

## **Minutes of Perrysburg Service Committee**

**Meeting Held February 21, 2024**

### **CALL TO ORDER - 5:30 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Kerry Wellstein.

### **ROLL CALL**

Committee Members present were Mark Weber, Kerry Wellstein, and Kevin Fuller. Also present were Joe Fawcett, City Administrator, Ron Isaacson, Deputy Director of Public Service, and Brian Thomas, City Engineer.

### **CITIZEN'S CONCERNS**

Cooper Suter, 564 West Front Street, stated that citizen safety and quality of life seems to rank lower than commuter vehicles' speed and volume. He added that it seems to be the most expensive options and not the most effective. Mr. Suter asked about the CMAQ money. Mr. Weber assured him that it is going back.

Mr. Fawcett stated that the City has received notification from TMACOG that the CMAQ funding may not be used for the signalized intersection improvements at Front and West Boundary as hoped. Administration has notified TMACOG that the City is declining the grant. Mr. Fawcett noted that their time and resources will be focused on the downtown improvement project. At some point in the future, though, the intersection will need to be revisited, so that it is safer, especially as the Orleans Park masterplan development continues to occur.

Mr. Fuller asked if any formal action is required from City Council. Mr. Fawcett responded no action is required by City Council and that the notice they gave to TMACOG is enough. Mr. Weber appreciates that they looked for other options with that money, before the City declined it, and declining it is the right thing to do. Ms. Wellstein asked about the graphic that was shown at last night's City Council meeting. Mr. Fawcett had not seen it before, but it was part of the second portion of DGL's study, and was a part of a public record's request from the media.

Mr. Suter asked when this will come forward or how they would find out. Ms. Wellstein responded that it would be through good communication. She thanked Mr. Suter for being kind, gracious, and respectful in his communication and research. Ms. Wellstein stated that there has been a shift in the City and feels that Administration and City Council are now swinging more towards the quality of life. Mr. Fuller hopes they can now rest easy and gave his word that they will communicate with them all the best that they can.

Deborah Born, 125 East Front Street, is pleased that the roundabout will not be

happening and thanked Mr. Fawcett for returning the money. She is concerned about the downtown and losing the historic designation. Ms. Born stated that everyone has told her they do not want anything to happen to the downtown and that it needs to be kept as it is. She complimented whoever did the lights at Christmastime last year in downtown.

Kathleen Gibson, 29639 Duxbury Lane, shared a handout regarding speed limits and suggested lowering the speed limit on Maumee Western Reserve to 35, from 45. She suggested that they need to request a speed zone study. Ms. Gibson stated that it may help with the traffic exiting Orleans Park and Rapids Road, if they have to slow down. Ms. Wellstein noted that Mr. Thomas will be speaking on speed limits this evening and is curious to learn.

Jacqueline Barchick, 564 West Front Street, shared a sketch with everyone that reflects conversation overtime regarding Front and West Boundary. She thanked them for the dialogue and time to have these conversations and share their passion on this project. Mr. Weber thanked them for coming to the Committee meeting, so they can have the more in depth conversations back and forth with them. Ms. Barchick suggested alternate solutions including unifying and reducing the speed limits down to 35, putting in a median with trees along it, repaving with a higher friction pavement, installing a user activated signal, and installing more pedestrian crossings. Ms. Wellstein responded that this is all very forward thinking, and that things are changing from getting people places quickly to getting them there safely.

Jessica Geib, 558 West Front Street, stated that with the speed limit, comes incredibly loud traffic. She noted that slowing down the speed limit, it would make it a lot more parklike and pleasant. Ms. Geib mentioned the sledding hill at Orelans Park and did not see it on the masterplan. Ms. Wellstein understands the concern about the sledding hill and agrees that you cannot have a conversation with someone when walking on or near the Perrysburg Maumee Bridge. Mr. Weber noted that masterplans are not the way something will absolutely turn out to be in the end, and that there is also a sledding hill at Rivercrest.

Veronica Falter, 1993 Lexington Drive, asked about the entry into the water treatment plant and if that will be addressed. It was confirmed that that was not the entry they were referring to at last night's City Council meeting. She asked about the rush for the downtown improvement project all of the sudden. Ms. Wellstein responded that this project started in 2018 as a project to address ADA issues and it is part of the reason she ran for City Council. She added that they need to make it a project that enhances the community for everyone and that the ADA issues have to happen and is the right thing to do. Ms. Falter is expressing her concern because the majority of the plans white washed the historic avenue of what Perrysburg is known to be, specifically the modernized cement planters. Ms. Wellstein responded that the plan is just a rough draft, and will be adjusted with all of the feedback. Mr. Fuller, Mr. Fawcett, and Mayor Mackin will be meeting soon to create an ad hoc committee, where they will share their expertise and steer the project.

Ms. Born stated that the drawings for downtown look a lot like the 2014 drawings. She added that it will look like Disney Land and that is the worst insult you can ever say about a project. Ms. Born stated that we need to stay unique, historic, and think about preservation. It needs to be thrown out and work on economic development in the City. Ms. Wellstein stated that this project has to happen and that it needs to be done right, keeping the historic and unique aesthetic. She reminded everyone that the historical facades will stay the same and be unaffected. Mr. Weber noted that they will make an effort to match the bricks on the ramps to the historic buildings they are in front of and nothing will interfere with the integrity of the historic buildings.

