

**PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, March 27, 2017**

The Public Works and Economic Development Committee met Monday, March 27, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers at the Knisely Centre. The purpose of the meeting was to review the Natureworks Program for Recreational Improvements, the Carlisle Land Acquisition and Improvement Project, and the Lakeview Rd and Park Land Dr Improvement Project and the Bluebell Dr. Sidewalk Improvement Project.

In attendance were Public Works and Economic Development Committee members:

Mrs. Cheryl Ramos

Committee Chairperson: Mr. Dean Holland

Committee Member John Zucal and Alternate Kelly Ricklic

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. Darrin Lautenschleger

Public Works and Economic Development Committee Chairperson, Dean Holland called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Mr. Holland thanked everyone for being in attendance yielded the floor to Mayor Joel Day to discuss the Natureworks Program.

Mayor Day made the following statement:

Natureworks is one of the grant programs that we can apply for to help purchase the property and develop it, put the boat ramp in and the parking lot. What we're trying to do here is gather up as much grant money as we can to purchase and improve that and the Coniglio Property also

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

We do not have legislation prepared for this for tonight. I discussed it with Mr. McAbier last week and I thought since it was scheduled and published it would give the Committee an opportunity to ask any questions and consider placing it on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting.

Mayor Day had the following statement:

May 10th I believe is the deadline for applying for this grant. I recommend we suspend the rules the next Council Meeting.

Mrs. Ramos had the following question:

What are the specifics of this grant, the City's share?

Service Director McAbier had the following response:

The City's share is 25%, it's 75/25

Councilwoman Cheryl Ramos had the following question:

So, what is the estimated cost?

Service Director McAbier had the following response:

Well, the original number has changed because they want us to be more green. Next Meeting on April 10th Erin Begue will be here from Quicksall and she'll have an updated cost.

Mayor Day had the following response:

We spoke with representatives from Clean Ohio and they felt that it wasn't green enough because we had paved parking lots and concrete boat ramps. So, we sent Quicksall and Associates back to the drawing board to come up with a gravel parking lot in both locations and boat ramps that are concrete tied together with cabling. Mayor Day explained that the Clean Ohio Grant is going for purchase and development of the Carlisle Property and the Natureworks Grant is going for what Clean Ohio doesn't cover. So we're "piggybacking" one grant off the other.

Councilwoman Cheryl Ramos had the following question:

So, we need to come up with 25% of the \$240,000.00?

Mayor Day had the following response:

Yes, just on paper

Councilwoman Lautenschleger had the following response:

Part of those grant programs involve "in kind" contributions so we provide any of the planning, any of the labor and any of the other efforts. Those count toward your match.

Mayor Day had the following response:

No, ODOT felt that was unnecessary at this time.

Councilwoman May had the following question:

Didn't you also say that the purchase of the property goes toward some of that?

Service Director McAbier had the following response:

Yes it would.

Mayor Day had the following response:

Yes but only for Carlisle, not Coniglio, which is a donation. We're using the appraised value of that as a match.

MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED FOR THE LAW DIRECTOR TO PREPARE THE APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION AND HAVE IT READY FOR THE APRIL 10TH MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL WITH PASSAGE ON 1ST READING

MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION

3 YEAS

LEGISLATION WILL BE PREPARED BY THE LAW DIRECTOR TO BE PRESENTED TO FULL COUNCIL ON APRIL 10TH WITH RECOMMENDED PASSAGE UPON 1ST READING

Chairman Holland moved on to the 2nd purpose of the Meeting, the Lakeview Rd and Parkland Dr. Improvement Project.

Mr. Holland yielded the floor to Service Director McAbier.

Service Director McAbier handed out maps to Council and Administration.

Service Director McAbier made the following statement:

This would come from TAP funding. There are a lot of people who have expressed interest in the sidewalks and safety in that area so we put it to Quicksall's to go out, they'll share all the letters of support they've received from everybody in that area. I don't have a price for this project but I will have one on April 10th. ODOT has given approval to move forward with this project. This is a 5% match.

Mayor Day made the following statement:

What really drove this was the need for safer crossings across Wabash to the stadium and to the park when we have events there. We've also received numerous complaints from residents along Lakeview about not having sidewalks.

Councilman Zucal had the following question:

How much parking are we looking at?

Mayor Day made the following statement:

Possibly 12 spaces.

Councilman Zucal had the following question:

So, we're going to have a pedestrian crossing right where the old steps leading to the stadium are?

Service Director McAbier made the following statement:

The pedestrian crossing will be right where the press box is. There will be ped lighting there also.

Councilman Zucal had the following statement:

Maybe we should hold off on Resolution 22-2017 until we see the engineer's final number.

Chairman Holland made the following statement:

We're going to wait for the presentation for any action to be taken.

Chairman Holland introduced the next discussion, Resolution 23-2017, the Bluebell Dr. Sidewalk Improvement Project and yielded the floor to Service Director McAbier.

Service Director McAbier made the following statement:

If you look at that, that's going to be ODOT and TAP funds to try to tie in to the Bluebell and West High Traffic signal.

Mrs. Ramos had the following question:

Is the cost of this \$276,000.00?

Mayor Day had the following response:

Yes.

No action will be taken on Resolution 22-2017 or Resolution 23-2017 until the presentation on April 10th.

With no other matters to be reviewed or discussed Chairman Holland asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Zucal motioned to adjourn at 7:03.