



Minutes - Final

Public Works Committee

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

Call to Order: Chairperson MacLean, McGuire, O'Connell

Present: 3 - Roger MacLean, Ray O'Connell and David McGuire

Public Works Budget Preview

Council Rules: The Standing committees shall conduct a public meeting where the administration shall review their budget priorities, goals and objectives, successes and failures, capital projects and any personnel or organizational changes being considered for the ensuing fiscal year.

Mr. Craig Messinger talked about the accomplishments of 2017. Building Maintenance was a very busy year for Building Maintenance. We had leaks in the building and changes in the Solicitor's office. It has been a little bit hectic year. Changes on the 5th floor. Bucky Boyle Park was a better renovation. Hvac replacement, it has been a pretty warm year. Luckily enough with the money we had budgeted we worked with various Hvac system in different buildings. City staff replaced the Hvac in eight different buildings. We rented the crane ourselves and did the work in-house. Recycling and Solid Waste moved into a building this year. The Building maintenance department changed the setup and took care of everything. It is some pretty good work. It was upgrades at the Allentown Police Academy. There will be office changes in the Engineering Department. When we have our newq stormwater crew working. Communications, this was the first year with having Communications under Public Works. They assisted with the 12 police vehicles and installed the mobile computers. We were able to get equipment for EMS and Fire. They act as the System Administrator for all the police records, management and ISIS. He stated that he knows that Dennis Wetherhold had some issues and he was capable to get it back online. He thanked Mr. Wetherhold. They will be replacing their radio system. The Office of Compliance is very busy. They are watching over programs with LCA that involves millions and millions of dollars. There are \$11,300,000 of Capital Programs this year. The larger projects that are important to the city. Managing the inspection of the Lehigh River Dike and the other changes of law in the water and sewer world that has to be integrated in the Water and Sewer Lease. They are coordinating doing their five year projection for their capital improvement. Engineering, this past year you have seen one of these projects: Chew Street Project from Ott Street to 31st Street, Hamilton Street, 15th to 10th Street down to Railroad and Mack Boulevard Improvement. We were

capable to secure federal funding and we worked with PennDot. The contracts were under PennDot. We are going to look how we can introduce the shared lane markings for bikes or dedicated bike lanes. If you get a chance ride them. Mack Boulevard turned out very nice. It is a big safety enhancement. Engineering project with the pedestrian lighting. We are trying to work with projects and move into neighborhoods. We completed the Chew Street Project. Lighting from 7th Street to 5th Street. The road was paved and new trees. We are completing Turner Street and we have to install bollards so that the lights won't get hit on 6th and Turner Streets. they worked with the Planning Department to get a grant for next year and we are proposing some lighting for Gordon Street and Liberty Street. Another initiative, Penn State did a tree inventory. We have lost a lot of trees that were either cut down illegally or the fact that they were dead, cut down and never replaced. We are getting back to the Tree City USA. We planted 165 trees. Probably 50 percent was done with city forces. City forces did special planning with different groups. Recycling and Solid Waste photos while the construction was going on at 641 S. 10th Street. He offered Council to come over and see it. To date, Recycling tonnage increased by 452 tons. For Single Stream between our consultant and what we looked at we figured going with Single Stream would not only save us money \$600,000, but would increase the amount of recycling we are actually doing. The program keeps improving. They worked hard on Performance Grants to help out the Solid Waste Fund. He talked about Volunteer Days and massive cleanups. Paper Shredder will be in place. We want it in-house and then open to the public. Sweep, Tom Harper does a great job with that. Sweep tickets are in every Ordinance that we have in the city. There were 7,000 Sweep tickets issued. We have 569 units in the garage. Next week we will be talking about contract approval. We completed 1004 PM in 2016, 749 PMS in 2017, and it is on track. He talked about the new milling machine.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked what did it cost. That is a great purchase.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that it was about \$350,000. We will continue to work with UGI. We can do the milling and they pay for the materials. The milling machine is at the Street Department. We have our on seal cutting machine. We continue to work with LCA. We are up on potholes. We are being aggressive and doing more in the wintertime. We did a lot of paving for the Parks Department. We upgraded their parking lots. We purchased another tailgate mounted recycler. We installed 572 stormwater pipe, 54 stormwater inlet structure and repaired 103. We received a grant for stormwater capture and treatment facilities. We will start with design and construction. he talked about Sixth and Summer Avenue, Albright Street with 10th and Liberty. MS4 is not the fact to put it in the storm pipe. It is controlling it. The compliance work that was done by Angela we had areas

with containment issues. They were able to apply for DEP permits. Traffic Planning and Control largest projects will be starting in 2018. PennDot will be upgrading intersections from Elm Street to Tilghman on 15th Street and utilizing technology. Our audit is completed for the street lighting and LED lighting. You will be seeing the LED lights that are already purchased and putting it in place. Over on Union Boulevard we upgraded intersections and school flashers for Union Boulevard and Ellsworth for the Executive Education Academy. We have been working with Mike Schlossberg for a couple of years. We are capable of getting the full funding and putting it into place. We worked with the Ramos School for their flashing lights on Allen Street from 14th and 15th Streets. We will assist on the Special Events Programs. Our emitters for our EMS and Fire vehicles will be coming in shortly. We will be able to enhance the timing for EMS and Fire to be able to get to the scene. He is interest and excited about the program.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked how are we doing budget wise.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated budget wise we are doing ok. We have five open positions in Street, Recycling has part-time, Engineering is full. As the positions are opening, the positions are being full.

Ms. Candida Affa talked about the lines. It is a wonderful job. She stated that at 31st and Chew Streets, she bikes out there and they have the lines, and 10th and Walnut Streets. The LED lights she was fortunately enough to have it in front of her building for a year. It is amazing. She stated that she can see a half a block.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated to Mr. Messinger a great presentation and he knows that he doesn't do it along and the people in the back deserves a lot of commendations. Public Works is a star in the city. He stated that Anna is unbelievable with raking. it is very pleasant to hear that single stream is a success. My son lives in Upper Macungie and they have single stream and it works fine. He asked about the Municipal Garage Contract. Several people called him, is Cedar Beach Pool leaking.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that will be on Contracts on the 18th. He stated that Cedar Beach Pool has one pipe that must have settled that needs to be replaced, but it is nothing major.

Mr. Ray O'Connell commended Mr. Messinger staff and stated great job. It will be ok one day and he thanked Mr. Messinger's team for their hard work.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked about Yocco Drive and Hamilton Boulevard,

there is no crosswalk there.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that they are in talks with them and it is a priority.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks commended Mr. Messinger and his staff.

Dr. David McGuire asked about the contracts for services for next year, the Centerra Integrated Services. The one that is out near Queen City Airport.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated yes, that is the contract we are talking about. He stated yes, at the garage on Vultee Street.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from the public. He thanked Mr. Messinger and his staff.

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Adjourned: 5:30 PM