

**CITY OF DELAWARE
PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMITTEE
MEETING TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY VIA CISCO Webex **
6:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

February 2, 2021

1. ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary for the meeting of the Public Works/Public Utilities Committee meeting held November 12, 2020, as recorded and transcribed.
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
 - a. **JOIN VIRTUAL MEETING:** To provide live public comment please email emccloskey@delawareohio.net or call 740-203-1013 to sign up by 3 p.m. the date of the meeting. **Name and address are required for public comment.** Comments are limited to 3 minutes.
 - b. **EMAIL, LETTER, PETITION:** Emails, letters, and petitions received by 3 p.m. the date of the meeting will be presented to the Committee and submitted into the record. These items will not be read aloud during the meeting but will be available on the website following the meeting at the end of the next business day. **Name and address are required.**
 - c. **FACEBOOK:** Comments received on Facebook will not be presented during the meeting and will be addressed by staff subsequent to the meeting as appropriate.
4. UPDATE and DISCUSSION on Public Works
 - a. Curbside Tipcart Recycling Pilot Project
 - b. Proposed Refuse Collection Rates Increase
 - c. 1st Quarter Transportation Projects
5. UPDATE and DISCUSSION on Public Utilities Projects
6. STAFF COMMENTS
7. MEMBER COMMENTS
8. ADJOURNMENT

** This meeting will be a virtual meeting. Residents are encouraged to view online through the City of Delaware Facebook page. To comply with the CDC recommendation prohibiting group meetings, no in person attendance by Council, staff, or the public will be available.

PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE
MOTION SUMMARY
November 12, 2020

ITEM 1. Roll Call

Chairman Jones called the virtual meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Councilmember George Hellinger and Councilmember Cory Hoffman) and Chairman Chris Jones

City Staff Present: Bill Ferrigno, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Justin Nahvi, Finance Director and Blake Jordan, Public Utilities Director

ITEM 2. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary of the Public Works/Public Utilities Committee meeting held August 4, 2020 as recorded and transcribed.

Motion: Mr. Hellinger moved to approve the Motion Summary of the Public Works/Public Utilities Committee meeting held August 4, 2020, seconded by Vice-Chairman Hoffman. Motion approved by a 3-0 vote.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Viall
766 Jonathan Place
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Viall discussed that he recently moved here from Kettering, Ohio and that the senior discount was provided to anyone over the age of 65. He also discussed that there was a safety issue as that the smaller trash containers demonstrate that there are senior citizens that reside alone.

Mr. Ferrigno did clarify that the 32-gallon refuse container was not limited to senior citizens and that citizens do request the smaller can and pay full price.

ITEM 4. DISCUSSION over changes to the Senior Discount of Refuse Fees

Mr. Ferrigno discussed the request regarding senior discount to expand eligibility. Current requirements are 55 years or older and living alone. He discussed how the changes to the senior discount can affect other residents. The current rate is \$20.60 a month, which is a 50% discount. He discussed proposed rates with the 10% or 15% senior discount and the impact it would have. The current senior citizen discount for surround areas is around 10% to 11.5%. Items for discussion include; expanding eligibility receiving discount to include single, married, and head of household senior citizen residents, revise

the age for senior discount eligibility, revise %discount for seniors to align with local area values, revised Refuse Code language governing tipcart storage to be out of site on non-collection days. Rates do not reflect potential increase in monthly refuse fees associated with increasing operating costs or fund balance requirements. Refuse rates are anticipated to increase substantially over the next five years. There will be upcoming equipment replacement that will also affect the operating costs.

Mr. Hoffman clarified that the more eligible for discount then the monthly cost reflects on those that do not receive the discount. Mr. Hellinger voiced concerns on basing a discount on a age factors. Discount should be based on need and not arbitrary figure of senior 55 years of age and living alone. He also discussed that the City of Delaware is a targeted community for retirement population and not contributing to the income tax. He discussed that the need should be based on fixed income and need, regardless of age. Mr. Hellinger discussed the need for the policy to be reevaluated.

Mr. Ferrigno discussed some code changes needed regarding the placement of tip carts and piloting of refuse recycling. Mr. Nahvi discussed grandfathering in those eligible now for discount if there are changes to age and threshold. He discussed the look to increase rates for refuse and storm water to be in effect in 2022.

ITEM 5. STAFF COMMENTS

No additional staff comments.

ITEM 6. MEMBER COMMENTS

No additional member comments.

ITEM 7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Hellinger motioned to adjourn the Public Works/Public Utilities Committee meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Chairman

Elaine McCloskey, Clerk

2021 Transportation Projects - 1st Quarter Update

Updated January 25, 2021

The Point Improvement – Replacement of the Norfolk Southern railway bridge over US36/SR37 with wider structure to accommodate four vehicle travel lanes and multiuse trails on both sides. Also includes reconstruction of US36 to SR521 with curbs, pavement, lighting, and landscaping. Completion of final engineering plans anticipated by 2nd quarter. Property acquisition commenced at the end of 2020 and will continue through into 2022. The anticipated bid/sale of the project by ODOT should occur in late '22 to early '23 with a 30-month construction schedule to follow. Estimated construction cost is \$30 million.