Ms. Gibson has interest in saving the trees in downtown Perrysburg and is going to the Street Tree Commission to convince them to save the trees. She was told that some people are afraid of repercussions from the City if they sign the petition and go against the City. Ms. Gibson understands making ADA important and suggested that the businesses have portable ramps. Ms. Wellstein responded that it is not ADA compliant and must be stationary, so that someone can use it without asking for help. Ms. Gibson asked if there will be a drainage problem created with the change in slope. Mr. Weber responded that the engineers took that into consideration because there will be enough slope and there will still be a curb with storm sewers in it. Ms. Wellstein noted that the budget for this project includes money for marketing, so that the business owners can stay afloat during construction. She thanked everyone for their concerns, passion, and for giving up their time to be here tonight.

#### **APPROVAL OF 1/24/24 MEETING MINUTES**

There being no objections, the minutes of the January 24, 2024 meeting were approved 3-0.

#### **FRONT/W. BOUNDARY/MAUMEE WESTERN RESERVE INTERSECTION UPDATE**

This was discussed during the Citizen's Concerns portion of the meeting this evening.

#### **UPDATE ON HOUSE BILL 33 - STATE CHANGES TO THE BIDDING PROCESS**

Mr. Thomas stated that they made changes to the bidding process through House Bill 33. The first change is that it allows municipalities to publish on the City's website or social media. He is not sure if they would still have to do the publishing in the newspaper. The second change is that it increases the bidding threshold from \$50,000.00 to \$75,000.00 for municipalities through 2024 and increasing three percent a year for inflation after 2024. Mr. Thomas explained that the third change is for municipalities. It changed the threshold from ten to twenty percent for bidding and what they can accept. There is no legislation for this.

#### **UPDATE ON SPEED LIMITS- HOW THEY ARE DETERMINED AND MODIFIED**

Mr. Thomas explained what is required to actually change a speed limit. He stated that they can reduce the speed, but they have to have a speed study done. Mr. Thomas noted that they can ask ODOT to do the speed study, or they can hire someone on their

own. Mr. Weber asked if they would take into consideration that the City of Maumee had slowed their speed down considerably. Ms. Wellstein would like to investigate a speed study. Mr. Suter added that the City can drive the outcome, if they are interested. The Committee Members were glad that Mr. Thomas was here to answer questions. Ms. Barchick noted that we have bad air quality when we accelerate and decelerate, as opposed to having a steady speed being maintained. Ms. Born stated that Maumee did not want the Perrysburg people to come through the City and that is why they did what they did.

### **MOSQUITO SPRAY FOR THE 2024 SEASON**

Mr. Isaacson stated that Clarke Mosquito Control Products is the sole source manufacturer and supplier for all Duet ULV adult mosquito control product formulations. They are requesting \$58,520.00. The City has used the Duet product for mosquito spray since the 1980s and with no complaints. Mr. Weber asked about this being an emergency measure. Mr. Isaacson responded that they need the product in, so they can start in May. There being no objections, this is being forwarded 3-0 to City Council.

### **MECHANICS TRUCK PURCHASE**

Mr. Isaacson stated that they are requesting to purchase a 2024 GMC Sierra 2500HD Mechanics Truck from Perrysburg Automall. It would be replacing a vehicle that is thirteen years old and will assist the mechanics for roadside service. The price is \$61,822.50 and is in the 2024 budget. Mr. Weber asked if the truck is in stock and if that was the reason for the emergency measure. Mr. Isaacson confirmed that is true. There being no objections, this is being forwarded 3-0 to City Council.

### **PORTA JOHN SERVICE CONTRACT FOR PARKS**

Mr. Isaacson explained that this is legislation for a two-year rental and serving agreement with Ace Diversified Services. It is necessary for the health and welfare of the citizens of Perrysburg for the City to provide Porta-Jons in certain areas throughout the City and for special events. The total price for the two-year agreement is \$30,690.00. Mr. Fuller asked if these stay up throughout the year or are they seasonal. Mr. Isaacson shared the season schedule. There being no objections, this is being forwarded 3-0 to City Council.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Wellstein had a citizen's complaint about the leaf pickup, and they asked for the leaf pickup to occur later. Mr. Isaacson responded that leaf season is a challenge, and they have to transfer the leaf vehicles to be used for snow plowing also. Ms. Wellstein asked if it has to be the same every year and added that there needs to be some flexibility for leaf pickup. Mr. Isaacson responded that they can definitely take a look at that. Mr. Weber noted that they do a great job of posting on the website of where they are at with leaf pickup.

Mr. Weber has citizen's concerns as well. He stated that there is a City sign on Five Point Road, welcoming you to Perrysburg. However, so much has been annexed to the

west, that the sign ought to be moved. Mr. Weber stated that the crosswalk lighting is not functioning properly near the Fire Station and Coe Court. Mr. Isaacson will take care of it tomorrow.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Wellstein, Chairperson  
Service Committee

**Next meeting: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.**