



CITY OF TOPEKA

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

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Date: August 29, 2023
Time: 9:00am
Location: Virtual meeting only, via Zoom

Committee members Present: Tony Emerson (Chair), Neil Dobler, Michelle Hoferer

City Staff Present: Deputy City Attorney Mary Feighny, Public Works Director Braxton Copley, CFO Freddy Mawyin, Utilities Director Sylvia Davis, Joseph Harrington

Call to Order

Chairman Emerson called the meeting to order at 9:00am. Committee members introduced themselves.

1) Review and Approval of July 11, 2023 Minutes

Committee member Hoferer made a motion to approve the minutes. Committee member Dobler seconded. Minutes approved 3-0-0.

2) 2024 CIP Project Approvals

Public Works Director Copley introduced projects to be requested for approval by the Committee as they relate to the 2024 CIP. As part of the adoption process for the 2024 CIP, there is a requirement to present and receive approval by the Committee and Governing Body for any project with an anticipated cost of over \$250K, prior to soliciting bids. He presented the Committee with the resolution and an overview of the projects. The five projects seeking approval are as follows:

- Valley Park SORT Project - \$1.7M - ARPA. This neighborhood was selected to receive the SORT grant. Staff has identified, and the NIA has approved, a list of projects to include a mill & overlay, full reconstruction, micro-surfacing and some full depth patching.
- North Topeka West NIA (SORT) - \$433K - ARPA. This neighborhood was allocated some additional SORT funding by former City Manager Brent Trout. The NIA has identified three streets in the neighborhood that they would like to have mill & overlaid. That will include a little bit of full depth patching where necessary.

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- SW 6th Oakley to MacVicar - \$655K - Citywide Half-Cent Sales Tax. This is an area that has been discussed at the Governing Body level on a number of times. The aggregate used in that concrete was a soft lime stone and caused failure at the joints, and failure of the panels as well. This project is for full depth concrete repair and panel replacement at those intersections.
- SW MacVicar Ave (S of 6th Avenue 170 feet) - \$310K - Citywide Half-Cent Sales Tax. This is a continuum project to the 6th & MacVicar project. It will also need full depth concrete repair, including fail joints.
- SE 6th and Golden Traffic Signal - \$305K - GO Bonds. This signal is at the end of its lifecycle.
- SW 17th Street and SW Fairlawn Road Traffic Signal - \$310K - ARPA. This signal is past its lifecycle and the mast arm is so badly damaged, that the signals are hanging by cable as a temporary measure.

Committee member Dobler referenced 6th and MacVicar asked about replacing concrete with asphalt. Director Copley stated he had corrected the paper and it will be to replace concrete with concrete.

Committee member Hoferer inquired if the lights at 17th & Fairlawn would be ready for the 17th street project, so that we are ahead of the game, once that project moves forward? Director Copley stated that there would be no conflict in having the signals reconstructed upon that street project occurring.

MOTION: Committee member Hoferer made a motion to approve that the project move forward to the Governing Body. Committee member Dobler seconded. Motion approved 3-0-0.

3) Other Items

Committee member Hoferer inquired if there was an update related to the Polk-Quincy utility projects? Utilities Director Sylvia Davis provided an update. Project two has just closed, it was the first to be bit out from the separate projects. It closed last week. It is a water line only and came in under budget. Construction will begin in early October. The next project was let out for bid and will close September 7th. Staff are hoping to get the next round of bids within the next two weeks. Projects five and six are still under review, due to needing to do some rerouting to avoid some lengthy easement acquisition, but things are moving along. The second project should be getting under construction in November. Staff are looking at scheduling another public open house to help answer questions for the folks impacted in those areas, and anyone else who wanted to attend. More details will follow.

4) Adjourn

Chairman Emerson adjourned the meeting at 9:09am.

The video of this meeting can be viewed at:
https://youtu.be/vWum_qrxmYI?feature=shared