SUMMARY OF MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

6:14 p.m., Tuesday, December 13, 2016

COMMITTEE ROOM
Room 239, City Hall

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Member Dan Besse, Chair
Council Member John C. Larson, Vice Chair
Council Member Derwin L. Montgomery
Council Member James Taylor, Jr.

Chair Besse called the meeting to order and stated that without objection, the Committee would first consider the Consent Agenda. Council Member Montgomery pulled Item C-2(a). Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the balance of the Consent Agenda and the motion was duly seconded by Council Member Montgomery and carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

C-1. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF KERNERSVILLE FOR THE USE OF $80,000 IN SURFACE TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE WINSTON-SALEM URBANIZED AREA.

C-2. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR REMOVAL OF SIDEWALK PROJECTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BOND SIDEWALK LIST:

b. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF THE KINARD DRIVE SIDEWALK PROJECT FROM THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BOND SIDEWALK LIST.

c. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF THE GOOD HOPE ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT FROM THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BOND SIDEWALK LIST.


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a. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF THE KINARD DRIVE SIDEWALK PROJECT FROM THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BOND SIDEWALK LIST.
Council Member Montgomery requested information concerning the Kinard Drive community, in that desires have come forth to get some stormwater issues resolved. The sidewalks are important however the stormwater issue is more of a priority at this moment. He questioned if there was any flexibility to allocate the funding towards those stormwater concerns.

Mr. Gregory Turner, Assistant City Manager, stated the bond funds categories are specific as to how they are allocated. These projects were approved under transportation. Staff would confer with the attorney’s office to get more information.

In response to Council Member Montgomery, Mr. Turner stated once the project is removed the allocated funds will return back to the area from which they were originally allocated.

Council Member Montgomery made a motion to approve this item. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Taylor and carried unanimously.

GENERAL AGENDA

G-1. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REVISED TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY FOR THE USE OF VERTICAL DISPLACEMENT DEVICES.

Chair Besse gave a summary of the topic.

Council Member Montgomery suggested that staff report back to the Committee on what neighborhoods are using any of these traffic calming measures and how it has impacted the neighbors and the community where Public Safety issues may be the concern.

Council Member Taylor stated the discussion on traffic calming measures is important and government is all about the safety of the neighborhoods and communities. The key factor is to establish a compromise from the Public Safety side in lieu of emergency responders and the communities’ side in terms of what is needed in the communities.

In response to Council Member Larson, Ms. Toneq’ McCullough, Transportation Director, stated there are quite a few traffic calming measures on Oakridge Road and a map can be prepared to get information on other roads that may have six or more.

In response to Council Member Larson, Ms. McCullough stated there are currently three communities that are in the process of voting on whether or not traffic calming measures are needed in their neighborhood. Some neighborhoods may request to have six or more traffic calming devices depending on the roadway conditions.

In response to Council Member Taylor, Ms. McCullough stated in the event the communities do not need six traffic calming measures of the same device there is the flexibility that other types of traffic devices may be considered. It depends strictly on the roadway conditions and how the policy applies to each situation.
Council Member Montgomery and Taylor indicated support for resolution with a provision grandfathering projects that are already underway.

Council Member Taylor requested clarification on what projects underway meant. The consensus was that it meant projects that already had the initial neighborhood meeting.

Council Member Montgomery made a motion to approve this item in the caveat that it only apply to projects where the members of the neighborhoods have not held their initial community to consider traffic calming. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Taylor and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:52 p.m.