



Action Summary - Final Public Works Committee

Chair Brandon Coan (D-8)
Vice Chair Robin Engel (R-22)
Committee Member Paula McCraney (D-7)
Committee Member Bill Hollander (D-9)
Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20)
Committee Member Nicole George (D-21)
Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

4:00 PM

Council Chambers

Call to Order

Chair Coan called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair Coan introduced the committee members and non-committee members present. A quorum was established.

***NOTE: All committee members and non-committee members present attended virtually.**

Present: 7 - Chair Brandon Coan (D-8), Vice Chair Robin Engel (R-22), Committee Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Committee Member Bill Hollander (D-9), Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20), Committee Member Nicole George (D-21), and Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Council Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3), Council Member Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4), Council Member Donna Purvis (D-5), President David James (D-6), Council Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19) and Council Member James Peden (R-23)

Support Staff

Robbie Howard, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Travis Fiechter, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Special Discussion

1. [ID 20-1250](#)

Mowing Vacant, Abandoned and Other City Properties

**Robert Kirchdorfer, Phil Crowe, and Darrell Coomer, Codes and Regulations;
Vanessa Burns, Brian Funk, and Tim Maier, Public Works**

Robert Kirchdorfer, Codes and Regulations gave a presentation.

The following spoke to this item:

- Vanessa Burns, Public Works
- Brian Funk, Public Works
- Council Member Purvis
- Committee Member Benson
- Philip Crowe, Code and Regulations
- President James
- Council Member Shanklin

The following was discussed:

- COVID 19 has made it a real challenging year with crews down 50%
- 5 cutting crews on daily base
- The 3 inmates crews grounded because of COVID 19
- Down 5 out of 10 mowing crews
- Codes and Regulations also does graffiti repair and boarding houses
- CARES Act funds approved in July to bid crews for replace inmate crews
- Annual vacant property and regular referrals through property maintenance
- Awarded 3 bid packages to 2 different contractors
- Bid in bundles of 75 to 80 lots each
- Awarded a 4th bid to contactor of 82 lots
- Wet conditions and tall grass are reasons for being behind on mowing
- Public Works helping with mowing
- Impacted by COVID 19 with attendance in employees
- Lots on cycles in work order
- Cost per lot for private contractors is \$120 per lot
- MSD mows and maintains flood control areas
- Parks Department mows all public parks
- Road and Operation mows public right-of-way non-interstate portion through contractors
- Metro Council requested a map of lots of where private contractors mow
- Question of what is the time line to complete lots
- Check into contracting the youth to cut the grass next year
- Question why certain areas are ignored and not mowed on a cycle

Pending Legislation

2. [R-116-20](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY ATTORNEY TO BRING A CONDEMNATION ACTION AGAINST THE OWNERS OF CERTAIN PROPERTY, PARCEL NO. TWO (2), IN JEFFERSON COUNTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE TUCKER STATION ROAD PROJECT.

Sponsors: Primary Stuart Benson (R-20)

Attachments: [R-116-20 V.1 091720 Condemnation Action Against Owners Parcel No 2.pdf](#)
[R-116-20 Exhibit A - Monica Kute Parcel - Legal Description.pdf](#)
[R-116-20 Exhibit B - Monica Kute Parcel Acquisition.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Benson and seconded by Committee Member McCraney, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

Mike Penick, Public Works, gave a presentation.

The following spoke to this item:

- Travis Fiechter, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
- Committee Member Benson
- Chair Coan

The following was discussed:

- Parcel of property that alignment are off
- Bringing intersections into alignment
- Tried to negotiate settlement on property with no agreement
- Property owner will receive compensation as determined by neutral arbiter and a judge
- Exhibit A and Exhibit B are included
- Fair market value of property after appraisal is \$5400

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Resolution was sent to the Consent Calendar.

3. [R-118-20](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY ATTORNEY TO BRING A CONDEMNATION ACTION AGAINST THE OWNERS OF CERTAIN PROPERTY, PARCEL NO. THREE (3), IN JEFFERSON COUNTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE WHIPPS MILL ROAD AND LAGRANGE ROAD INTERSECTION.

Sponsors: Primary Paula McCraney (D-7)

Attachments: [R-118-20 V.1 and Exhibit A 091720 Whipps Mill Rd - LaGrange Rd Condemnation Action.pdf](#)
[R-118-20 Exhibit B - Weiter and Perkins Parcel Acquisition.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Benson, and seconded by Committee Member Engel, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

Mike Penick, Public Works, gave a presentation.

The following spoke to this item:

- Travis Fiechter, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
- Committee Member McCraney

The following was discussed:

- Small area adjacent to roadway
- On private property
- Adding sidewalks on both sides of road
- Offered \$1,000, property owner wanted close to \$13,000
- Fair market price is being offered

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Resolution was sent to the Consent Calendar.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Coan adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Note: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting on October 8, 2020.