

**LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL
PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
Tuesday, December 11, 2018
8:00 a.m.**

Members: Council Member Turner Perrow, Council Member Sterling Wilder, Council Member Marie Jane Dolan, Mayor Treney Tweedy, ex-officio

Staff Present: Bonnie Svrcek, Reid Wodicka, Gaynelle Hart, Kent White, Lee Newland, Tom Martin, Marjette Upshur, Donna Witt, Michelle White, Victoria Glasgow and Patricia Willoughby

Others Present: Carrie Dungan, News & Advance

Council Member Perrow brought meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Mr. Perrow thanked Gaynelle Hart, Director of Public Works for snow removal efforts.

Update on Priority Projects:

Mr. Newland gave an update on highlighted projects from the priority list; three (3) items discussed.

1). Timberlake/Logan's Lane Intersection –

- Both schedule and budget are in red. This is due to an approved change order. This will be changed to green for next month. Chairman agreed it made sense.
- Mr. Newland mentioned that there were punch list items that were being taken care of at this point.

2). Main Street Bridge –

- Schedule is in yellow. Bridge is open to traffic.
- CSO Project was added to the bridge project near the railroad tracks. Crew was going to bore but ran into rock. Hand tunneling underway. Installation of ramp going in behind Myers & Rhodes is delayed. Located under N & S line.
- Mr. Perrow discussed something he had heard at a previous meeting regarding N & S increasing fees for utilities crossings. Those negotiating long-term is getting are getting a better deal. Something to keep in mind and look into.
- Council Member Wilder questioned the delay involved in opening the ramp to Main Street. Mr. Newland indicated that January 19th was the proposed finish date and they are about 20 days behind schedule. Mr. Newland also brought up that the weather this past weekend would also effect this date.
- Mr. Perrow agreed changing red to green meets the intent of an approved change order. Don't want to lose sight of the primary contract is completed on time. Spoke about Timberlake/Logan's Lane Project and how the change order to add two lanes will not delay the main project being finished on time. Main Street Bridge Project also has a change order that will push out the completion date of the project. The public feels that the projects are taking forever but don't realize about the change order.

3). VDOT Median Barrier Replacement 29 North – Project complete.

- The median barrier project that is up 29 North from the Carter Glass Bridge. This project is complete.

General Business:

1. LU Street Naming—Tom Martin, City Planner

- Mr. Martin indicated that this item will be on full council's agenda for the meeting this evening. There have been three (3) street renaming requests from LU due to relocations on their main campus. Has been reviewed by the Planning Commission and they did not see any conflicts with the street names.
- No additional thoughts from Council Members.

2. Indian Hill Road –

- Mr. Newland discussed a second public meeting on the project. The last meeting took place November 15th and there were about 36 attendees. Most of the comments were regarding the roundabout. Public questioned why a roundabout was being added. That this was an added expense that was not needed.
- Mr. Perrow spoke about the location of the roundabout and asked Mr. Newland for clarification. Mr. Newland did not have a drawing, but did describe the location as being off the end of the bridge from Boonsboro heading towards Link Road you come down across the bridge and there is a T intersection with Evergreen. The roundabout would go in that T intersection instead of what is there now. Currently there is a Yield sign on Indian Hill Road and no control on Evergreen. We get complaints of people not yielding at the Yield sign. Our Traffic & Engineering staff have seen people not yielding at the sign. There are visibility issues in the corner. The bridge will be a little longer which will lengthen the railings. That is one reason for doing the roundabout and the other reason it isn't that much of an increase in the project cost and that is because the road has a sump in it that is holding water. We would have to tear up the roadway at the intersection anyway. The only additional cost for the roundabout is the concrete curb and the concrete middle. It is about \$7,000.00. Installing it makes the intersection more Traffic Engineering appropriate. The yield sign on Indian Hill Road is not appropriate according to the MUTCD. It is a higher volume street. Evergreen is the lower volume street. It was questioned as to why not move the Yield Sign to Evergreen. You could, but it is not the intuitive traffic control because you are on a street going straight through. An example of the situation is Langhorne and Villa. Mr. Newland discusses accident history and the costs involved.
- Mr. Wilder questioned if Mr. Newland had discussed this at the public meeting. Mr. Newland had discussed the roundabout going in and was questioned what the cost would be. We had not at that time figured out the exact cost involved. Mr. Wilder questioned whether the group understood the reasoning behind the roundabout because he had received several emails concerning the roundabout. Mr. Newland indicated that he felt they understood it but didn't want us spending the additional money for it. The group felt it would cost several hundred thousand dollars. In fact, it would only increase the project by \$7,000.00.
- Mrs. Dolan questioned whether any pedestrian studies had been done. People walk their dogs. Mr. Newland indicated that sidewalk is added to the bridge and explained where it would be located. Pedestrians would not have to cross over the roundabout.
- Mrs. Dolan spoke that she had been at the November 16th meeting and the conversations were pretty negative. I questioned whether it was an over kill for a residential neighborhood. Mr. Newland indicated that he had several people come up to him and say

that they felt it was a good idea. Billy Flint had approached Mr. Newland and he felt it was a good idea. He lives in the area in question.

- Mr. Perrow indicated that little land disturbance was involved and he didn't mind the \$7,000.00 cost. Mr. Newland indicated that was an additional construction easement but no permanent easement necessary.
- Mrs. Tweedy was hoping that the newspaper could explain it out like Mr. Newland had.
- She felt that if the newspaper could it explain it that way would be great.

3. ***CIP Discussion –***

- Mr. Wodicka presented the council with a packet of information for discussion. General discussion the CIP and get some feedback from the council members. Several projects were discussed and revenues involved in each. Mr. Wodicka showed on the screen how pushing back projects would affect the need funds at the time the project is reflected.
- Mr. Wodicka discussed where we were and what we wanted to achieve as an organization. The spreadsheet is a lot to look at. A general discussion took place on how projects are categorized. Mr. Wodicka encouraged council to review the information and get back to him with any questions they may have.

Roll Call (not listed on original agenda) – No items.

Meeting adjourned: 8:57 a.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 8, 2019