

**STREETS AND SANITATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

April 26, 2010
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Soeldner
Jason Sladky
Nick Levendusky
Jim Brey

STAFF PRESENT

Valerie Mellon
Greg Minikel
Sonja Birr
David Less, Planning
Kathleen McDaniel, Asst. Atty.

OTHERS

Michael Check, 9140 Hilltop
Mary Luther, 1015 Magnolia
Ald. Alex Olson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Approval of the Minutes from 3/22/10

J. Sladky made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2010 meeting. J. Brey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

Report (10-199) of City Plan Commission relative to consideration of tax incremental financing activities regarding TIF District #16 (boundary and text amendment) and TIF Districts #7, 9 and 10 (boundary amendment)

David Less, City Planner, was present to discuss the TIF districts expansion of the boundaries and project costs. He is pursuing all of these issues in order to be proactive in our developing community. Dave Less discussed the proposed amendments and financial projections with the Committee and opened it up for discussions.

Dave explained the boundary amendment options related to TIF District #16 and noted that this is being considered because of the likelihood that the Mirro building will become City property and will need to be demolished for approximately \$6 million. Dave pointed out that removal of the facility will make the property far more valuable. There are environmental concerns, but the Phase I/Phase II investigations that have been performed have these issues pretty thoroughly identified. Dave noted that his preference for the amendment is to limit the areas to provide connectivity for the Mirro site but to minimize future costs.

Further discussion regarding other potential boundary amendments were identified on a map and all other potential additions were rejected because the sole purpose of the amendment would be to provide a potential funding source for the demolition and redevelopment of Block 246. Dave then reviewed a handout that he had provided to identify (i) the creation, expenditure and statutory district life for TIF District #16; (ii) various TIF district projections; (iii) a current

calculation of the equalized value of TIF in the City, including the proposed amendment area; and (iv) a current cash flow statement for TIF District #16 and a Department of Revenue matrix of TIF District criteria.

Dave urged speedy Resolution of this issue in order to be able to maximize these efforts by including the positive benefit of the Dermatology project, the TIF amendments would have to be approved on or before September 30, 2010, which meant that he's have to start the amendment process in June.

The Committee also discussed and favored without objection amendments to TIF Districts 7, 9 and 10 in the I-43 Industrial Park.

The Committee would like to wait to take any official action until their Committee has its 5th member.

Exemptions for Street Sweeping Parking Ban Tickets

V. Mellon and K. McDaniel wanted to discuss the parking ban with the Committee. Val is receiving calls regarding areas that may be necessary to exempt from the parking ban and Kathleen would like to know how to handle if tickets are contested in court. Val explained that S. 10th Street is under construction and people can not access their driveways, however, there is limited parking on the side streets.

J. Brey made a motion to exempt the area around S. 10th Street during the construction period. J. Sladky seconded the motion.

J. Brey amended his motion to include the areas of S. 9th - S. 11th and side streets between Dewey Street and Green Street until this phase of construction is complete.

Kathleen explained that officially Val does not have the authority to exempt these parking areas without Committee approval.

J. Brey made another amendment that would allow the City Engineer the ability to amend the parking ban as needed and to keep the Committee informed on these amendments. J. Sladky seconded the amendments.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Soeldner questioned if the DNR had specific language to enforce the parking ban. V. Mellon and G. Minikel both conceded that the annual permit only asks if you have a parking ban. It does not require documentation of citations issued. V. Mellon also reminded the Committee that we are currently meeting about 30% of the DNR Mandate for 40%. As a result of the street sweeping ban we are avoiding the

need for at least 10 additional ponds at a cost of about \$250,000 each, plus property acquisition. We do need to sweep from curb to curb with a parking ban once a week in order to get this credit.

Aldersperson Alex Olson questioned why we aren't parking on opposite sides of the street. G. Minikel explained that the sweepers aren't allowed to run the wrong way opposing traffic up and down the street and the sweeping pattern that is being implemented was the only way to cover all districts with only 2 sweepers. The vacuum sweepers are slower so take more time to cover the mileage so we need to sweep in the most efficient pattern in order to complete each district.

V. Mellon informed the Committee that the Felician Village employees are currently parking on the street until the parking lot is complete. Lakeside Foods 3rd shift employees are also parking on the street as this is the only place they have to park. The parking area by the carferry is not large enough for allowing overnight parking. J. Sladky said these decisions can be made by Val and to keep the Committee informed.

Any personal conflicts that would allow parking on the street should be brought to the attention of the Police Department. Val explained that Engineering is trying to work with the Contractors to better coordinate their projects with the street sweeping ban.

South 9th Street Parking

D. Soeldner received a complaint to not allow parking on both sides of South 9th Street during the construction. V. Mellon explained that she has been traveling S. 9th Street on a daily basis and has not seen a problem, as long as you drive slow.

The parking along S. 9th Street is limited as S. 10th Street is closed for construction. Removal of parking will force the Lincoln High School kids into other streets and will create congestion at other intersections. V. Mellon also reminded the Committee the official detour route is South 14th Street and G. Minikel pointed out the positive benefit is that it has slowed the traffic down and removal of parking and thereby widening the street will dramatically increase speeds. The Committee decided against taking any further action.

S. 39th Street Extension - Merwynn's Rehab Facility

V. Mellon informed the Committee of a new facility that is interested in developing and looking for access over unimproved right-of-way to install their driveway. V. Mellon is hesitant to allow this, as she feels the need to improve the street will not be a priority.

J. Brey made a motion to approve the request to access S. 39th Street over unimproved right-of-way, but qualified this as being the last development that will be allowed in this 39th Street location and that any future development to the South will require sewer, water and street construction. N. Levendusky seconded the motion.

J. Sladky abstained from vote.

South 26th and Washington Street Traffic Signals

J. Brey asked if it would be feasible to include a right turn arrow to keep the traffic flowing south bound on S. 26th Street. G. Minikel checked with the electrician and it would involve a new taller signal pole, two new signal heads, additional conduit, etc. which would cost approximately \$2000 to make this change. J. Brey didn't see the need for the adjustment at that cost especially since traffic is able to turn right on red and most times of the day is really not a problem.

Other Discussions

Grass clippings in street on Wilson Street.

Jim Brey and Nic Levendusky reported DPW crews picking up brush 2 weeks in a row (1 week before the scheduled week and the week of). Val will check with Randy Junk and report back to the Committee via e-mail.

N. Levendusky made a Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:53 p.m.



Valerie Mellon, P.E.
Director of Public Works
and City Engineer