

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
CITY OF FORT THOMAS
TUESDAY JANUARY 25, 2022

Chairman Ken Bowman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday January 25, 2022 in the “Mess Hall” building. Committee members present: Ken Bowman, Adam Blau. Others present: City Administrative Officer Ron Dill, City Engineer Frank Twehues, Director of General Services Kevin Barbian.

Chairman Bowman explained the resurfacing program, and that the public hearing was being conducted in compliance with state statute.

City Engineer, Frank Twehues, described the construction methods and scope of work for the streets involved in the program.

City Administrator, Ron Dill, provided a funding report for the resurfacing program.

Chairman Bowman then asked for public comments. The floor was opened for public comment associated with Avon Place (no comments), Carolina Avenue:

Mike Templeton, 26 Carolina – commented that there are several utility cuts present on their street, most from NKWD, and wondered if they were going to schedule a main replacement ahead of resurfacing. He also discussed the issue of trees along his property and all of Linden Ave. and whether they are scheduled for removal with sidewalk repair. Also if there is any cost for trees/sidewalks to the residents. Kevin Barbian explained that the trees are being evaluated by the city’s Tree Commission with recommendations for any removals. He also reminded that sidewalks would be replaced in those areas with no cost to property owners.

Jim Buller, 2 Carolina – also commented on tree conflicts and stated that he has damaged curb adjacent to his driveway apron in need of repair. Ron Dill suggested that we visit on-site to review location/need.

The floor was then opened for public comment associated with Linden Avenue and/or Linden Court:

Kurt Freyberger, 30 Linden Ave. - reiterated the concern about sidewalk conditions resulting from trees.

Stan Spritzky, 26 Linden Court – requested that curb replacement be considered for this street. He indicated that the road is very level and driver jump the “lack of” curb.

The floor was then opened for public comment associated with Hawthorne Ave:

Tim Hodery, 18 Hawthorne Ave. – asked if they could receive a rolled curb v a box style being proposed. Frank Twehues explained that the rolled curb would require extending 18” beyond the existing edge of pavement v. 6” being proposed. The increased cost and impact on the grass medians were discussed further.

Tiffany Huber, Hawthorne Ave. – asked what the life expectancy of a new street surface would provide. Frank Twehues offered that the current overlay lasted twenty years and typical is approximately 20-25 years dependent on a number of factors.

This portion of the hearing was closed at approximately 7:15 pm

Chairman Ken Bowman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. to consider the remaining streets in the program.

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Chairman Bowman then asked for public comments. The floor was opened for public comment associated with Altamont Court:

Barbara Twehues, 17 Altamont – asked if traffic would be maintained during construction. Frank Twehues explained the process and that access should be open to residents at all times during construction.

The floor was then opened for public comment associated with Bivouac Place:

Carl Hicks, 79 Bivouac - questioned whether the narrower portion of Bivouac would receive a different front foot rate. Frank Twehues explained that currently all the costs are tied into the entire street width but staff can review the street widths/assessment.

Connie Morgan, 27 Bivouac – asked about utility coordination and whether they would be able to contract to have their entire driveway replaced. Ron Dill explained that the driveway could not be included under the city's contract and suggested that they reach out to the city contractor after award to request direct pricing.

Chris Cavacinni, 58 Bivouac – reiterated the question regarding the two different road width and if adjustment may be warranted.

The floor was then opened for public comment associated with Rossmore Avenue:

Chris Swinford, 54 Rossmore – wanted to make sure that the properties on the corner were included in the assessment totals. He noted that there have been a number of total rebuild homes and new construction at the end of the street that have affected the street and questioned if those owners should contribute more to the cost. Mr. Bowman referenced that the street hasn't been resurfaced since 1986 so it was well past life expectancy for a surface.

Mike Fergason, 25 Rossmore – stated that he did a rebuild of his home and offered that he would potentially add to his portion of the assessment to offset cost to his neighbors.

Alex Walker, 30 Rossmore – asked the process/timing moving forward. Is the price quoted the cost before splitting with the City?

Samantha Swinford, 54 Rossmore – ask if the builder of the new home could be required to pay for damage to her driveway from all the trucks that turned into her driveway.

The floor was then opened for public comment associated with Tower Hill Road:

David Guidugli, 51 Tower Hill – wanted clarification of the front foot cost.

Jennifer Goble, 135 Tower Hill – expressed concern of the amount of water/drainage that comes into the street from the adjacent properties on Donnelly Drive. She shared photos of the amount of drainage present during storms. She also suggested that the street be closed to through traffic. Others present added to the discussion that there are significant water problems in the area she identified. Discussion continued on the need to evaluate this area. It was agreed that the city engineer should visit the location and provide recommendation.

Jay Simpson, 166 Tower Hill – stated that the public right of way does not extend in front of his home and therefore no assessment should be levied. He stated that they were not assessed the last time the street was completed. Ron Dill stated that the city has never waived assessments and that if he had information to provide evidence of the right of way issue, the city would review it.

There being no further business before the committee, the public hearing was closed at approximately 8:15 p.m.