

**LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL
PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
Tuesday, August 14, 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, Don Deberry, Greg Poff, Tim Mitchell, Lt. D.L. Couch and Angie Shepard

Others Present Carrie Dungan, The News & Advance; Ed Dawson and Ames Powers with Spring Hill Cemetery

Update on Priority Projects:

--Timberlake Road/Logan's Lane Intersection- Construction underway- ramp opened on schedule
--Wards Ferry Road Improvements @ Heritage- construction underway
--Main Street Bridge- Construction underway-pouring the bridge deck
--Fifth Street Phase 3- Construction underway
--Liberty Mountain Drive- Phase 3- Construction underway
--Odd Fellows Road- Section A and B1- Ribbon Cutting July 30th- Opened to Traffic August 8th; half is open; interchange open through railroad; bridge at railroad will be closed September; bridge closure will be for 18 months
--Odd Fellows Road- Section B2- Construction underway- Bridge to close in September
--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- Update on Condition
--One Way Pairs @501/221- NEPA Document Underway
--Police Department Headquarters- Environmental and Demolition RFP's Being Prepared-P3 Proposal received

General Business:

- 1. *Follow-up on flooding issues at #1130 Villa Road— At the cost of \$10,690, the Department of Water Resources commissioned a study of the City owned drainage system in the Villa Road/Krise Circle neighborhood, as promised at the June 5, 2018, Physical Development Committee meeting. This study was prompted by the flooding issues on private property belonging to Mr. Paul Strock, #1130 Villa Road and adjacent neighbors.***

In summary, the results and recommendations of the study were:

- 1. The City drainage system was designed to a VDOT/City standard 10 year storm event and functions properly under that condition and does not overtop City street curbing;*
- 2. Two recommendations were made for minor piping improvements to the City's system. Water Resources has looked at both recommendations. Neither of the recommendations would affect*

the drainage issues being experienced by Mr. Strock and surrounding neighbors. The recommendations address the random, extreme rainfall events that may pond water in the streets. Therefore, Water Resource's recommendation is not to implement them.

Mr. Poff indicated this item was brought before the June PDC meeting regarding a citizen that was experiencing extreme flooding issues on their property. A study was done and there were two recommendations for drainage on the street, but this is not the issue with the property owner's drainage. The Department of Water Resources is recommending not doing the recommendations and this is a private drainage issue.

Council Member Wilder asked if there were any suggestions the City could provide for the citizen. Mr. Poff said that Mr. Strock had mentioned possibly doing a drainage ditch with his neighbors.

Council Member Dolan inquired if the City would monitor that. Mr. Poff indicated that Mr. Strock would have to do erosion and sediment control.

Council Member Perrow noted this was a challenging one and he feels the City did help by doing an engineering study regarding the issue.

PDC recommendation is in accordance with staff recommendations and there would be no action at this time.

2. *Spring Hill Cemetery- Proposed Utility Vehicle Code- Spring Hill Cemetery requested revisions and additions to City Code Section 25-188.3 as follows:*

Addition of section (5) to the current code to allow utility vehicles use of the following:

(5) In the area of Springhill Cemetery, as follows:

(a) Wythe Road (sidewalk only; must yield to pedestrians), from Fort Avenue to Rives Street;

(b) Rives Street, from Wythe Road to James Street;

(c) Blackburn Street, from Rives Street to Stadium Road;

(d) James Street, from Rives Street to Stadium Road;

(e) Stadium Road, from Blackburn Street to Gordon Street;

(f) Gordon Street, from Stadium Road to Rives Street;

(g) Rives Street, from Gordon Street to Lancaster Street;

(h) Lancaster Street, from Rives Street to Fort Avenue; and

(i) Fort Avenue (sidewalk only; must yield to pedestrians), from Wythe Road to Lancaster Street.

Mr. Deberry explained that Spring Hill's request is for allowing the use of utility vehicles on the roads and sidewalks. The staff objects to utility vehicle use on Wythe and Stadium sidewalks and staff recommends not using certain sections.

Mr. Dawson explained that the cemetery has used utility vehicles for a while on their properties. They are requesting a change in the code after a worker was cited for use of a utility vehicle on the roadway. It would be preferable to keep off the roads, but there are sidewalks that could be used. It is not an all day use, but they do need to use it.

Council Member Perrow asked Ms. Hart about the area right across from the stadium, if Public Works handles this section. Ms. Hart explained that it is the City right-of-way and is maintained two times a year.

Lt. D. L. Couch explained that this is a main through fare and that's LPD's main concern.

Mr. Deberry demonstrated the main concerns on the screen and they have concerns because the utility vehicles are on roads that operate at a higher speed.

Council Member Perrow inquired about the difference between a utility vehicle and a backhoe. Lt. Couch explained there is a smaller line of sight in a utility vehicle and they don't have flashers.

Mr. Deberry noted the concern is that people would be stopping on the roads and doing things. Lt. Couch noted there is a safety concern of use of the utility vehicles on the sidewalks because of pedestrians, bikes, etc. Council Member Perrow stated he is okay with the sidewalk use if there is not a lot of frequency.

Council Member Wilder questioned how often the utility vehicles would be used. Mr. Dawson indicated maybe once a day and then once a week for cutting grass.

Council Member Perrow noted he is in favor of the use of the utility vehicles on the sidewalks of Wythe Road and Fort Avenue, but not on Stadium Road.

PDC is in consensus with the City's recommendations of use of the utility vehicles on the sidewalks of Wythe Road, Fort Avenue and the other roads mentioned, but not for use on Stadium Road.

3. *Review of PDC Guidelines- The Physical Development Committee (PDC) reviews the guidelines every two years to ensure the committee is organized for a high degree of effectiveness and efficiency.*

Mr. Deberry explained that every two years the guidelines for the Physical Development Committee are required to be reviewed. The only change this time is the dollar amount (reallocation of amount greater than \$100,000). There are not proposed changes.

All members were in consensus and accepted the guidelines.

Mr. Deberry provided PDC with an update regarding traffic control requests at the intersection of Atherholt and Yorktown. There has been a history of crashes at this intersection. They are proposing a mini-roundabout, similar to the one at Atlanta Avenue. Businesses (Blue Ridge ENT, Stroobants and the Surgery Center) are in support of the mini-roundabout. This is just in the concept stage right now. They are looking at a design by spring, then the bidding process and probably next summer as a start date.

Roll Call:

Council Member Wilder noted he went to look at College Lake Dam. He extended his appreciation for all of the extra help from staff during this time.

Mayor Tweedy noted the time of PDC had been changed to 8:00 a.m. for schedule coordination. All members agreed 8:00 a.m. was still an agreeable time for the meetings.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 11, 2018