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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

4:45 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Public Works

Bob Macey, Chair; Tom Baker, Tom Duerr, Bethany Hallam, Cindy Kirk, Bob Palmosina and DeWitt Walton, Members

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:53.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA, Allegheny County Manager or designee(s)
Stephen Shanley, Director, Allegheny County Department of Public Works

Mr. McKain was present from the Office of the County Manager.

Mr. Shanley was present from the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Barker was present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 4 - Tom Duerr, Robert Palmosina, Bob Macey and Patrick Catena

Members Absent: 1 - DeWitt Walton

Members Phone: 3 - Tom Baker, Bethany Hallam and Cindy Kirk

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Agenda Items

Ordinances

[11402-20](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny, in conjunction with the Department of Public Works and the Law Department, to convey by special warranty deed two parcels of County-owned vacant land, being more particularly described as (1) 5,955.04 square feet of land being part of Lot and Block 392-A-60 and (2) 12,002.08 square feet of land designated as roadway right-of-way, both parcels of land being situate in the Municipality of Bethel Park, Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to FC Bethel, LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company, for the purpose of inclusion into the Bethel Pines Subdivision development.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. Shanley summarized its provisions, noting that they Department is comfortable with the proposed conveyance. Mr. Molinaro noted that the proposed development would be a housing development that has received approval from Bethel Park, but had inquired about the possibility of acquiring the property at issue, and that the County has no use for the property which was appraised independently at \$2,100.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. Molinaro provided a map and additional detail regarding the property to be conveyed, noting that the arrangement should allow for sufficient right of way for any reasonably foreseeable future County needs.

Mr. Duerr noted that he lives just a minute or two from the proposed development, and

provided a brief overview of the history of the development's creation.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. Molinaro noted that the anticipated average value of the homes in the development would be approximately \$385,000.

The Chair expressed support for the transaction.

Mr. Futules, Mr. Duerr and Mr. Molinaro discussed the site and extent of the development.

A motion was made by Palmosina, seconded by Duerr, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Discussion Topic - Public Works Project Updates

Mr. McKain provided a brief overview of the County's public works activities during the prior year, and with Mr. Shanley and his staff gave both a PowerPoint and hard copy presentation on the subject.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. McKain discussed the importance of Act 89 funding for road and bridge maintenance, and also highlighted the funding for the same purposes generated by the \$5.00 supplemental vehicle registration fee.

The PowerPoint presentation highlighted bridge projects which have reduced structurally deficient bridges in the County by over 56% since 2011, road maintenance and paving which has accounted for over 42 miles of road paving, maintenance of the County's 761 vehicle fleet and new equipment additions, wall and landslide abatement and remediation projects after the third most precipitation on record for the region in a year, snow and ice removal, stormwater drainage inlet maintenance, roadway line painting, signage, storm damage remediation, and the adopt a roadway program.

Mr. Catena, Mr. Zavarella and Mr. Molinaro discussed coordination between County road maintenance and utility work that impacts road conditions.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39.