menard's down there, they agreed to fund it 100%. So, this is just legislation to go into agreement with them and for them to move forward and start getting the ball rolling. It will be 2018 before we see anything done down there but the reason it's in front of us now is to get some engineering to start and they'll cut funding for that. We met with a representative from Path Master, he'll be the one that has all the engineering done with that so they need to move forward. They can do the environmental study too now and go ahead and get all that stuff done so we can stay ahead of it.

***Chairman of the Public Works and Economic Development Committee Holland had the following question:
And Resolution 20-2017?***

Service Director McAbier had the following response:

Resolution 20-2017 was brought to me by Russ Volkert the Dover Fire Chief. He's taken the lead on filling out a grant. We are the younger brother to it in a sense. All really in a nutshell what that is is a grant that will produce and give help to all the bike safety signage for us and it will be at no cost to us. The route that we would like to connect Dover to New Philadelphia to the State bike Route and they will supply all of the signage for that at no cost to us either. There's no bike route so to speak right now, it's still in it's infancy, but when that does come

to fruition we will make sure to share that with everybody. Dover has some of theirs up now through Wooster Avenue and off 13th, but that's what the signage would look like.

Mayor Day had the following question:

So, the grant money will pay to extend that signage through New Philadelphia

Service Director McAbier had the following response:

Yes, finish up Dover and then extend it up through New Philadelphia.

Chairman of the Public Works and Economic Development Committee Holland had the following question:

So this is a part of a State-wide bike path?

Service Director McAbier had the following response:

Yes, and I'm glad that Russ and I have had some preliminary talks about it so that Russ didn't go out and get it to come through Dover he wants it to link with us. So for us to work together and get the signage together and complete the project it's great for us also.

Chairman of the Public Works and Economic Development Committee Holland had the following question:

I did see that the State had some engineers working on the intersection this past week and I had a chance to meet very briefly with Lloyd McAdams with ODOT and questioned him about it. Them knowing that we were moving forward on what we needed to do with Resolutions. They have actually begun doing marking and flagging and the things that the engineers need to do on that intersection in anticipation of us completing the preliminary paperwork.

Councilwoman Cheryl Ramos had the following question:

I think we had a discussion before about a bike route and she had said that there was going to be no cost to us. So I'm wondering why we need a grant if the State already said there would be no cost?

Service Director McAbier had the following response:

That's for the State Routes this is in town. This is a completely different thing.

Councilwoman Cheryl Ramos had the following question:

So, what are the proposed costs to us then?

Service Director McAbier had the following response:

The grant's going to pay for the signage to mark the route out. We won't pay for anything.

Councilwoman Cheryl Ramos had the following question:

Down to Bluebell Drive are we somehow marking a turn lane there?

Mayor Day had the following response:

No, ODOT felt that was unnecessary at this time.

Councilwoman Cheryl Ramos had the following question:

So, what all are we getting?

Mayor Day had the following response:

We're getting two crosswalks to get people safely across the street from say the Hampton Inn to El San Jose and the other motels safely and new signals that will have better traffic control there. That includes new lights and poles. The intersection will be widened somewhat, the curb radiuses will be cut back to accommodate that.

Service Director McAbier had the following response:

To address possibly what they may do in the future, on the corner for the turn lane we have them engineering that to go more north so if we do get a turn lane in there it will be enough room.

Mrs. Ramos Motioned to approve Resolution 20-2017 and Resolution 21-2017 for full Council vote for three readings

Mr. Holland Seconded the Motion

2 Yeas

The Motion was Approved by the Committee

Mr. Holland said Resolution 20-2017 and 21-2017 will be added to this evening's Agenda for three readings.

The Meeting of the Public Works and Economic Development Committee adjourned at 7:13 pm.