

## Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council  
City of Newark, Ohio  
March 28, 2017

The Service Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday March 27, 2017 following the Finance Committee with these members in attendance:

Jeff Rath  
Bill Cost Jr  
Mark Fraizer  
Carol Floyd  
Curtis Johnson for Ryan Bubb

We wish to report:

1. **Resolution No. 17-20** authorizing and directing the Director of Public Service to advertise for bids and enter into contracts, subject to the appropriation of funds, for various construction projects was considered.

**Brian Morehead-** we have four projects that we are asking permission to go to bid and enter into contract. Our annual street maintenance projects, 2017 Newark street rehab and resurfacing which has Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement funding, we are anticipating approval of that in July but we would like to be proactive and get that one out to bid but we can't award the project until we back in the first of July, our annual concrete maintenance which would be our ADA curb ramp replacement project and our final project is the Sharon Valley Road Evans Boulevard roundabout which we anticipate putting out to bid here in the next couple of weeks in order to start construction as soon as school is out.

**Mr. Rath-** so you are using CDBG money for the curb ramp and sidewalk replacement?

**Brian Morehead-** yes

**Mr. Rath-** have we allowed any of the CDBG money for paving at all?

**Brian Morehead-** not that I am aware of it is all in the curb ramp project

**Mr. Rath-** just off of the top of your head and I know this is out of the blue but do we have roads that need a paving that would qualify for CDBG money?

**Brian Morehead-** I would assume so, I would assume they are in the right neighborhoods. You would probably want to confirm that with Mark though to make sure. In the past the qualifications have been that they need to be in the low to

moderate income neighborhoods and of course we have streets that need paved in those neighborhoods as well.

**Mrs. Floyd-** you hope to have that roundabout done before school starts?

**Brian Morehead-** that is our hope and anticipation. We are going to put a tight completion date on it so that it is done about the third week of August. We will let them close down the first week of June and then they will have June, July and half of August to get the project done, to at least have the roadway open the entire project may not be completed.

**Mr. Fraizer-** are the other two items, the concrete maintenance and Sharon Valley Road waiting on any awards?

**Brian Morehead-** no they're not.

**Mr. Fraizer-** so it is only the first one that is waiting on the award?

**Brian Morehead-** yes

**Motion by Mrs. Floyd** to send to full Council, second by Mr. Fraizer

**President Ellington-** are we anticipating the Evans Boulevard and 21<sup>st</sup> Street anytime in the near future and do we think that is any more important than the King Ave Sharon Valley?

**Brian Morehead-** the first question we anticipate it will connect sometime in the future, we don't have 100% of the funding identified for that at this point. I'm not sure what you are talking about King Road and Sharon Valley Road?

**President Ellington-** have you ever been there about 4:30?

**Brian Morehead-** it is a tough situation that is true. The next project that we have in the planning stages would be another roundabout which would be down at Sharon Valley and Country Club Drive and then we anticipate that would leave some gaps and make it easier to get in and out of King Ave also.

**President Ellington-** as you know coming down King Road trying to make a left onto Sharon Valley is the biggest issue.

**Brian Morehead-** it is nearly impossible, we are aware of that.

**Mr. Rath-** it will make it much easier to make a right and go around a roundabout and go back.

**Brian Morehead-** correct

**President Ellington-** hopefully we will get the Evans Boulevard over to 21<sup>st</sup> funding in order soon.

**Mr. Rath-** if I recall I think that we have 50% of that money raised.

**Brian Morehead-** about 30% is what we identified with the TIF for Kroger at this point.

**Mr. Fraizer-** license plate permissive tax funds, does this clear us out for the year or is there still a balance left in that?

**Brian Morehead-** with the roundabout project, the street paving project and the design work we are doing on the Ohio and Manning Street bridges it is pretty much used up.

**Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

2. **Resolution No. 17-21** authorizing and directing the Mayor of the City of Newark to prepare and submit an application to the Ohio Department of Transportation for the 2017 transportation alternatives program to partially fund the downtown enhancements project on State Route 13 (4<sup>th</sup> Street) from Locust Street to Walnut Street was considered.

**Brian Morehead-** although this is a 2017 application the funding wouldn't be available until around the 2019-2021 funding years through ODOT. This is a transportation alternative program that comes through ODOT, it is competitive state wide so we have submitted our letter of interest to ODOT and we have been lucky enough to be selected to submit a full application at this point. What this would allow us to do would be to submit the full application and the proper documents to be considered for that funding. The funding would be \$600,000.00 and we would use that to improve the streetscapes and the pedestrian crossings along 4<sup>th</sup> Street from that stretch of Locust and Walnut. At the same time we are trying to coordinate the work when the next segment of sewer separation takes place in that portion of downtown area.

**Mr. Fraizer-** so we are on the hook for a 20% match with this?

**Brian Morehead-** I think we are only at a 5% match with this

**Mrs. Floyd-** in the legislation it says 20%, the fifth WHEREAS

**Brian Morehead-** let me confirm that. I'll have to go back and confirm that with ODOT.

**Mr. Fraizer-** can you let us know that before we vote on it.

**Brian Morehead-** yes

**Mr. Rath-** if it is different than just bring us an amendment and we can amend it on the floor.

**Mr. Fraizer –** do we have any idea how long it would take to do this project?

**Brian Morehead-** we have not begun any design work or anything on it. The work would probably be done in phases and go from Locust all the way down to National Drive.

**Motion by Mrs. Floyd to send to full Council, second by Mr. Fraizer**

**Mrs. Floyd-** if we get the approval from the EPA to do the sewer separation I assume we are going to coordinate like you did with downtown, Mt. Vernon Road and Hudson to get gas work done because I recently had a complaint from someone who stated they recently came in and did my street and they tore it up for the gas lines. I know that is a concern people have and I know you get as frustrated as anyone else.

**Brian Morehead-** it is very frustrating, yes.

**Mr. Rath-** that is the gas company's decision to do that and to repair it but have they had a spirit of cooperation at all?

**Brian Morehead-** yes better than before. The work that they did in the Church Street area was found funding that they had in 2017 so when they did the work in 2016 it was what they tell me unexpected. Unfortunately I paved the street in 2015 so I didn't know

they had a project anticipated there but we will coordinate with them on the front side of this and try to leverage them to get their work done before us.

**Mr. Fraizer-** when they do the work is there a state regulation that they have to do it to the same quality of road as it was when they tore it up or are they able to patch it and move on?

**Brian Morehead-** I don't know that there is a state regulation that dictates that.

**Mr. Fraizer-** are you finding that when they move on you have to go in and do some additional work in order to make it right?

**Brian Morehead-** I have asked the gas company for a punch list inspection of all the work they have done before their contractors are ready to leave town so we can identify all those problem areas and have them go back and correct them.

**Mr. Fraizer- do they respond to that?**

**Brian Morehead-** this is the first one and we aren't there yet. I anticipate that in the next couple of months.

**Mr. Rath-** this is a new procedure then?

**Brian Morehead-** yes

**Mr. Fraizer-** it is on their dime to fix it?

**Brian Morehead-** yes

**Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

Jeff Rath, Chair