

ASHTABULA CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Public Works

DATE: Tuesday, June 1, 2010

TIME & PLACE: 8:07 a.m. – Municipal Building 2nd Floor Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Julie Lattimer (Chair/Ward 4), Mr. August Pugliese (Ward 2)
Mrs. Ann Stranman (Ward 3)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Charles Brockway (Council President/Ex-Officio Member)

**ADMINISTRATION/
STAFF PRESENT:** Clerk of Council LaVette Hennigan

SCHEDULED VISITORS: NONE

**UNSCHEDULED
VISITORS:** Ms. Alice Cook and Ms. Karen Flack (citizens)

MEDIA: NONE

REPORT OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED

1. Traffic Sign Inventory

General Discussion

- * Chair: Public Services Superintendent (PSS) Dominic Iarocci has an inventory and will provide a copy to her;
- * Chair: Does not know how thorough the inventory is;
- * Ward 3: Read a newspaper article regarding the City of Geneva adhering to the recent federal mandate requiring that all communities have reflective beading on their signage, and to have on file a complete road and traffic sign inventory, and a plan for replacing the signage by 2012;
- * Ward 3: Geneva obtained a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to do their work;
- * Ward 3: It was suggested that the City not wait until the last minute to comply; if Geneva knew about the new mandate, the City of Ashtabula should have been notified;
- * Chair: Brenda Sanders, Manager's Executive Assistant said this project can be added to any of the City's applications for CDBG funding; she would look into it, and put the word out that the project could be added to any upcoming CDBG grant activity application; and the Chair knows this project has not been a part of any CDBG grant activity thus far;

ACTION: The Chair will have Public Services Superintendent Dom Iarocci obtain information from the City of Geneva about the new mandate.

2. Traffic Cameras

The Chair reported:

- * She emailed notice of the meeting to Police Chief Rob Stell;
- * She awaits information on the camera installation project and sample legislation for the Committee's review;
- * The project is that of the Police Department and an outside firm;
- * A company proposes to install cameras at certain intersections and receive a percentage of the ticket fine revenue stemming from the tickets issued because of the cameras; and
- * The cameras would be installed at no cost to the City.

General Discussion:

- * Ticket fine amounts and whether to raise them were discussed; it was suggested that the review of fine increases be reviewed separate from the camera project itself;
- * Cleveland and a Cincinnati group's controversy over traffic cameras was mentioned; as well as the problem Geneva had with someone who protested for being fined for going through a yellow caution light.;
- * There is no law regulating the cameras;
- * Cameras should be installed at the dangerous intersections;
- * The consensus was to provide public notice prior to the cameras going operational; and
- * How the cameras worked.

ACTION: The Chair find out:

At which intersections will the cameras be installed;

If future legislation prohibits the cameras may the contract be cancelled without penalty?

When City of Ashtabula ticket fines were last increased;

Should City of Ashtabula ticket fines be increased?

When is the anticipated install date; and

How will the public be notified.

Mrs. Stranman moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded, to take the camera legislation out of Committee and bring it to full Council with, questions addressed, and for full Council input; motion CARRIED.

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MISCELLANEOUS

The Chair reported:

- * The new Public Works Department tractor arrived;
- * The new Sanitation Department dump truck is scheduled to arrive next week;
- * PSS Iarocci will have Code Enforcement check on the newly constructed fence on the corner of Hope Avenue and Route 20 because the fence violates the City's size restrictions; and
- * The 2010 Paving Program was bid out; who was awarded the contract is unknown; an update is needed;

The Ward 3 Councilor reported:

- * PSS Iarocci was advised and will be reminded of the sewer grate missing at the corner of Station Avenue and West 36th Street;
- * PSS Iarocci was advised and will be reminded of a sunken sewer grate located on Michigan Avenue at PlastiColors shipping and receiving driveway; and
- * PSS Iarocci was advised and will be reminded of a citizen's request for the placement of a handicap crossing sign on West Avenue between 38th and 39th Street.

Mrs Stranman moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Scribe: LaVette E. Hennigan, MMC, Clerk of Council