

PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, July 24, 2017

The Public Works and Economic Development Committee met Monday, July 24, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers at the Knisely Centre. The purpose of the meeting is to review Stormwater Management Legislation, Proposed Ordinances 12-2017, 13-2017, and 14-2017, an Proposed Resolution 32-2017 which would authorize the City of New Philadelphia to be reimbursed for Backwashed Effluent to the sanitary sewer system.

In attendance were Public Works and Economic Development Committeepersons:

*Committee Chairperson: Mr. Dean Holland
Committee Members John Zucal and Cheryl Ramos
Committee Alternate Kelly Ricklic*

Guests were:

*Mayor Joel Day,
Law Director Marvin Fete,
Service Director Ron McAbier,
Safety Director Greg Popham
President of Council Sam Hitchcock
Council Clerk Julie Courtright
Councilperson Mrs. Aimee May
Councilperson Mr. Darrin Lautenschleger
Audience Members in attendance were Eugene Grasselli, Brian Myers, Julie Levensgood Stephen, Bill Stuart, and Tom Farbizo.*

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

I'd like to begin with Resolution 32-2017 and would like to ask Mr. McAbier if you could address that and perhaps Mr. Brian Myers and Mr. Eugene Grasselli can address the other resolutions.

Service Director McAbier made the following statement:

Resolution 32-2017 is just, the \$90,000.00 is still there, we're still going to get that. Jim Klein from OPWC reached out and said any overages that may happen on this job there is a chance you could get reimbursed but you have to pass this legislation to do so. So that is why it's in front of us tonight. The Mayor was asked by Jim if we could get it passed on 1st Reading, suspend the rules to get it passed, so it can get in there. There's a chance for us like an insurance policy if there's still money at the OPWC we can ask them for reimbursement of any overages on that job.

Chairman Holland had the following question for Mr. McAbier:

Would you typically issue a change order? Is that the process?

Service Director McAbier made the following statement:

Oh it can be for sure. It can happen. We have that opportunity then for this piece of legislation to be reimbursed. If there's money there we'll go through that avenue and try to get that money returned to us.

Mayor Day made the following statement:

Again if we could add this to the Agenda tonight and pass it on 1st Reading.

MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED TO ADD RESOLUTION 32-2017 TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA WITH RECOMMENDED PASSAGE UPON 1st READING

MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION

3 YEAS

RESOLUTION 32-2017 WILL BE ADDED TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA

Service Director McAbier made the following statement:

I know Ordinances 12-2017, 13-2017, and 14-2017 are large pieces of legislation. I have absolutely no issue with everybody taking this home. This just has to be passed before the end of the year from the EPA. We have handouts from the EPA with what they'd like us to do. All part of that MS4 report that was never done. Now there are steps befalling to EPA guidelines. This is one of the tools that they'd like us to have in our toolbox to help with the illegal discharge, erosion control and others that these are the pieces that we need. If you look from the EPA that was part of the stuff that they wanted. So we'll just continue to have to build on our MS4 report. Also the MPDS permit has to be filled out every year. If you have questions now's the time to ask. If I can't answer Brian and Yogi could.

Chairman Holland had the following comment:

As I understand it this is a matter of paperwork that's required by the Ohio EPA and we're conforming with their request.

Mrs. Ramos had the following question:

Just giving this a quick read the date on here is 2015 which is 2 years ago. Is there attached to this, I don't see it, you had mentioned the MS4 report, the corrections to this?

Service Director McAbier had the following response:

In 2016 we met that first criteria so we're no longer under the NOV (notice of violation) but to continue there was a 5 year cycle. This is the next step of what they want before 2018 comes around we have to have legislation passed to have that. In 2016 we laid out the plan and met that. This is part of the 2017 plan we need to lay out and meet.

Mrs Ramos had the following question:

I was just wondering where the plan was?

Service Director McAbier had the following response:

This legislation right here is part of it. We didn't need any legislation on anything that's an in house living document that Brian would have.

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

Is there a written plan that we have that addresses how we deal with the wastewater and the contaminates?

Service Director McAbier had the following response:

I think when we're talking about the MS4 plan it needs to be done, so we're working with Diversified for them to have the whole plan and this is just another step of it, so there's a plan in process. Is there something that you could see? Yes. We're still with Diversified. This is an avenue in the tool bag for it. So that will go into the report and that will be part of it.

Mrs Ramos had the following question:

Where did the verbiage come from? Did this come from the Federal EPA?

Service Director McAbier had the following response:

Yes, the Ohio EPA had a template and they had it sent to Diversified and Diversified plugged our language into it.

Mrs Ramos had the following question:

Bottom line, how will this effect the individual property owner?

Service Director McAbier had the following response:

I think the best thing is for everybody here to take it, read it. We have to have it by November. By all means read through the whole thing.

Mrs. Ramos had the following response:

I'm just wondering what the actual cost would be to all property owners, because what I'm reading here so far is if you make any changes to your property that's going to potentially effect the run-off.

Service Director McAbier had the following response:

Yogi and Brian have been out, they've had to locate all the outfalls, after at least 3 days of dry weather, take pictures of them to see if there's any water flowing, if there is see where that's coming from. So that's another piece of the full report we've already handed him. So that's another piece of the full report we've already handed him. They've identified them, they've numbered them, put signs by them with each number by them. That's been met for last year, now this year they have to put posts in the ground, number them, go back out and redo that after 3 days of dry weather, which has been tough right now. The erosion control, ordinance wise, we have no control over anything under an acre. So when you tell them you need to do some things to control the water on your property and keep it on your property verses the mud and the different debris getting into our storm sewers this legislation can handle anything under an acre which right now we only have an acre. Illegal hookups, which I mean that is storm water going to sanitary sewers, which 15 years ago we did the smoke test, and had it going everywhere. We now have legislation to enforce anything after that. So this now will give us the authority to, if there is an illegal hookup, to hook it to the sanitary where it should be. At the end of the day we're treating rainwater at the wastewater plant. That's our dollars being wasted, so if we can recognize those problems this year and fix those it can save us dollars down the road.

Mr. Lautenschleger had the following question:

You guys have seen of all the improvements that were made at the west end at the Five Points Intersection, we've had a significant amount of rain here this Summer in different periods. Have you seen a difference with all that work that was done. Has it made a difference in those neighborhoods?

Service Director McAbier had the following response:

Oh without a doubt.

Action: *The Committee recommended that Ordinance 12-2017, Ordinance 13-2017, and Ordinance 14-2017 be added to the legislative Agenda for the Meeting of the Regular Session of Council on August 14, 2017 and be passed in 3 Readings.*

MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED FOR ORDINANCES 12-2017, 13, 2017, AND 14, 2017 BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA OF REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL ON AUGUST 14, 2017 WITH PASSAGE UPON 3 READINGS

MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION

3 YEAS

ORDINANCES 12-2017, 13-2017, AND 14-2017 WILL BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL AUGUST 14, 2017

Mr. Zucal made a motion to adjourn at 6:52pm.

