

HEALTH, SANITATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Todd Grayson. Committee members present were: Todd Grayson, John Kevern and Tim McCarthy. Also present were City Administrator Bridgette Kabat, Law Director Mathew Beredo, Public Service Director Jon Eckel and Director of Public Utilities Tim Warren.

FLOODING ON SYCAMORE LANE

Jim and Louise Laine, 332 Sycamore Lane, were present to discuss street flooding. They said it has been flooding for 47 years. When they call to report it, someone comes out and cleans the line, but it takes a day to get someone there. Mrs. Laine said this spring it was so bad their neighbor got out a kayak, and she had to park on Pine Street and walk on the sidewalk, which was under water, to get to her house. Mr. Eckel said he's aware there's been a problem there since at least 1976. He said that he had crews clean out this area and other problem areas two to three times a year. Mr. Eckel said that at one time it was in the budget to fix it, but that was not done. Mr. Warren said that he reviewed the notes regarding this issue and it was in the budget six years ago at a cost of \$246,000 but was ultimately cut from the budget. He said the challenge of the City is to find a way to pay for it as there is no dedicated source of funding for storm sewers. Mr. Warren asked the Laine's if the situation was better when it was maintained more often. Mrs. Laine said that it was better; it backed up, but it would go down right away. Mr. Warren said that he can at least commit to providing maintenance to try and alleviate the situation. Mr. Grayson said that he will discuss this situation with the Administration. He said they will take a fresh look at it, examine the alternatives, and get back to the Laines within a reasonable amount of time. He cautioned the Laines that he was making no guarantees.

ORDINANCE FOR FINAL CHANGE ORDER FOR CHERRY STREET SEWER SEPARATION DISTRICT 209

Mr. Warren reported that Cherry Street Sewer Separation District 209 has been under construction and we are preparing to close out the project. Mr. Warren requested approval of two change orders. Change Order Number 3 in the amount of \$26,074.26 is for repair of broken water lines, excavation of deeper sewer at Fifth and Pine Street, and undercut and stone fill on Perry Drive. Change Order Number 4 for \$148,091.39 is for additional drainage and final adjustment in quantities. Even with these two change orders, the project is still more than \$200,000 under the budgeted amount. Mr. McCarthy asked how close we are to the end of the sewer separation projects. Mr. Warren stated that there are three more districts after 209. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the Change Orders for Cherry Street Sewer Separation District 209.

UPDATE CONCERNING WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS
PHASE III

Mr. Warren reported that plans for Phase III improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant were submitted to the EPA in June. We are pretty much through the review process and are currently advertising for bids for construction. Bids will be opened on October 16th and Mr. Warren will bring the results to the Committee at the October meeting, but no action will be requested at that time. Since this is a 2014 project, the project will be awarded in January.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Grayson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Todd Grayson, Chairman
Health, Sanitation, and Public Utilities Committee

Next meeting date: Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.