

Council Study Committee
July 15, 2019
7:35 p.m.
Minutes

Members present: Mayor Kelly B. Shaw, Council members Shirley Clark, Joe Gezel, Bob Kling, Greg Marchant, John Parker and Greta Southall.

Also present were: Ryan Waller, Andy Lent, Diana Bowlin, Charlie Dissell, Doug Bylund, Michelle Patrick and Jason Etnyre.

Sara Kurovski spoke regarding the Capital Crossroads-Storm Water Management. Highlights of the discussion included:

- City staff, developers and consulting engineers spent nine afternoons from May to October attending trainings about stormwater management. Three key lessons from this series:
 - Managing stormwater is a key regional priority
 - Everyone is facing more frequent, more intense storms that result in increased flooding, additional risk to infrastructure and significant erosion.
 - Additional tools and design methods are available to address ongoing and increasing stormwater issues for existing and new developments.
- What local governments are contributing – in Indianola capital expenses for FY 20 are expected to be \$430,000.
- Stormwater concerns/issues
- Potential for stormwater damage
- An enhanced approach – moving forward, using the latest methodologies and best practices will help address known problems and provide a more consistent and effective approach to stormwater management. Proactive design is cheaper and less disruptive long-term

Jim Harbaugh of Bolton and Menk presented the City Square Streetscape Plan. Highlights of the plan include:

- Create a more pedestrian friendly, inviting and activated space where businesses thrive and where residents and visitors choose to spend time.
- Next steps to support project include:
 - Complete final engineering design
 - Establish an easement with Warren County for the portion of the county-owned parcel that extends into the street area.
 - Continue to coordinate construction and design efforts with Warren County for the benefit of the construction of the justice center and the streetscape enhancements.
 - Expand public parking opportunities throughout downtown.
 - Implement a wayfinding system that include signage from Highway 92 to Highway 65.
 - Implement a phased approach to extend the common design elements of the streetscape into other areas of the downtown.
 - Pursue grant funding opportunities to finance the streetscape enhancement project.
- The refined and preferred alternative features two-way traffic, parallel parking on the business side of the square, angled parking on the inside of the square, bump-outs with colored crosswalks for pedestrian safety, signage/wayfinding locations, raised planters, outdoor furniture and fixtures. North Howard Street is designed so that it can be closed for special events and utilize the justice center as a stage area.
- The opinion of probable cost was also discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.