

SERVICE COMMITTEE

APRIL 25, 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, Jon Eckel, Service Director, and Doug Dariano, City Engineer.

PERMISSION TO BID 2018 PAVEMENT MARKING PROGRAM

Mr. Eckel requested permission to go out to bid for the 2018 Pavement Marking Program. Mr. Eckel explained that this is an annual program to restripe pavement markings on all roads in the City except those that are part of the resurfacing program, and it is for the safety of our citizens. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval.

PERMISSION TO AWARD CONTRACT TO CAMPBELL, INC. FOR HVAC PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

Mr. Eckel said that bids for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning preventative maintenance were opened on April 4, 2018. He said that eight bids were received with four being very close. He said that all HVAC maintenance contracts for City buildings will be compiled into one contract. They held a pre-bid meeting with all companies to tour the City's facilities. By consolidating these contracts, the cost will go from approximately \$60,000 annually to \$47,224 which was the low bid by Campbell, Inc. Mr. Eckel said that this is for a three year contract with a two year renewal option because the process is too cumbersome to do annually. Mr. VanHoozen asked if all city buildings are included. Mr. Eckel said that all buildings except the residential rental properties are included. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of accepting the bid from Campbell, Inc.

GRANT APPLICATION – SR25/PRESTON

Mr. Dariano reviewed where highway revenues come from and how they are administered in our area. He said that highway dollars come from motor-fuel taxes, vehicle registration and license plate fees, levies on heavier vehicles and tolls. All federal and state highway money goes through TMACOG. Mr. Dariano requested permission to apply for a Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) through TMACOG for intersection improvements at SR25 and Preston Parkway. He said that we applied for a CMAQ grant last year for this project, but we were not successful. The estimated cost of construction is \$630,000 and the grant application covers 80% of the cost of construction or \$504,000. The City would be responsible for design and RPR costs estimated to be \$125,000 and 20% of the cost of construction which is estimated to be \$126,000. This is a 2023-24 project and includes a signal, realignment of Fort Meigs Boulevard and closing the median at Harold Street. The grant application is due June 1, 2018 so Mr. Dariano requested that the resolution be approved as an emergency. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the grant application.

GRANT APPLICATION – SR65/FORT MEIGS ROAD

Mr. Dariano requested approval of a STBG grant application for intersection improvements at SR65 and Fort Meigs Road. He said that the 2018 traffic flow and safety study recommends a roundabout to relieve congestion and improve safety in this rapidly growing area. He said that he hopes that a realignment of the entrance to Fort Meigs will also be part of this project. The estimated cost of construction is \$1,085,000 and this is also a 2023-24 project. The grant application will be for 80% of the cost of construction or \$867,500. Ms. Born said that she is not in favor of a roundabout, but she is in favor of a traffic signal. Mr. Ghanbari asked Mr. Dariano to compare the cost of a traffic signal versus a roundabout. Mr. Dariano said that normally a traffic signal is more expensive because you have to pay for the pole, mast arm, and you have the ongoing cost of the signal. Mr. Ghanbari asked if there is a long range plan for roundabouts in the City. Mr. Dariano said that when they look at intersection improvements they look at all factors. For example, at SR199 and Eckel Junction Road, a traffic signal was a better option. Ms. Born asked if nearby property owners would be affected by a roundabout at SR65 and Fort Meigs Road. Mr. Dariano said that there is little right of way needed for the roundabout and it would be quieter. He added that with a roundabout you don't have the right angle, high speed crashes and fatalities, and speeds are lower. Mr. Ghanbari asked if we have reached out to residents to get feedback about roundabouts. Ms. Kabat said that we have not, but she has not heard any complaints, only positive feedback, and the Police Division is in favor of this roundabout. Mr. VanHoozen asked if we don't follow the recommendation of the traffic flow and safety study if it would hurt our chances with the grant. Mr. Dariano said that he does not know. Mr. Ghanbari asked if the grant is approved if this issue would come back to City Council. Mr. Dariano said that it would come back several times, but at some point we would be penalized on future grant applications if we are approved for the grant and turn it down. The Committee agreed 2-1 to recommend approval of applying for the grant. Ayes: Ghanbari and VanHoozen (2). Nays: Born (1).

