

**LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL
PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
Tuesday, July 14, 2020
8:00 a.m.**

Members: Council Member Treney Tweedy, Chair
Council Member Sterling Wilder
Council Member Chris Faraldi
Mayor Dolan, ex-officio

Staff Present: Bonnie Svrcek
Reid Wodicka
Lee Newland
Kent White
Gaynelle Hart
Marjette Upshur
Patricia Martin

Others Present: N/A

Council Member Tweedy convened the PDC Meeting at 8:00 a.m.

Recent/Pending Contract Awards: Lee Newland

Mr. Newland reported that there were no recent or pending contract awards.

Priority Projects: Lee Newland

1. **Indian Hill Road Bridge** – That is a complete construction by English Construction and was finished early and under budget.
2. **John Capron Road** – This is in construction phase and is underway. There have been some weather delays but otherwise on time. They are putting stone down on the road and should be paving it shortly.
3. **Memorial Ave. Storm Drainage/Reconstruction/Repave** – That is underway and Boxley is performing that work.
4. **Main Street Renewal Project** – Construction is underway and should be finished up sometime in 2021.
5. **Trail from Linkhorne to Ed Page Entrance** – That is underway with Coleman Adams and is progressing nicely.
6. **Lakeside Drive Bridge Over Blackwater - Design-Build** - Awarded to English Construction/AECOM – The design is underway. They are moving along at very fast pace

and should begin construction sometime early to mid-Fall.

7. **One Way Pairs @ 501/221** – Is under design and we have had the 30% plans and they are being reviewed by VDOT and Federal Highways. The VE study was performed in June.
8. **Downtown Water main Replacement & Streetscape 2** – This will be moved to Phase 3 and the design is at about 90%. This project has been shelved awaiting the completion of the Downtown Renewal Project.
9. **Police Department Headquarters** – Is in a pre-design they are doing a Space Needs Assessment. The Geo-Tech & Site Plan Analysis is also underway.
10. **Link Road Bridge** – This is in design. The 90% plans are being reviewed and we are working on easements as part of that project.
11. **Fifth Street Phase 4** – This is in design and we are reviewing 30% plans.

Mrs. Tweedy asked the members if there were any questions. Mr. Wilder questioned whether the Main Street Renewal Project was moving faster due to the pandemic. Mr. Newland responded by stating that they are able to move a little faster due to less traffic. Mr. Newland also indicated that the project is ahead of schedule. Mr. Wilder questioned whether certain blocks would be opened up as they finish or when they finish the whole thing. Mr. Newland responded by stating to his understanding they will be opening up as they finish up. Mr. Wilder asked for confirmation that the Police Department project was in the Needs Assessment piece. Mr. Wilder wanted clarification of the process. Mr. Newland responded by stating that they have already selected an architect for the project. There was a Need Assessment done prior to and that is being reviewed. The Geo-Tech is being reviewed so they know what is in the ground and how to build on top of it. They are also doing a Site Plan Analysis. Mr. Wilder questioned whether that would be done in September. Mr. Newland stated that that was what he understood from the Project Manager.

Mrs. Dolan had a question about the Link Road Bridge. She questioned how traffic would be redirected. Mr. Newland responded by stating the Link Road traffic will be detoured. That there would be several of them and the one that will be posted is Crane Hill over to Langhorne and back out onto Rivermont Terrace. Mr. Newland also stated that you would be able to go Indian Hill if you wanted to.

Mrs. Tweedy questioned the easements that were being worked on for this project. Mr. Newland indicated that there are 5 easements that we need to get and are working on those.