Signal Improvements Phase I – Upgrade of 37 traffic signals in the City, including improvements to communication, controllers, signal phasing, CCTV detection, and emergency preemption. Plans are complete and property acquisition is in final stages. The anticipated project bid/sale is for early 3rd quarter when grant funds are available, with an estimated 12-month construction timeline. The total construction cost is \$2,885,000.

Penick Drive Extension – 680 feet extension of Penick Avenue west to the Cobblestone/Rockcreek Drive intersection. Extension consists of a two-lane curbed street with traffic calming island. Bid opening is in late February. Anticipated start of construction will be April with completion by August. The estimated construction cost is \$789,972.

West Central Bikeway – 2,600-foot extension of the paved multiuse trail along the north side of Central Avenue from Lexington Blvd. to Houk Road. The project has been bid and awarded to J & J Schlaegel with start of construction anticipated by March, and substantial completion by the end of July. The construction cost is \$364,000.

Annual Street Resurfacing – Hawthorn Blvd and West Hull Drive will be resurfaced this year using a combination of OPWC and local funds. Hawthorn will include the pilot installation of traffic calming measures in the form of emergency vehicle compliant speed bumps. Additional streets proposed for inclusion in this year's program include Hillside Drive, Tarp Lane, Park Lane, Orchard Lane, Chatham Lane, Wade Street, Flax Street, and Rheem Street. The total estimated resurfacing budget is \$1.8 million. Project bid/sale is anticipated for mid-second quarter with constructing starting early third quarter, once grant funding is available.

US23 & Hull Dr Intersection Modifications – Improvements include reconfiguring the intersection to restrict East Hull and West Hull Drive side street movements to 'Right-Out Only'; Access to the side streets from US23 will be 'Right-In' and 'Left-In'. The project is under design and should be ready for bid/sale/construction in '22 with construction lasting an estimated three months. The project cost is currently \$220,000.

Safety Improvements – Installation of several rapid flashing rectangular beacons (RRFB's) throughout the community at higher risk pedestrian crossings. Bids are currently being received for the installations at Central/US23 Pedestrian Path crossing, S. Henry St & Springfield Branch Trail, S. Liberty St & Springfield Branch Trail, N. Liberty St & W. Winter St and N. Houk Rd & Western Dreamer Dr as the Base Bid. Alternates for the project include RRFB installations at W. William St & King Ave, N. Liberty St & W. Fountain Ave, Lake St & E. Winter St and Cheshire Rd & Cheshire Crossing Dr. and Communication/Software Package for the E. Central Ave. & US 23 NB on-ramp intersection Pedestrian Activated Beacon. The project is funded with \$180,000 made available through the recently enacted license plate registration tax increase.

John Street Bridge Replacement – Replacement of the bridge deck and rail system following damage incurred during the 2020 flood of the Delaware Run. Final plans are under review; Anticipated bid/award occurs in March and construction commencing in May lasting three to four months. The estimated project cost is \$262,000.

North Street Bridge – As a result of the poor load rating recently established for this structure through annual bridge inspections, a decision was made to decommission the bridge in place by filling the cavity below the pavement with light weight concrete. Once complete, the reduced load rating can be lifted, and the bridge removed from the State's bridge structure inventory. The estimated cost to complete the work is \$45,000 with work completed by April.

Stratford Road Pedestrian/Utility Bridge Repairs – Repair work to the south bridge abutment and bridge deck has been bid/awarded to Complete General Construction with the commencement of work anticipated in March. The \$59,000 project should be complete by mid-second quarter.

East Central Ave. Improvements – \$10 million in requested grant applications to OPWC and ODOT have been prepared and submitted for the reconstruction of Central Avenue from US23 to the Point intersection, including the widening of the Lake Street intersection. Anticipated award notifications will be made by February. A project of this magnitude would take 5 to 7 years to plan, design and construct. Preliminary estimated cost for the work is \$16.5 million.

West William/Carson Farms Signal – Installation of a new traffic signal at the Carson Farms/Valleyside Drive intersection. Design will be complete in '21 with construction anticipated in '22. Estimated cost is \$250,000.

West Central CSX Railway Underpass Clearance Study – The City has engaged CT Consultants to complete a preliminary engineering study for the lowering of West Central Avenue below the CSX railway bridge to establish the required clearance to allow for safe package of all legal freight trucks. Though initially considered to be part of a larger Central Avenue reconstruction effort, the continued occurrence of bridge/truck accidents at this location, even following installation of the over height warning system, has increased the priority to warrant a standalone project. The study will take five months to complete with a final report due by June.

Northwest Arterial (Merrick Blvd.) Alignment Study - Recent development activity in the northwest part of the community has necessitated advancement of a major arterial study to determine the feasibility and location for the eventual extension of Merrick Blvd., or as an alternative, the extension of North Houk Road to Hills Miller Road to US23, serving as a northwest arterial route around the City. The study will take five months to complete with a final report anticipated by June.

Airport Hangars A, B and C Pavement Rehabilitation – Involves removal and reconstruction of the taxi lane pavement between aircraft hangars A, B and C at the airport. The project is in final design with FAA approvals anticipated in February. Grant funding should be awarded by July allowing construction to commence during the 3rd quarter. Total estimated construction cost is \$741,000.