

MINUTES OF THE SUNSET HILLS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2007

The City of Sunset Hills Public Works Committee met Tuesday, November 6, 2007 in the Public Works Conference Room. The meeting convened at 7:02 p.m.

Present:	Alderman Frank Gregory	-Chairman
	Alderman Thomas Hrastich	-Member
	Alderman Frank Hardy	-Member
	City Engineer Anne C. Lamitola	
Absent:	Alderman Lynn Flowers	-Member

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Copies of the Minutes of the September 4, 2007 meeting were distributed to the members for their review. Alderman Hardy amended the third paragraph under Solid Waste and Recycling to read "Alderman Hardy suggested changing the definition of bulk items to match large household items." Alderman Hardy made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Alderman Hrastich seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Copies of the Minutes of the October 2, 2007 meeting were distributed to the members for their review. Alderman Hardy made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Alderman Hrastich seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Glenn Streibig and Ms. Kathy Bade of Fox Bridge Drive were present. Mr. Streibig stated that Pfiffel Excavating has advised that they will need to remove 60 loads at 6 yards per load from dredging their pond. The total cost of dredging the cost to the residents of the subdivision \$22,000 of which \$7,800 was for hauling silt to a site in House Springs, MO. He reminded the members that he requested a site in Sunset Hills for the silt. If the city were to haul away the silt, it would save the subdivision approximately \$7,800. Mr. Streibig stated the resident of Matthews Lane has officially notified the City of erosion on their property, which was delivered to Mrs. Lamitola in a letter dated October 25, 2007.

Mrs. Lamitola stated she walked through Watson Trail Park with Mr. Gerald Brown, Director of Parks and Recreation, to review issues that have been brought up and made some recommendations. Mrs. Lamitola also stated that he requested Mr. Brown to estimate the costs associated with items that have been done in regards to the erosion issues. Mr. Brown has estimated that \$117,595 has expended by the City. Mr. Brown has also indicated the items performed helped with erosion issues as well as with improvements to the park.

Mrs. Lamitola stated she has visited the erosion area from Matthews Lane on several occasions. There are items that could be performed on an in-house basis such as removing

the sediment at the base of the drainage creek; minor channel shaping and placing fabric and rip rap. Mrs. Lamitola stated there is a city easement between the two properties on Matthews Lane, which names the City of Sunset Hills on the easement. She then explained that the cost estimate does not include the cost of labor, the estimated cost is for material only. Mrs. Lamitola stated it is up to the members to determine if it is desired for the city to haul off the material from the dredging of the pond.

Mrs. Lamitola further stated that part of the recommendations for the park would be retrofitting the culvert pipe that drains from the Watson Trail pond. Mrs. Lamitola stated that it would help with maintenance because they must maintain the pipe and concrete spillway. Mrs. Lamitola stated that the Park Department has placed rip rap in eroding channels. She then stated the Parks Department tried to do a lot of planting. Several Frisbee Golf holes have been relocated. They've relocated holes, which solves a problem for one area and causes problems for a different area. She then stated that they have rip rap around the trees which may damage trees in an attempt to address erosion problems. Mrs. Lamitola stated that there is an erosion control issue south of the park maintenance area that can be addressed with grading, rip rap, and establishing vegetation. Mrs. Lamitola stated that she recommends establishing a storm water maintenance schedule.

Alderman Gregory stated that they will get back to Mr. Glenn Streibig after their next meeting. Mr. Glenn Streibig and Ms. Kathy Bade left the meeting at 7:37 p.m.,

Mrs. Lamitola stated that there is a curb inlet on Mathews Lane and the pipes storm water. This one however drains about 20 feet off of runoff onto private property (within easement) and down steep terrain. She then stated that the Public Works Department can address the issue by performing minor channel shaping, placement of fabric and rip rap, and site restoration.

Mrs. Lamitola stated that funding is available within county road maintenance.

Alderman Hrastich made a motion to haul off Fox Bridge sediment in Public Works trucks and use P.W. staff to address the Mathews Lane erosion issue. Alderman Hardy seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Alderman Gregory states that a Park Department maintenance schedule for Watson Trail Park is a key for the future.

SIGNAGE – 12343 MATHEWS LANE

Mrs. Lamitola stated that a "Slow Children Playing" sign has been requested by the property owner. She then stated that it has been the policy of the department to not install these signs because children grow up and the signs become obsolete. She then stated that as long as they did not impede sight distance, since they are of low cost, they would appease the citizen.

Alderman Gregory stated that the people at 12343 are the ones making this request. Alderman Gregory stated that they could put the sign in the yard of 12343 Mathews Lane in order to minimize inconveniencing adjacent property owners.

Mrs. Lamitola stated that they will put the sign in the yard at 12343 Mathews Lane.

Alderman Hrastich made a motion to put one two-sided sign in complainant's yard (12343 Mathew's Lane). Alderman Hardy seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

TELECOMUNICATIONS TOWER PROPOSAL – MUNICIPAL PLAZA

Mrs. Lamitola stated that the woman who proposed the tower could not be at the meeting and respectfully asked that no decision be made at this meeting. She stated that the existing tower is 60 feet tall and they are proposing a new tower that will be 100 feet in height.

APPROVED PROJECT UPDATES

City Hall Improvements

Mrs. Lamitola stated that she approved the planting of four trees because it was the season to plant them. There is a capital expenditure budgeted for Fiscal Year 2008 for the replacement of Cedar Siding with hardy Stucco board.

Mrs. Lamitola stated that the bare areas will get landscaped in 2008, in accordance with the landscaping plan. If possible, City staff will perform the planting.

Old Gravois Road

Mrs. Lamitola stated that the Old Gravois Road public meeting date and time will be announced at the Board of alderman meeting. The meeting will be held in mid December. The public meeting will address sidewalks, lighting, and other roadway items.

Hilltop Road Improvements

Mrs. Lamitola stated that the dirt berm located at the intersection of Hilltop and Highway 30 needs to be corrected.

Alderman Gregory feels that it could be modified to look better.

Alderman Hrastich made a motion to modify the Hilltop berm to comply with plans. Alderman Hardy seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved

Mattese Tributary; Flood & Hydraulic Study

Mrs. Lamitola stated that there was a meeting with Sunset Ford regarding modifying the existing detention basin. CDG will submit a preliminary report on November 15 that will identify projects for the subject area.

Storm Water Priorities List

The storm water priorities list has been provided to the Special Projects Committee. The Chairman, Alderman Littlefield, will announce the meeting date soon. As new information is obtained, the priorities list will be updated.

Mrs. Lamitola stated that after budget cuts, \$535,000 has been allocated for storm water from Proposition P for Fiscal Year 2008.

PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET: FISCAL YEAR 2008

Mrs. Lamitola states that she had to cut her capital dramatically to meet the general fund cuts.

Alderman Gregory stated that Proposition P is decreasing from \$714,000 to \$535,000. the General fund will be increased by \$178,500 to account for cuts to Proposition P funding.

OTHER MATTERS DEEMED APPROPRIATE

Alderman Hardy stated that we should look into improving the sound system in the Assembly Room.

Mrs. Lamitola stated that it has not been budgeted for fiscal Year 2008, but that she would look into the matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hardy made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M. Alderman Hrastich seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

ANNE C. LAMITOLA, P.E.
CITY ENGINEER