

**LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL
PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
Tuesday, October 9, 2018
8:00 a.m.**

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

Staff Present: Bonnie Svrcek, Reid Wodicka, Gaynelle Hart, Kent White, Lee Newland, Don Deberry, Clay Simmons, and Angie Shepard

Others Present Carrie Dungan, The News & Advance; Bobby Harris, Meanwhile Back at the Farm

Update on Priority Projects:

- Timberlake Road/Logan's Lane Intersection- Construction underway; Leesville Turn Lanes may be added
- Wards Ferry Road Improvements @ Heritage- construction underway; substantial completion is October 24th
- Main Street Bridge- Construction underway-walls poured; proceeding on schedule; under budget
- Fifth Street Phase 3- Construction underway; rain has hurt progress some
- Liberty Mountain Drive- Phase 3- construction underway
- Odd Fellows Road- Section B2- Construction underway – Bridge to close on October 9
- VDOT Median Barrier Replacement 29 North- Construction underway
- Downtown Watermain Replacement & Streetscape 2- Survey and Design Underway
- Main Street Renewal Project-Survey and Design Underway and working with AEP
- Indian Hill Road Bridge—In Design
- College Lake Dam- Environmental Permitting Underway
- One Way Pairs @501/221- NEPA Document Underway- Public Meeting October held on the 4th
- Police Department Headquarters- Environmental and Demolition RFP's Being Prepared

Council Member Wilder inquired about College Lake and the permitting. Mr. Newland explained the environmental is what will be done with the removal of the dam. They are currently looking at several funding streams. Council Member Wilder also noted that he is glad to see Main Street Bridge on target. Mr. Newland noted the scheduled completion before Thanksgiving.

General Business:

1. ***Meanwhile Back At The Farm, LLC Request for Lease of City Owned Property at 3815 Old Forest Road— Meanwhile Back At The Farm, LLC has requested a lease of City owned property at 3815 Old Forest Road. They have agreed to pay \$8,400 per year with the initial term of 1 year. They would like to have an option for additional 1 year terms upon mutual agreement until the building is ready for demolition as part of the Route 501/221 One Way Pair project (pending VDOT funding approval). By securing this lease the City receives some income from the structure until the roadway project comes through for construction.***

Mr. Simmons explained that 3815 Old Forest Road has been rented out by the City previously. There is a new business that wants to come in. The City is looking to have an arrangement where the tenant rents the building, but the City provides no maintenance. Eventually a road will come through the area. They are looking to have a lease with Meanwhile Back at the Farm similar to Old Dominion, who held the previous lease.

Discussion was held among PDC members that this site used to be a daycare facility; the previous tenant stayed a year and held an annual lease.

Mr. Harris explained that Meanwhile Back at the Farm is a local bag company that produces leather and canvas bags.

Council Member Dolan inquired who would maintain the grounds. Mr. Simmons indicated the tenant would maintain.

PDC recommended moving this item forward to Council (to be heard before Council tonight).

2. ***License Agreement for installation of electrical conduit under City Streets for Tesla Energy Operations, Inc. to install wiring for solar arrays-*** *Tesla Energy Operations, Inc. has submitted a request for installation of approximately 80 feet of electrical conduits and cable in City Right of Way across College Street from 1129 McCausland Street to 1501 Lakeside Drive and from 503 Westwood Avenue to 1501 Lakeside Drive. These bores will allow Solar Arrays to be installed on University of Lynchburg property with the controls being across College Street on their main campus.*

Mr. Newland summarized that through the Technical Review Committee (TRC) there was a request from the University of Lynchburg for a license agreement for the installation of electrical conduits and cable in the City's right-of-way across College Street for the purpose of installing solar arrays on the parking lots.

PDC was in consensus to move this item forward to Council (to be heard before Council on October 23rd.)

3. ***Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Resolution of Support-*** *The following projects were suggested by the newly formed Lynchburg Pedestrian Advisory Committee and are proposed for submission for funding:*

HSIP Rail

1. *Forest Brook Rd. – Add new pedestrian crossing to existing rail crossing.*
2. *Chapel Ln. – Install new grade crossing to replace existing signs only crossing.*

HSIP Bike / Pedestrian

1. *Langhorne Rd. North Side – From Tate Springs to Atherholt*
2. *Wyndale Dr. From Lakeside to Lakeside and to school property on Fleetwood*
3. *Old Graves Mill Road – fill in the gaps from Timberlake Rd. to Graves Mill Road.*
4. *Mountain View Drive – From Laxton Rd. to Wood Rd.*

Mr. Deberry explained with the rail application they are asking to widen the crossing for pedestrian movement. The money is readily available for this and they are asking to use it for Forest Brook Road and Chapel Lane. This area serves about twenty residents.

Council Member Perrow inquired if there was a higher priority crossing than Forest Brook. Mr. Newland explained that other crossings have gates and lights. Council Member Perrow questioned if the crossing at Deport Grille had been looked at for any improvements, as in the concrete. Mr. Deberry explained that to qualify for funding from the HSIP, a crossing has to be an at-grade crossing.

They are working with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on the HSIP Bike/Pedestrian application. The MPO has put together the Lynchburg Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Council Member Wilder asked how this group was formed. Mr. Deberry explained the committee has worked to coordinate this. Council Member Wilder inquired if Florida Avenue would qualify for this funding. Mr. Deberry noted that part of Florida Avenue is funded (through revenue sharing- FY 2020). It is a possibility of pushing it to this year. These applications are for 2023. They are looking at taking out dead spurs, widening the existing structure and putting in pedestrian walks. The Advisory committee came up with a ranking of criteria. They are working with a joint concept with Campbell County. Langhorne, Wyndale and Lakeside are top ranking. The developer is working on the property on Wood Road. Campbell County is in support of the community projects and it appears there is enough Right-of-Way.

Mayor Tweedy asked about Wood Road as by-right. Mr. Newland stated Wood Road will be widened slightly on one side and it will help with the traffic flow.

Council Member Perrow inquired where Old Forest Road fits in to this. Mr. Deberry explained that Old Forest Road is funded. Council Member Perrow stated that they need to watch Old Forest Road for the future with heavy traffic and need to work to slow it down, may be something to make it more of a boulevard.

PDC was in agreement and supports the recommendations.

4. Logans Lane/Leesville Road Turn Lanes Change Order- *The Logans Lane project started as an area wide improvement that included work from Long Meadows Drive to Leesville Road along Fort Avenue/Timberlake Road. After design was started the improvements planned exceeded the project budget so the last portion, turn lane improvements at Leesville Road, was removed from the project. When the project was awarded, the bid was below the budget and staff decided to pursue adding back the turn lane portion to finish the area improvements. Since this is a Virginia Department of Transportation Revenue Sharing Project, the additional work will need to be added to the current contract. The estimated construction cost is over the 25% cap that has to be approved by City Council, so this is to inform PDC and answer any questions before the Agenda Item goes to full council for the October 23, 2018 meeting.*

Mr. Newland stated he brought this to PDC back in May and they have been working with a contractor on an acceptable price for the change orders to add back in turn lanes. This will go to council on October 23rd. They have to bring before Council because the change order is more than 25%. The project originally was a larger project and thought they were going to have to build a bridge. They took the bridge out. It is a \$4.1 million contract, when \$7 million was budgeted.

Council Member Perrow inquired what the revised estimate was. Mr. Newland noted \$6 million, and this is up to about \$5.4 million.

PDC recommended moving this forward to council with their recommendation to approve the

change order.

Roll Call:

Council Member Wilder remarked about trucks on Florida Avenue at KDC backing in and blocking the road.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 13, 2018