

Minute of the Public Works Committee on May 24, 2021

Present

P, Vetro
T. Giannattasio
R. Vitale
W. Willis

Also Present

C. Saley, PW Director
S. Johnson, Assistant Director of PW
J. Rosen, Mayor's Assistant
L. Streit, Recording Secretary

A motion was made by Giannattasio, seconded by Vitale to deem Vetro temporary Chairman. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

A motion was made by Giannattasio, seconded by Vitale to approve the minutes of the March meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report

- Paving districts were discussed; Bayview area is to be done. The Gas Company has some issues with water getting in the lines. Pond Point Avenue, New Haven Avenue to Yale Avenue; Edo Construction is in the process of extending the sidewalk. New curbs and sidewalks are being worked on. Laydon Industries will be doing new ADA ramps throughout the city.
- At the boat ramp – pavers, sidewalks, lighting and electrical conduits are done.
- Parson's – the auditorium is being upgraded with sound and lighting and new cloth chairs (900 chairs) and there have been some delays. There has been remediation work done with asbestos tiles. New carpeting will be coming in.
- Paving on the west side continues; Brooklawn area.
- Bulk pick up is in the final week and the plan is for it to be complete by Memorial Day weekend. Public Works is down 30 employees and there are a lot of people out, a lot of people on vacation. Sly Maura will be retiring at the end of the week after 20+ years; he is a very valuable employee.
- Marie Street – work will begin the first week of June. In this area the wall has been undermined and the temporary step has washed away.
- Walnut Beach – Chris has met with the Recreation Department, the Police Chief, the Mayor and the City Attorney. This area has been a challenge; there are a lot of issues at play and police have been made aware of the activity. Saturday and Sunday trash trucks are run at the beaches and parks. This past weekend was unusually hot and there were 30-35 bags of garbage on the beach and less than respectful people at the beaches. Chief Mello is very supportive to getting more oversight here. The Ordinance is Memorial Day to Labor Day. Chris has asked that the season start May 1st. The beaches were very, very busy this past weekend and the custodian was very uncomfortable with the people that were there. Enforcement of fines was discussed. Vitale stated that the No Dogs rule is not enforced. Chris stated that this issue was discussed and they are working on getting different signage for littering and fines. Chris stated that the parking meters are \$5.00 per

hour. There are some concerns that need to be worked on, but there are a lot of positives; the Creamery had a line of customers down the street. Someone saw the garbage on the beach on social media and came down to help clean up which was very nice to see.

Concerns

- Vitale stated that on Harborside and Gulf Street, the hedges are overhanging the sidewalk and this makes for difficult vision. Christ stated that a letter will be sent to the homeowner and he will look at it. Vitale stated that it is the width and not the height.
- Willis asked if Southworth Street is going to be paved. Chris stated that it will be; there was a subdivision planned that is now not happening, so the road will be fixed. Frontier is running fiber optics throughout the city and there are some inappropriate locations; this is being worked on with the Mayor's office.

The next regular meeting will be on June 28, 2021.

A motion was made by Willis, seconded by Gainnattasio to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit