

SERVICE COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 26, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Barry VanHoozen. Committee members present were Deborah Born, Haraz N. Ghanbari, and Barry VanHoozen. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, and Doug Dariano, City Engineer.

PERMISSION TO HIRE DESIGNER – SR25/PRESTON PARKWAY INTERSECTION

Mr. Dariano requested permission to hire Proudfoot Associates for the intersection design of SR25 and Preston Parkway. Mr. Dariano explained that in 2018 nine firms were prequalified for this type of work, and they feel Proudfoot is the most qualified for this project. The intersection improvements include a traffic signal, left turn lanes on SR25, converting Preston to four lanes, widening Fort Meigs Boulevard, upgrading pavement markings and signs, upgrading drainage, drive and roadside restoration, and best management practices for water quality treatment. He said \$50,000 is budgeted, and the cost of the design is \$49,140. Mr. Dariano said that these intersection improvements are consistent with the SR25 Corridor Study that was approved in 2009 and updated in 2012 and 2017. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of a contract with Proudfoot.

PERMISSION TO PURCHASE RIGHT OF WAY FOR SR25/ROACHTON ROAD INTERSECTION UPGRADE

Mr. Dariano requested permission to purchase additional right of way for the SR25/Roachton Road intersection upgrade project. The right of way is needed for utility relocation. He said that there are three affected property owners, and the appraisals have been completed. He explained that the project has been funded for the State fiscal year 2021 which begins on July 1, 2020, and getting the utilities moved can take up to a year. Mr. Ghanbari asked about relocating the utilities underground. Mr. Dariano said that this would not be included in the grant, and the City would have to pay the difference between relocating them underground versus above ground. Mr. Ghanbari asked if there was an estimate of this cost, and Ms. Kabat said that on a past project they looked into it and the cost was over \$200,000. Ms. Born asked if the property owners are agreeable to this purchase. Mr. Dariano stated that they have not been made an offer yet because Council approval is needed before we can do so. Ms. Born said that if the property owners have not said yes, then she doesn't want to say yes. Mr. VanHoozen stated that the appraisers have come up with the fair market value for the property. Approval of this request would allow the appraisers to offer fair market value to the affected property owners, and if they are not okay with it, then we will have a different situation to deal with and it would come back to the committee. The Committee agreed 2-1 to recommend approval of this request as an emergency measure.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry VanHoozen, Chairman
Service Committee

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.