

SERVICE-SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

DECEMBER 2, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Chairman John Kevern. Committee members present were John Kevern, Tom Mackin and Mike Olmstead. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, Mathew Beredo, Law Director, and Jon Eckel, Service Director.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Charles Phlegaar, 401 West Front Street, asked if Mr. Eckel had checked on the crosswalks along West Front Street. Mr. Eckel said that there is one at Cherry Street, but there is no striping on the road. Ms. Kabat asked if there is any guidance from ODOT regarding crosswalks. Mr. Eckel stated that as long as there are curb ramps and truncated domes, it is a crosswalk. Mr. Mackin noted that one problem with crosswalks is it can give a pedestrian the idea that they have the right of way over vehicles. Mr. Eckel noted that on Front Street a lot of the streets are across from driveways so it may be difficult to put in a crosswalk. Mr. Kevern said we should take a look and see if one is warranted. Mr. Grayson said that we have striping at many locations around town and there are no issues. He believes that this is a fair request and that it would not hurt to add the striping. Ms. Kabat said that we will look into it.

Mr. Kevern asked Mr. Phlegaar about his request for a gate in the right of way in front of his home. Mr. Phlegaar said that he is waiting to get an estimate from a fence company before he submits his request.

AGREEMENT WITH WATERVILLE GAS REGARDING EASEMENT AND PIPELINE RELOCATION ALONG FT. MEIGS ROAD

Mr. Beredo reported that we will be expanding Fort Meigs Road south of Roachton and as part of that project, a gas line owned by Waterville Gas needs to be relocated. The City will acquire their easement and purchase a new easement for the area the gas line will be relocated to. Mr. Kevern asked if these costs were included in the estimate for this project. Ms. Kabat said that she knows Proudfoot was aware of the easement, but she will verify with the City Engineer and let the Committee know. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the agreement with Waterville Gas.

INFORMATIONAL UPDATE REGARDING SR 25/ECKEL JUNCTION ROAD INTERSECTION PROJECT

Ms. Kabat stated that Mr. Mackin requested an update regarding the timeline for improvements to the intersection of SR25 and Eckel Junction Road. She said that the plans are with ODOT now and should be finalized in January. Acquisition of the right of way is taking place and should be completed by April 2014. The utility relocation will be completed in June, and construction should begin in July 2014 with a completion date in December 2014. She said this is all barring any unforeseen circumstances. Mr. Mackin stated that traffic was the biggest issue at the Planning Commission meeting regarding Costco, and he would like residents to know that the traffic concerns are being

addressed with or without Costco. Ms. Kabat stated that the traffic study that was done for this intersection anticipated the highest use of vacant properties based on their zoning. The intersection is currently rated as a D, but once improved will be rated as a B. She said that Mercy has contributed their fair share to pay for the improvements and Costco has agreed to pay for their fair share if they locate there. The City will pay the remaining costs and be reimbursed as the properties are developed.

Ms. Kabat said that ODOT is looking at the 475/25 interchange, and she believes in 2014 an additional lane is scheduled to be added on the westbound off ramp. She said ODOT is reviewing the eastbound off ramp, and even though it is used as two lanes, there may not be room for two lanes and two shoulders. Mr. Mackin said that we need to continuously remind ODOT how difficult it is to exit on SR 25 if you are coming from northbound 75 to 475. Ms. Kabat said that ODOT is aware of the situation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Kevern, Chairman
Service-Safety Committee