General Business:

1. Physical Development Committee Guidelines - Lee Newland

Mr. Newland advised the Council that whenever we start a new 2 - Year Session on PDC we review the previous guidelines. Mr. Newland indicated that anything can be changed in it if Council decides what they would like to change. Mr. Newland said that he had several recommended changes that he has made to the guidelines. The first one is removing the line

“including the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) program. He indicated that CSO was really big years ago. It was like a separate entity and they are very close to finishing it up and feel it doesn't need to be included in the procedures. The second change is where it states “requests for new items from the general public should be provided, preferably in writing, to the City Engineer two weeks prior to the Committee's scheduled meeting date”. Mr. Newland would like to change this to three weeks because of having to get items reviewed. From staff and administration standpoint in trying to get items ready for this last one it would have only allowed 2 days of review. Mr. Newland is requesting a change to three weeks.

Mrs. Tweedy questioned when the CSO should be finished up. Mr. Wodicka responded by stating 2027 but that the vast majority of big projects are either underway or complete. The legal component is 2027. The big project such as the Waste Water Plant should be finished within a year. There are a variety of other smaller projects. Many of the big construction projects are behind us now.

Mrs. Tweedy questioned whether there was a motion to approve the changes to Physical Development Committee Guidelines. Mr. Wilder made a motion to approve and then was seconded by Mr. Faraldi. The Council voted unanimously to approve the attached guidelines with the changes.

Mr. Newland indicated that the meeting time could be changed. It was agreed to leave the 8:00 a.m. meeting time as is.

Roll Call:

Mr. Wilder recognized Chris Faraldi as a new member of PDC and welcomed him. Mr. Wilder discussed the agenda outline and other aspects of the meeting. He also mentioned that on Capital Projects Mr. Perrow had requested more information such as if the project was on budget or over budget and that he felt that information was helpful. Mr. Wilder indicated that most of concerns have been addressed. He has started sending information to the City Manager or other department and he appreciated their assistance. He also indicated that trash seems to be the major problem.

Mrs. Tweedy explained to Mr. Faraldi that this is the time to bring questions or concerns to the City Manager and staff. Mrs. Svrcek stated not to wait to roll call. That if there are questions or concerns between meetings to let us know.

Mrs. Tweedy indicated that recycle bins at Kroger were being used to dump trash. Mr. Wilder indicated that the same thing was happening at Lakeside Drive. Mrs. Hart indicated that we are investigating those cases and digging through trash to be able to send bills out for \$250.00 thanks to you all approving that in our ordinance. The illegal dumping side is being enforced heavily. We have not yet enforced the brush and bulk in front of the homes. After a review of our outreach efforts we will be to do even more. Mrs. Dolan suggested posting a sign. Mrs. Hart indicated that we are doing that as well. That all the bins are being updated along with signage. A sign will be posted a minimum fee of \$250.00. Cameras as well as staff manning the stations and are seeing citizens dump trash right in front of him. Once the trash hits the ground he is hitting them with the fine. Mr. Wilder mentioned a dumping site at Kemper and Park Avenue. That once it is cleaned up that there is more trash out there. There was general discussion of the exact location Mr. Wilder is speaking of.

Mrs. Hart spoke of putting in the ordinance a specific time that bulk items can be placed for pick

up. She mentioned an outreach for this issue of trash being put out for a bulk pick up. She feels that once the citizens know that the enforcement will begin. People have not yet been told they will be charged a fee.

Mr. Faraldi mentioned the old Arby's at the Plaza where there is very tall grass that is literally 4 and ½ feet tall. Mr. Wodicka indicated that we will take a look at it.

Mrs. Tweedy indicated that the Small Business sign that is almost non-existent at Home Depot. She indicated that she is sending people out there and suggested a sign that they could see would really be great. Mrs. Tweedy mentioned a house on Rivermont Avenue across from the brick church on the corner. Mr. Wodicka mentioned that this was an ongoing issue. Mrs. Tweedy doesn't believe that anyone is living there. Mrs. Tweedy indicated that the grass is overgrown. She was driving through the area and was stopped and the citizen asked what could be done about it. Mr. Wodicka indicated that it will be looked into.

Mrs. Tweedy adjourned the meeting at 8:17 a.m.

Next meeting: August 11, 2020