

Public works meeting minutes

April 16, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 AM by Councilman Gonzalez.

Present Stacy Szukala, Bill Rivera, Stephanie Kiyak, Tony Gugino, Al Zurawski, and Mike Michalski.

Reading of minutes of preceeding minutes: Stacy Szukala made a motion to accept the minutes from January 22, 2013 and March 5, 2013, seconded by Mike Michalski. Carried, all voting aye.

Tony Gugino gave a pothole update. He said patching would begin in about 2-3 weeks. They have a complete full inventory made of all the holes. He stated in April or May they will do then do the hot patching.

The playground at Wright Park was then discussed. Andy Gonzalez asked if the Seawall Bike Path Phase III could include new playground equipment. Stacy Szukala stated if not it should be torn down because it is simply not safe. She also suggested maybe the Bill Cease Fund could be used to start a smaller structured playground and then add onto it with the Seawall grant. Tony Gugino said the Bill Cease Fund could be an option. The Washington Park playground used about \$25,000-\$30,000, he thought.

Tony Gugino then discussed current grant programs. He stated that the Phase II funding was a DOT funded grant and Phase III was funded by Senator Young. The two grants were given through separate entities. He explained you can do the Seawall independently and then do Phase III or you can do the 2 project together as 1 and cut some of the cost down. Stacy Szukala asked if the Seawall grant money was close to be expired. She said council is ready to approve a resolution showing their support before they run out of time and lose the money. She said by waiting to do the seawall at a later date it will just get worse and then cost even more money.

Overtime was then discussed. Andy Gonzalez asked if there was a way to minimize the overtime. Tony Gugino explained they would need to hire 2 full time people and increase the personnel line. He stated that the Waste Water and Water Plant has decreased the amount of overtime in the last 2 years because he was allowed to hire operators and fill the vacancies. He mentioned the Streets Department use to have 4 mechanics and now only has 2, and the Water Maintenance Division use to have 5 people and now only has 1. Andy Gonzalez asked if 2 people could possible help and Tony answered yes. Overtime for management was then discussed. Tony Gugino stated the Recycling Plant being opened and all the winter call outs and snow plowing contributed to this overtime and it should soon decrease again. He said the police call them with storm drain and sewer issues and they had to respond.

The weather has contributed to a lot of these hours, but he stressed the fact that he still managed to decrease the overtime over the last couple of years even with lower amount of employees and saved money.

Al Zurawski

Andy Gonzalez asked about “fixing cars on the streets.” Al Zurawski stated minor repairs can be done such as oil change or tire changes, but major repairs have to be done inside a garage such as changing transmissions. If major repairs are being done on the street to please contact the local police.

Bill Rivera asked Al Zurawski about a house in the first ward he couldn’t remember the exact location. The house was in a fire and the inside was destroyed. While they were cleaning the inside of this house they were throwing things on the outside of the house. Al Zurawski said he would look into this issue.

Stacy Szukala asked about 97 West Doughty St. She mentioned the porch roof is starting to come down. She got a call about Lincoln Arms seating area is messy. There are clothes, paper, and trash all over the ground.

43 East Doughty was mentioned. Stacy Szukala said the front porch has debris all over the property. She had heard there could a possibility of no hot water. Al Zurawski said the individual will have to call adult services to check into this.

Bulk pickup will be April and August. Furniture is not allowed on the lawn. Al Zurawski explained they tag the door and then mark the option of the listed programs they are violating. It was stated it might help if we state the procedure on the website and on the calendars that are printed every year.

Stacy Szukala motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:03 PM.