

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

DATE: September 10, 2009

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:04 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 6:21 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDING MEMBERS

Benjamin Hunter, Chairman
Ginny Cain
Brian Mahern
Dane Mahern
Angela Mansfield
Janice McHenry
Mary Moriarty Adams
Christine Scales
Mike Speedy

ABSENT MEMBERS

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 124, 2009 - reappoints Mark F. Rumreich to the Marion County Stormwater Management Technical Advisory Committee
"Tabled" Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 132, 2009 - amends the Code to add a new Article VI in Chapter 261 establishing a Green Fleet Policy
"Tabled" Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 172, 2009 - authorizes one-way restrictions on Waldemere Avenue and Alley 1175 South (District 13)
"Tabled" Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 214, 2009 - approves the purchase of certain land owned by Donro, Inc. by the Department of Public Works for construction of a stormwater improvements project
"Tabled" Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 342, 2009 - authorizes parking restrictions on Michigan Street between College Avenue and Leon Street (District 9)
"Do Pass" Vote: 9-0

PROPOSAL NO. 343, 2009 - authorizes a multi-way stop at the intersection of Burgess Avenue and Spencer Avenue (District 21)

“Do Pass”

Vote: 9-0

BUDGET HEARING

Ben Davis Conservancy District
Review and Analysis

PROPOSAL NO. 320, 2009 - adopts the annual budget for the Solid Waste Collection Special Service District for 2010

“Do Pass”

Vote: 9-0

PROPOSAL NO. 321, 2009 - adopts the annual budget for the City of Indianapolis and Marion County for 2010 (Public Works portion only)

“Do Pass”

Vote: 9-0

PROPOSAL NO. 322, 2009 - adopts the annual budget for the Ben Davis Conservancy District for 2010

“Postpone” until October 1, 2009

Vote: 9-0

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Public Works Committee of the City-County Council met on Thursday, September 10, 2009. Chairman Benjamin Hunter called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. with the following members present: Ginny Cain, Brian Mahern, Janice McHenry, Mary Moriarty Adams, Christine Scales and Mike Speedy. Councillors Dane Mahern and Angela Mansfield arrived shortly thereafter. General Counsel Robert Elrod represented Council staff.

Chairman Hunter stated that the first four proposals were added to the agenda because they had previously been postponed to a date certain, and the committee needs to clean up pending items and table these items so that they can be brought forth on the agenda when they are ready to be heard.

PROPOSAL NO. 124, 2009 - reappoints Mark F. Rumreich to the Marion County Stormwater Management Technical Advisory Committee

Councillor Speedy moved, seconded by Councillor Cain, to “Table” Proposal No. 124, 2009. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 132, 2009 - amends the Code to add a new Article VI in Chapter 261 establishing a Green Fleet Policy

Councillor Speedy moved, seconded by Councillor Cain, to “Table” Proposal No. 132, 2009. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 172, 2009 - authorizes one-way restrictions on Waldemere Avenue and Alley 1175 South (District 13)

Councillor Scales moved, seconded by Councillor Moriarty Adams, to “Table” Proposal No. 172, 2009. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 214, 2009 - approves the purchase of certain land owned by Donro, Inc. by the Department of Public Works for construction of a stormwater improvements project

Councillor Speedy moved, seconded by Councillor McHenry, to “Table” Proposal No. 214, 2009. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Chairman Hunter asked for consent to hear Proposal Nos. 342 and 343, 2009 together. Consent was given.

PROPOSAL NO. 342, 2009 - authorizes parking restrictions on Michigan Street between College Avenue and Leon Street (District 9)

PROPOSAL NO. 343, 2009 - authorizes a multi-way stop at the intersection of Burgess Avenue and Spencer Avenue (District 21)

Chairman Hunter said that Proposal No. 343, 2009 is the result of a request from citizens in his district. He said that they could not be in attendance this evening, but he would appreciate the committee's support.

[Clerk's Note: Councillors D. Mahern and Mansfield arrived at 6:07 p.m.]

Nathan Sheets, senior project manager for the Department of Public Works (DPW), stated that due to the bike lanes installed in that area, Proposal No. 342, 2009 will improve commute times for those using that stretch of Michigan Street. Chairman Hunter asked if Councillor Jackie Nytes, in whose district these restrictions are being proposed, is in favor of the proposal. Mr. Sheets responded in the affirmative.

