

**PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018**

The Public Works and Economic Development Committee met Monday, July 9, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers at the Knisely Centre. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Resolution 18-2018.

In attendance were Public Works and Economic Development Committee persons:

Committee Chairperson: Mr. Dean Holland

Committee Members John Zucal, Cheryl Ramos, 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. Dan Lanzer

Public Works and Economic Development Committee Chairperson, Dean Holland called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Holland made the following statement:

I've called this Public Works and Economic Development Committee Meeting for the purpose of discussing Resolution 18-2018. This project covers the improvement of water lines and storm sewer lines from 2nd NW and Park Lane. The water line improvement would increase the water line size from 6" to 12". The storm sewer line would be increased from 8" to 12". The deadline to submit is September 25th so we have some time before we have to take action. We should hear an answer by late November. This would be a project for 2019 in addition to the water line and storm sewer lines there would be about 2,000 foot of curb installed. Everyone on Committee should have a conceptual estimate and drawings.

Mrs. Ramos had the following question:

Could you clarify this for me? You said this project is second to Park Lane?

Mr. Holland had the following response:

It's on Wabash from Second to Park Lane.

Mayor Day made the following statement:

This will replace a problematic water line.

Mrs. Ramos had the following question:

What grant were we applying for and what is the percentage that we have to come up with?

Service Director McAbier had the following response:

OPWC and we're going to ask for 500, if we get 300 we'll still move forward with the project. What I'm hoping for is for this year to go from 2nd down.

Mayor Day had the following statement:

Once this project is completed we'll have the opportunity to get the Soap Box Derby back.

MR. HOLLAND MOTIONED THAT RESOLUTION 18-2018 BE PLACED ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA FOR THREE READINGS
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
3 YEAS
RESOLUTION 18-2018 WILL BE PLACED ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA

Mr. Holland made the following statement:

We have discussed previously notebooks or computers for City Council members. The conversation ended previously with some illness, so I'd like to open that back up to see whether or not there is interest.

Mrs. Ramos had the following statement:

Personally I don't think it's necessary at this time to have tablets for Councilmembers. We all have our methods of getting information.

Mr. Zucal had the following statement:

I think it's money well spent. It allows us to look at revised code, site a link, share a link in a meeting in a more timely fashion. Do I think it's absolutely necessary? No I don't, but it puts us in a position where we could operate more effectively and probably more efficiently as a City Council.

Mr. Holland made the following statement:

I've researched two companies that handle agenda management and we've taken some steps to send more information digitally and have reduced the size of our packets which I think is a very positive thing.

Mr. Lanzer had the following comment:

I completely support tablets and I think we are behind the times.

Mrs. May had the following comment:

I can see the benefits of going paperless but I would just worry. I see cellphones being a distraction in here a lot of times, I would just worry that tablets would be a distraction as well.

President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock made the following statement:

Because of a conversation about hardware where Mr. Lautenscheger had said he'd like to see the administration get tablets and hardware before City Council does the hardware issue has pushed the tablet issue under the rug. I think they should be viewed as two separate issues. Whatever hardware concerns could be looked at later at whatever costs we have. I think the tablets would benefit us with whatever is available online. We're in the tech age and I think we should take advantage of it.

Mr. Holland made the following statement:

I don't know that any official action needs to be taken by the Committee. I would love to sit down with the Mayor and Mr. Erb and see what we can develop from an informational standpoint and bring that information back to Council for consideration.

Mr. Ricklic made a motion to adjourn at 7:20pm.

