

## **SERVICE COMMITTEE**

**AUGUST 25, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Chairperson Jan Materni. Committee members present were Cory Kuhlman and Jan Materni. Jonathan Smith arrived at 5:37 p.m. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, and Kate Sandretto, Law Director.

### **CITIZENS' CONCERNS**

Diana Friess, 311 West Indiana Avenue, said that she was glad that City Council did not do anything with the grant for a multi-use path on West Indiana Avenue. She asked why they went with a different option, and what committee handles multi-use paths. Ms. Kabat said they view multi-use paths as expanded sidewalks so they go through the Service Committee. Ms. Friess stated that one multi-use path was discussed at a Public Utilities Committee meeting. Ms. Kabat said that was part of a ditch cleaning project. Mr. Kuhlman stated that regardless of what committee they originate in, it goes through full City Council. He explained that the City Engineer was able to come up with an alternative project for the grant application, and because of the late notice and concerns expressed by citizens, City Council decided to go with the multi-use path on SR25 instead of Indiana Avenue. Ms. Friess asked when the multi-use path on Indiana Avenue will be discussed again. Mr. Kuhlman said he does not know. Mr. Smith said that he voted for the SR25 multi-use path because he has safety concerns about SR25, and he feels the multi-use path will make it safer.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the July 28, 2021 meeting were approved with no objections.

### **PURCHASE OF SURVEYING EQUIPMENT**

Ms. Sandretto said that the new City Engineer has surveying skills, and she requested approval of the purchase of surveying equipment for the engineer to use for the design of water and sewer line replacement projects, multi-use paths, and traffic signal projects. The cost of the equipment is \$32,031.86 from Precision Laser & Instrument, which is less than the cost through the State Purchasing program. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the purchase.

### **ADA IMPROVEMENTS TO DOWNTOWN PHASE 1 CONTRACT**

Ms. Sandretto requested approval of an agreement with Fishbeck in an amount not to exceed \$49,950 for the survey and preliminary design work necessary for the Louisiana Accessibility project. Ms. Kabat explained that this is the first phase. The design firm will give us options and once we choose an option, then they will give us prices. There was discussion about the involvement of the business owners. Ms. Kabat said that the owners have been invited to three meetings, but they were not well attended. Mr. Smith said that he realizes we have to make it handicap accessible, but he is concerned about drastic

changes such as loss of parking. Ms. Kabat acknowledged that there could be drastic changes. Ms. Sandretto said that this is federal law, and this is our effort to use municipal land to address the issue. She said that she understands the concerns, and the goal is to find the best solution. Ms. Kabat explained that once they have the design choices, they will invite the businesses back to the table. She said that the City cannot go past the face of the building, and the assessments have been shared with the building owners. Mr. Smith said that he would like to limit the impact as much as possible. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the contract with Fishbeck.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Smith asked about the cleaning schedule for the restrooms at Woodland Park, trash cans at the inclusive playground at Rotary Park, and speeding in the parking lot at Rotary Park. Ms. Kabat said that she had spoken to the Mayor about the parking lot at Rotary that day, and they are looking at curbing. Mr. Smith also asked about pedestrian signs for multiple locations, and he said the bridge on Westbrook looks great.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Materni, Chairperson  
Service Committee

***Next meeting: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.***