Councillor Speedy moved, seconded by Councillor Cain, to send Proposal Nos. 342 and 343, 2009 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 9-0.

BUDGET HEARING

Ben Davis Conservancy District

Chairman Hunter asked if anyone is present from the Conservancy to present their budget. Finding no representative in attendance, Robert Elrod, General Counsel, stated that he believes James Steele, Council Chief Financial Officer (CFO), went over the budget with representatives and drafted the proposal from numbers provided to him on a form prepared for the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). He said that there is no increase over last year, but by law the Council is now required to approve the Conservancy's budget due to House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1001. Chairman Hunter said that he remembers last year being the first year the Conservancy was scheduled to report and that they did not show up at the original hearing and were called in to a later meeting. He said that while he knows the law requires the Council's approval, he feels the Conservancy has the responsibility to show up and present their budget to the committee in order to gain approval.

Councillor Mansfield asked since the DLGF has pushed back budget deadlines, if the committee could postpone the proposal to the next meeting and act on it after the regular budget passage. Mr. Elrod said that he believes they technically have until November 1, 2009 to approve the budgets and could therefore postpone the proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 322, 2009 - adopts the annual budget for the Ben Davis Conservancy District for 2010

Chairman Hunter stated that he would like to see the proposal postponed, and would like for the clerk to contact the Conservancy and explain to them the importance of appearing before the committee, and that if they do not show up to present their budget, it will not be approved.

Councillor D. Mahern added that he would like to make it clear for the viewing public that the Council does not take the decisions that they are charged with making lightly, and that those wanting to have something approved need to also take the time to adequately inform the committees so that they can make good decisions.

Councillor Speedy moved, seconded by Councillor Moriarty Adams, to "Postpone" Proposal No. 322, 2009 until October 1, 2009. The motion carried by a vote of 9-0.

Review and Analysis

Chairman Hunter asked for consent to vote on Proposal Nos. 320 and 321, 2009 together. Consent was given.

PROPOSAL NO. 320, 2009 - adopts the annual budget for the Solid Waste Collection Special Service District for 2010

PROPOSAL NO. 321, 2009 - adopts the annual budget for the City of Indianapolis and Marion County for 2010 (Public Works portion only)

Chairman Hunter said that the only change from the budget presented was due to the department joining the environmental group, but he did not see an amendment for that. Michael Williams, Chief Financial Officer for DPW, said that this does not need an amendment and can be done internally.

Councillor Speedy asked for an explanation of Proposal No. 320, 2009. Mr. Williams said that this is part of the overall DPW budget, and those numbers were all presented in their full budget presentation. However, for bookkeeping and reporting purposes, the management of solid waste collection and disposal is acted on in a separate ordinance. Councillor Speedy asked if this is an actual physical district or covers the entire county. Mr. Williams said that the budget is for services county-wide.

Chairman Hunter stated for the viewing public that the budget has already been presented in-depth and this is simply a review. He said that he does not want it to seem as if the committee is acting hastily and is not spending the time needed to review the budget numbers. He added that DPW staff has been very helpful in answering questions and getting additional information to committee members, so that they can make informed decisions. He said that the Public Works Committee is a good

committee of which to be a member, because they work well to do what is best for the taxpayer without partisanship.

Councillor Speedy moved, seconded by Councillor Moriarty Adams, to send Proposal No. 320, 2009 and the Public Works portion of Proposal No. 321, 2009 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 9-0.

Chairman Hunter said that now that the budget process is completed for the committee, he wants to look toward cleaning up pending issues and said that he will be working on bringing forth the Green Fleet proposal. He urged Councillors D. Mahern and B. Mahern to work together with Councillor Ed Coleman to be ready to move on the motorcycle parking ordinance and for Jeff Roeder, DPW Council Liaison, to be ready to move on the Donro proposal as soon as possible. He added that he has spoken with Councillor Robert Lutz on the Waldemere traffic proposal and believes Councillor Lutz is working on bringing that forward for a vote. He asked the clerk to look into the pending appointment proposals to advise when they can also be scheduled for final disposition.

There being no further business, and upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Benjamin Hunter, Chairman

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