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PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSIT COMMITTEE
AND
TRAFFIC COMMISSION

June 8, 2016 10:00 a.m.
Sam King Room – 601 Broad Street

PRESENT: Commissioner Sundai Stevenson, Chairwoman
Commissioner Bill Irscher
Mr. Sammy Rich, City Manager
Mr. Kirk Milam, P.E., Public Services Manager
Mr. Chris Jenkins, Public Works Director
Mr. Steven Foy, P.E., Assistant Public Works Director
Mr. Aaron Carroll, Engineering Services Director
Ms. Sheree Shore, Finance Director
Ms. Kathy Shealy, Transit Department Director
Mr. Stan Rogers, Cemetery Department Director

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Stevenson called the meeting to order.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the April meeting were approved by common consent.

POLICE REPORTS

May Traffic Accident /DUI Report

The Accident Report was distributed for review.

TRANSIT OPERATIONS

Financial Report for March 2016

Ms. Shore presented the April Financial report. She noted that the Mainline service revenue is slightly below where it was this time last year. Tripper service is up slightly because the payments from the School Board have increased, and it is on budget. Paratransit is affected by timing of the contract service which puts us a little behind this time last year. Advertising revenue is slightly behind where it was last year as well. We have received three months of operation reimbursements in April which catches us up on our reimbursement requests.

Under expenses, labor is up about 12% due to being at full staff. Materials and supplies are still down slightly from last year. Overall expenses are up slightly and the ending cash balance is a little over \$1.1 million.

Commissioner Irmischer asked how non-payment on advertising is handled. Ms. Shealy said advertising is paid in advance and is handled by Jackie Moreland with Hype. Mr. Milam added that if a subscription lapses the advertisement will be removed. Commissioner Irmischer asked why advertising was down. Mr. Milam replied ad space sales are down. Ms. Shealy added she has had several inquiries lately and expects sales to increase.

OLD BUSINESS

Joy Fest Report

Mr. Rogers reported that the South Rome Redevelopment Corporation with the sponsorship of five local funeral homes held the first Joy Fest concert on May 14th on the lawn of the Myrtle Hill Mausoleum. He noted there were eighty attendees which was a good turnout considering how many different events were going on in town at the time. The program featured inspirational, spiritual and patriotic music. Performers included the Lovejoy Baptist Church Choir, Westminster Presbyterian Church Choir, the Just as I Am Singers and Anna K Davie Elementary School Chorus. The Shanklin-Attaway American Legion Post 5 closed the event with a 21 gun salute followed by a bugler playing Taps.

Technology Parkway Culvert Repairs

Mr. Jenkins updated the Committee on the culvert repairs on Technology Pkwy. He noted that a GDOT inspection a couple of years ago concluded the pipes were crushing under the weight of traffic which indicated to them that a weight limit should be put on road crossing over them.

After further study, staff noted the pipe was misshapen during the installation process in 1985 and does not require a weight limit change. However, the rust on the floor of the pipe was troubling. To remedy this problem, Mr. Jenkins noted that inmate labor was used to create a new concrete base through the floor of the pipe for a total cost of approximately \$2500. Mr. Milam added the new base should last for the remainder of the life of the current pipe which is anticipated to be between 10 to 15 years. Mr. Jenkins added that GDOT has determined that with the repairs completed a weight limit change is not needed.

Commissioner Irmischer asked if there were other areas like this around the city we should be concerned about. Mr. Milam replied that the GDOT routinely inspects all bridges and culverts in the City and maintains a condition rating on them. They report their findings to us as in this case so we can address issues as needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Speed Limit Signs for PTV in Stonebridge

Mr. Foy reported that with the passing of the PTV ordinance in March, the use of PTV's in 25 mph zones is authorized with the proper registration and license. Much of downtown is already posted at 25 mph and additional areas were posted since the ordinance was passed. Since many Stonebridge residents already use PTV's, he recommended lowering their speed limit from 30 to 25 mph. He noted there are several other neighborhoods we may also consider lowering to 25 mph in the future. Mr. Milam added that with the publicity after the ordinance was implemented in the downtown area, there are more PTV's showing up in neighborhoods. Our focus with the ordinance was primarily the downtown area and the hotels but since its implementation, there is ample evidence that we need to address it in Stonebridge.

Commissioner Irscher moved to lower the speed limit to 25 mph in the Stonebridge Subdivision. Commissioner Stevenson seconded. The motion carried.

Request to Close Portion of Chambers St., June 18th 4 – 9 pm

Mr. Jenkins presented a request to close a portion of Chambers St. for the annual Chambers St. 4 Kids Father's Day event. This is the fifth year for this event and there have been no complaints or problems associated with it so far. He recommended approving the request.

Commissioner Irscher moved to approve the request. Commissioner Stevenson seconded. The motion carried.

Request to Close a Portion of E. 6th Ave Sept. 18th, 4 – 8 pm

Mr. Jenkins presented a request from Seven Hills Fellowship Church to close the block of E. 6th Ave from Broad Street to E. 1st Street for a block party. The event will take place from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm and the closure will begin at 2:00 pm to begin the set-up of inflatables and food tables, and will end at 9:00 pm. He noted that the 18th is a Sunday and the neighboring businesses will be closed. This is the second year they have held this event and there were no complaints or problems noted last year.

Commissioner Irscher moved to approve the request. Commissioner Stevenson seconded. The motion carried.

Right-of-Way Deed for a Section of West 3rd St.

Mr. Carroll reported that a right turn lane was created on West 3rd Street at Second Avenue a couple of years ago to improve traffic flow. He noted that recent surveys showed that the travel lane goes further towards the stadium than it once did leaving a portion of the sidewalk inside a strip of property owned by the City but not designated as right-of-way. With this deed, we are changing the City's fee simple ownership of this strip of property to a right-of-way that extends to the back side of the sidewalk. This staff recommended corrective action will create uniformity for the right-of-way boundary with respect to the sidewalk and the property boundary for the stadium property as well.

Mr. Milam added with the recommendation of this Committee, the deed will be forwarded to the City Commission for approval. Mr. Jenkins presented a copy of the deed with a plat of the property to be dedicated as right-of-way.

Commissioner Irmischer moved to recommend the Right-of-Way deed to the City Commission. Commissioner Stevenson seconded. The motion carried.

'Garbage Man Day' Celebrated June 16th

Mr. Jenkins reported that National Garbage Man Day falls on the 17th this year but we will be celebrating it with our employees on the 16th with a luncheon at 1:00pm at the Civic Center. The Commissioners are invited to attend.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Departmental Reports

The monthly reports were distributed for review.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Hollingsworth

Margaret W. Hollingsworth, Secretary