

City of Montgomery
Public Works Committee Meeting
January 13, 2020

Staff Present

Brian Riblet, City Manager
Tracy Roblero, Asst. City Manager/Acting Comm. Dev. Dir.
Gary Heitkamp, Public Works Director
Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council

Council Committee Members Present

Mike Cappel, Chair
Craig Margolis

Council Committee Members Absent

Lynda Roesch

The meeting of the Public Works Committee of City Council convened in Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m. with Mr. Cappel presiding.

Mr. Cappel stated that Committee Member Roesch was out of town and therefore absent from the meeting. Mr. Cappel moved to excuse Committee Member Roesch's absence. Mr. Margolis seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Staff Report and Recommendation on Streets Scheduled for the 2020 Street Resurfacing Program

Mr. Heitkamp presented the Committee with the list of streets proposed for the 2020 Street Resurfacing Program as listed below:

Street	From	To	CL Miles
Fourwinds Drive	Fairwind Drive	Trailwind Drive	0.183
Gentlewind Drive	Fourwinds Drive	terminus	0.281
Knollwind Drive	Gentlewind Drive	terminus	0.160
Trailwind Drive (South)	terminus	7597 Trailwind Drive	0.189
Trailwind Drive (North)	7615 Trailwind Drive	Southwind Drive	0.448
Weller Road	Bridgewater Lane	8699 Weller Road	0.606
Weil Road	Weller Road	corporation limit	0.259
Trail Lane	Weil Road	terminus	0.064

Total– 2.19 centerline miles

Mr. Heitkamp explained that a preliminary opinion of construction cost for the rehabilitation and resurfacing of the streets listed indicate that the 2.19 centerline miles of roadway can be completed for the \$900,000 budgeted. He stated that, if approved, by the Committee he anticipates the program to be publicly advertised as early as February 17, 2020 with a possible recommendation to award the contract at the March 18, 2020 City Council Work Session. He added that construction would be anticipated to begin as early as May 2020.

Mr. Cappel asked if Trail Lane had gas lights on it.

Mr. Heitkamp stated that it did, and those lights were Duke's.

Mr. Margolis asked if fire hydrants would be included in the scope of the project.

Mr. Heitkamp stated that fire hydrants are budgeted separately. Mr. Heitkamp added that the cost is higher due to the amount of curbing that will need to be replaced in this year's program.

Mr. Riblet stated that staff is monitoring centerline miles as compared to the total road plan. He stated that if additional centerline miles needed to be increased that the City has the opportunity to look at reallocating the increased gas tax that recently went into effect into the roadway capital improvement fund.

Mr. Margolis asked how the gas tax is allocated to the City.

Mr. Riblet explained that it is sent by the State and began in July of 2019.

Mr. Heitkamp stated that the concrete has risen considerably.

Mr. Riblet explained that staff feels bidding earlier will help to get better pricing.

Mr. Cappel stated that the City is on a current 24-year replacement cycle.

Mr. Margolis moved to accept the 2020 Street Resurfacing Program. Mr. Cappel seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Discussion of the Reappointments to the Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC)

Mr. Cappel explained that Commission Members Alice Aguilar and Donna Schwartz of the EAC both had terms expiring on January 31, 2020. He stated that he felt both members were an asset to the Commission and supported their reappointment.

Mr. Margolis moved to reappoint Alice Aguilar and Donna Schwartz to the EAC with terms expiring on January 31, 2023. Mr. Cappel seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Mr. Cappel added that there remains a vacancy on the EAC and he anticipates holding interviews in April with applicants to fill the vacancy.

Other Business

Mr. Heitkamp updated the Committee on the LED Crosswalks located in the downtown area. He explained that he continues to look for options for the crossings in front of Montgomery Inn and on Main Street. He stated as discussed before, the replacement of the in-pavement lighting was very expensive with a very limited guarantee. He suggested that the best option would be to make improvements to the visibility at the crosswalk locations.

Mr. Heitkamp suggested that the crosswalk in front of the Montgomery Inn could be improved by relocating the clock placed in front of their building, close to the crosswalk, as it is a sight obstruction. He added that creating a 25ft non-parking area close to the crosswalk will help to increase visibility by restricting parking near the crosswalk. Mr. Heitkamp stated that he would remove the old signs and replace them with double-sided signs with LED lights on them, one on each side of the crosswalk.

Mr. Heitkamp explained that for the Main Street crosswalk he would suggest removing two trees and reposition new led signs for better visibility of motorists.

Mr. Heitkamp stated that if in-pavement lights were to be replaced that the concrete they are installed in would also have to be rebuilt.

Mr. Riblet stated that he felt Mr. Heitkamp's recommendations were a good approach. He stated the main goal is to have a safe pedestrian crossing at both of these areas and felt that cleaning these areas up and updating signs is a good first step to ensuring this. He added that he felt additional research could be done into mini-mast arm lights and new developments in the in-pavement lighting.

Mr. Heitkamp stated that he felt there was potential to having lights overhead on a mast arm that could be activated by pedestrians.

Mr. Margolis asked if the safest was to remove the crosswalks and force people to cross at the traffic light crosswalks.

Mr. Heitkamp stated that would be if pedestrians would use those crosswalks and not jaywalk into traffic.

Mr. Cappel asked if the City has a greater liability by not replacing the in-pavement LED's.

Mr. Heitkamp stated that the same rules of crosswalks apply whether the crosswalk is lit or not.


The Committee stated they were good with Mr. Heitkamp's approach.

Minutes

Mr. Margolis moved to approve the October 14, 2019 Public Works Committee minutes. Mr. Cappel seconded. The Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

Adjournment

Mr. Cappel made a motion for adjournment. Mr. Margolis seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed. The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.



Chair