Safety & Service Committee
Tuesday, May 7, 2024 - 5:00 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

   Present - Chairman Ryan Green, Dave Selan, Jeff Barr
   Absent - None

   Staff present - Sean Staneart - City Manager, Dave Delande - Finance Director, Jack Liggett - Service Director, Rusty Smart - Chief of Police, Don Barnard - Mayor, Wes Kobel - City Council, Mike Keller - City Engineer/EMH&T, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

   Public present – Mike Keller – EMH&T, Nick Hubbell, William Murdock - MORPC, Parag Agrawal - MORPC, Maria Schaper - MORPC

2. Action on Minutes

   a. April 4, 2024

ACTION:	Ryan Green moved to approve; Dave Selan seconded and all were in favor.
AYES:	Ryan Green, Dave Selan, Jeff Barr
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
	Passed 3 - 0

3. EMH&T / Update and Discussion

   a. Bigelow Drive Traffic Signal / Local Corridor Study

   Sean Staneart said that we have received a proposal from EMH&T for $6,500 to do a warrant study for the Bigelow Drive traffic signal. There was a previous committee discussion on the other traffic lights in the area, Westview Drive, and looking at the area holistically and globally rather than just the Bigelow light. Mike Keller with EMH&T attended to provide more about that and what it would look like. He provided some overhead images of the larger corridor and discussed considerations for vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian traffic and connectivity. Discussion on round-a-bouts to keep traffic moving, connectivity of trails and access to the downtown. Asked for feedback on doing a larger corridor study in order to develop a vision for what the city wants the area to look like and be able to give its desired outcomes to ODOT. Options discussed for turning on the Bigelow traffic signal; Mr. Staneart said this could be a multi-step/multi-year project; they recognize there are unanswered questions and they will continue to work toward a finite solution and get something better than just the immediate solution that maybe no one is happy with. Committee opinion was to leave the Bigelow traffic light off until a larger study can be done. EMH&T to coordinate with MKSK on planning and providing the cost of the larger study.

   b. Pedestrian Crossing Downtown

   Mike Keller with EMH&T provided and reviewed renderings of existing conditions and what the proposed changes would be for improving the safety of pedestrian crossings and making the area a more walkable town center. He said it would be ideal to make any improvements ahead of the 2026 ODOT resurfacing project. Discussion on the number of crosswalks; Pratt, Phalen and at the square, potential for consolidating to one crossing and using bump-outs, further discussion on parking. Mr. Staneart said the goal tonight was to piggyback off of the American Legion conversation on putting up a flashing light; is there a short term/medium term/long term that we could "walk into" and knowing that any improvements that we do, point to a long term solution. Mr. Staneart said he was looking for direction that if this is something council likes, the proposal from EMH&T to design would be the first piece. Then they would engineer it and begin to get some cost estimates to move forward with this project knowing there is a pedestrian issue there, or, do they just want to put up some flashers for now. Mr. Staneart said he just wanted them to be aware of the long term solution and what the costs would look like. Mr. Keller said that the design costs for the two intersections with all the resurfacing, grading, storm water/drainage is $36,000.

Mr. Orsini asked if there would be an opportunity to look at the SR 37 school crossings in the same manner. Mr. Keller said that would be a good qualifier for an OPWC project.

c. Concord area flooding

Mr. Keller provided handouts and said with recent rain events, and even before, there has been flooding and ponding of the larger Concord Crossing area. When the developments were done, all of the stormwater management was done individually. EMH&T wants to look to see how they were all interacting together, they are proposing a more regional study of where the flooding is occurring, at the Dog Park, the mastodon preserve, some businesses and properties and then optimize what needs to be done. This discussion can continue to the next committee meeting.

4. LCATS to MORPC consideration

Mr. Staneart said that in his last manager report, he indicated a possible shift from LCATS to MORPC, in relation to the transportation needs for the area. William Murdock, Parag Agrawal and Maria Schaper, all with MORPC attended for a presentation and an opportunity for questions. They provided background, Metropolitan Planning Organization information, how the change process would work along with benefits and considerations for the switch. If council were in favor of making this move, it would not happen until 2025 and could be approved by Resolution. If council does express an intent to do this, MORPC would want to ensure the city is immediately involved in committees and funding processes so that the moment they are in, they don’t skip a beat and have to wait on having access to funds.

5. Police Chief Director Report - discussion on data reported

No discussion due to time

6. Code Enforcement Activity Report - Committee requested

No discussion due to time

7. Other Business

No further business.

8. Adjourn

Mr. Green moved to adjourn, Mr. Selan seconded and all were in favor. Motion passed 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.