

SERVICE COMMITTEE

AUGUST 28, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Barry VanHoozen. Committee members present were Deborah Born, Barry VanHoozen, and Mark Weber. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, Laura Alkire, Law Director, and Rob Ross, Service Director.

CONSENT TO ODOT TO CONDUCT BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM SERVICES

Ms. Kabat explained that the City is required by state law to do bridge inspections within the City. She said that the last several times we have had to do this, ODOT has graciously offered their service do the inspections for us free of charge. She estimated that if we would have to hire an outside contractor to do the work it would cost the City approximately \$10,000. Mr. Weber asked about the size of the bridges and if Ms. Kabat knew the number of bridges that would be inspected. Ms. Kabat said there are different classifications for bridges and she did not know the number, but she would find out. She said that the overpasses on the expressway are always ODOT's responsibility. Mr. VanHoozen asked if ODOT give a replacement suggestion, and Ms. Kabat said that they give it a rating. Ms. Born asked why this legislation needs to be an emergency, and Ms. Alkire explained that the current three year program expires December 31, and ODOT is getting ready to bid out the program for the next three years and they need to know the number of communities that will be involved in the program. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the legislation.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. VanHoozen welcomed Mr. Ross as the new Service Director. Mr. Ross gave a brief history of his background and what his goals are for the Service Department. He said that he wants to evaluate all services and look for efficiencies and to create a positive work environment. He said that he thinks it's important to let the community know what they do. Mr. VanHoozen said that the Committee likes input and communication.

Ms. Kabat gave an update on the status of the CSX crossings in the City that had been closed for repair. She said that they were closed long than expected, but CSX is doing a better job of letting us know about closures and re-openings. Ms. Kabat said as she receives the information she is passing it along to City Council and the Public Information Officer. There was a brief discussion about the crossing on Roachton Road and its effect on the multi-use path since that crossing was not on the list.

Mr. Weber said that he asked the Administration about the traffic light at Boundary and Louisiana and was told that a traffic study is going to be done. Ms. Kabat said that Proudfoot is doing the traffic study and it will look at traffic patterns now and in the future.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry VanHoozen, Chairman
Service Committee

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.