DDI – INTERSTATE BRANDING/IDENTIFICATION

Brody Walters, Planning and Zoning Administrator, said that he and Ms. Kabat have been working with the Wood County Commissioners on a way to identify the City of Perrysburg to the travelling public. He provided renderings of a proposed wall, sign and landscaping to be installed along the interstate near the Divergent Diamond. The same design would be placed near the I-475 exit ramps designated as the Promedica exit ramp and the Costco exit ramp. The wall would be ten feet high and made of Redi-Rock. It would be sixty feet long with gradual steps on each side. The content of the wall sign has been passed along to Wood County since they have agreed to enter into a financial partnership with us, and we are waiting to hear back from them. The total budget for the project is \$150,000 which includes the \$50,000 from Wood County. Mr. Walters requested approval of contracts with Turner Concrete in the amount of \$26,752.50 to provide the Redi-Rock, and \$50,000 with Michigan Pavers for the labor to install the wall. The cost of the lettering and landscape is yet to be determined. Mr. Ghanbari asked if this went out to bid, and Mr. Walters said that it did not because it is not over \$50,000. He explained that Turner Concrete is located in Northwood and they are the exclusive dealer of Redi-Rock in this area and they have agreed to allow us to purchase directly from them. Michigan Pavers

is their recommended installer. Mr. Ghanbari asked if Mr. Walters feels we are getting the best bang for our buck, and Mr. Walters said that he believes we are. Mr. Ghanbari noted that the placement is past the Perrysburg exits and asked if the locations were chosen because of the wide open area due to the Divergent Diamond. Mr. Walters said that the sites were chosen because of the space available. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the contracts. The ordinances will be presented at the second City Council meeting in May.

HOOD PARK – RETAINING WALL REPLACEMENT

Mr. Walters also requested approval of contracts with Turner Concrete and Michigan Pavers to replace the lower retaining wall at Hood Park. The cost of the Redi-Rock from Turner Concrete would be \$13,428.75 and the cost of installation for Michigan Pavers would be \$40,150. Ms. Born asked if we can do a brick wall or some other comparable material because the Redi-Rock is not historic looking. She also said has talked to two or three contractors and they said Redi-Rock does not hold up and it will collapse within five years. Mr. Walters said that this cut and color was chosen by looking at monuments in the area. Ms. Kabat said that she will check with ODOT and the Metroparks because she believes Redi-Rock was used for the locks. She said that the challenge is that the material has to hold back the earth and the current product is not working. She added that this product is already being used at Hood Park. Mr. Ghanbari asked if there is any strength testing done with Redi-Rock. Mr. Dariano said that the City installed some on Pine Street about seven years ago and it looks to be holding up well. Mr. Walters said that this project is also going before the Recreation Committee and the Historic Landmarks Commission at their May meetings. Mike Cousino, 970 West South Boundary Street, said that whenever you put up Redi-Rock it is questionable how long it will last. He also questioned whether it is an historical material. He said to let the natural topography of the land relax, there is less maintenance. Mr. Ghanbari asked if there is a product that Mr. Cousino would recommend. Mr. Cousino said that he is not a fan of retaining walls and you see failures over a period of years. The Committee agreed 2-1 to support the contracts for the Hood Park retaining wall as proposed. Ayes: Ghanbari and VanHoozen (2). Nays: Born (1).

STREET TREE ORDINANCES

The Committee reviewed the changes to Chapters 278 and 1024 regarding the Street Tree Commission and the change in process regarding Street Tree plans that was discussed at a previous meeting. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the Code changes.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry VanHoozen, Chairman
Service Committee

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.