

PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE
MOTION SUMMARY
August 4, 2020

ITEM 1. Roll Call

Chairman Jones called the virtual meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Members Present: Councilmember George Hellinger and Councilmember Cory Hoffman (arrived at 6:06 p.m.) and Chairman Chris Jones

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

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

Motion: Mr. Hellinger moved to approve the Motion Summary of the Public Works/Public Utilities Committee meeting held February 4, 2020, seconded by Chairman Jones. Motion approved by a 2-0 vote.

Vice-Chairman Hoffman arrived at 6:06 p.m.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Martha Filipec
180 Lexington Drive
Delaware, Ohio

Ms. Filipec discussed an issue with the tree roots from a street tree. One of the roots from the tree crushed the drain pipe and had to have this replaced. She contacted the City for assistance and was told that responsibility by the City is only for sidewalk damage. She requested to take the tree down and was told that because it is a City tree that she could not have the tree removed.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATIONS:

A. Community Energy Aggregation Program – Jay Sell and Alan Samuels, Aspen Energy Corporation

PRESENTORS:

Jay Sells
Mass Markets Manager
Aspen Energy Corporation
4789 Rings Road, Suite 100
Dublin, Ohio 43017

Alan Samuels
Aspen Energy Corporation
4789 Rings Road, Suite 100
Dublin, Ohio 43017

Mr. Samuels provided information on Aspen Energy and their history. They focus on both residential and commercial electric and gas and residential aggregation. In the past two years there was a shift of focus in renewable energy. He discussed working with AEP to sell a product to customers and find a way to offer residential aggregation with deep green local assets from Ohio at a rate more competitive than utilities.

Mr. Sells discussed energy aggregation and provided reasons to move forward. He discussed the economic savings to residents. He discussed putting it on a ballot to have the citizens decide. He discussed the ability to shop all top suppliers with Aspen Energy.

B. Municipal Aggregation – Chris Bailey, AEP Energy

PRESENTORS:

Chris Bailey
Director of Community Partnerships
Residential Sales
AEP Energy
303 Marconi Blvd., Suite 400
Columbus, Ohio

Matthew DeVries
Business Development Analyst
AEP Energy
303 Marconi Blvd., Suite 400
Columbus, Ohio

Mr. Bailey discussed supplying over 70 aggregate energy products. He discussed the benefits of aggregation to reach City goals by purchasing in bulk. Opt-out aggregation reduces carbon footprints. Ohio is one of nine states that has opt-out aggregation energy. He discussed polls conducted that showed that voters want renewable energy.

The Committee was in agreement to have this topic presented before Council at a future date.

ITEM 5. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION of 2020 Pavement Ratings

Mr. Ferrigno reviewed the 2020 Pavement Ratings report and demonstrated the pavement ratings map. He discussed the existing conditions of the 174 miles of roadway that the City of Delaware is responsible for maintaining. The rating system is utilized that assigns pavement condition ratings ranging from "Good", "Fair" and "Poor". Poor ratings are roads that the City would pave today if funding was available. He discussed funding needs and goals to keep street sustainable.

ITEM 6. REVIEW and DISCUSSION of 2020 Safe Walks Program

Mr. Ferrigno discussed the City being more proactive on sidewalk hazards. He discussed that City street crews are repairing tripping hazards by surface grinding where able. This process allows for quicker and safer sidewalk networks. This process does not fix the underline problems, such as, tree roots, which can only be fixed during a conventional repair. He discussed that during the resurfacing evaluation for streets that sidewalks will be assessed at that time. He discussed procedure to property owners that are deemed responsible to the sidewalk repairs. He discussed that residents with sidewalk repair responsibilities will also be permitted to have the surface grinding work completed.

ITEM 7. REVIEW and DISCUSSION of HPS to LED Streetlight Conversion

Mr. Ferrigno discussed the capital investment to convert lamps to LED lights and the expected annual savings for energy and lower maintenance the HPS lights. He discussed one approach by committing to a 10-year plan to replace to LED lights as the HPS lights burn out. He discussed the downside to the 10-year plan with the differences of lights throughout a neighborhood. Another approach would be to consider an RFP that has a private company change out and install and the lights and agree that the paybacks be limited to what the energy savings would be. Mr. Ferrigno discussed the differences of the color and the Kelvin Scale that is used. The Committee was supportive of the change over to LED and to bring before Council for consideration on funding options.

ITEM 8. REVIEW and DISCUSSION of Single Stream Recycling Collection

Mr. Ferrigno discussed that recycling is now provided by Rumpke Recycling and that materials can be placed in one container and does not require items to be separated.

ITEM 9. STAFF COMMENTS

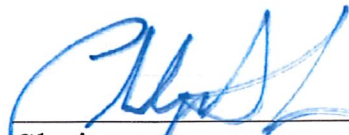
ITEM 10. MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice-Chairman Hoffman discussed a concern received regarding street tree trimming and allowing residents to trim trees.

Chairman Jones informed staff that there is a flickering streetlight in the Kroger parking lot off Houk Road.

ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Hellinger motioned to adjourn the Public Works/Public Utilities Committee meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.



Chairman



Elaine McCloskey, Clerk