

STREET MAINTENANCE ADVISORY AND APPEALS BOARD
MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 13, 2020

Public notice having been posted, the Street Maintenance Advisory and Appeals Board meeting was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 555 Walnut Street, 2nd Floor, Council Chambers, Abilene, Texas 79601.

Board Members Present:

Kenneth (Ken) B. Martin, P.E.
Wayne Lanham
Kristina C. Davis
Joey Devora
Matthew M. Lubin, Sr.

Others Present:

Greg McCaffery, P.E., CFM, Director of Public Works
Michael Rice, P.E., Assistant City Manager
Stanley Smith, City Attorney
Scott Chandler, City Engineer, P.E.
Rodney Abila, Street Services Manager
Ruth Garcia, Executive Assistant

Board Members Absent:

James Bridwell
Michael Schultz, P.E.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by chair, Ken Martin.

1. Approval of the minutes from the January 30, 2020 meeting.

2. Greg McCaffery presented 3 major areas in which staff is looking for the Board's guidance or recommendation regarding the 2022 Street Maintenance Program. The first item is within a group where funding would come from the DCOA (Development Corporation of Abilene). He said \$2 million is anticipated from the DCOA in 2022. This will be the 3rd year receiving a pledge of \$2 million from the DCOA. DCOA indicated a pledge to pay \$8 1/2 million, so 2023 would be the last year of the five years and the City would be looking at \$1 million with proceeds of \$6.5 million coming in from the Street Maintenance fee for a total of \$8.5 million within the program. Mr. McCaffery said the Board has a major listing of 29 major projects. This includes 3 zones in the North end of town and 3 on the South end. The next area is broken down into 19 intersection improvements, 8 on the North end of the City and 11 on the South end, with no traffic signalization improvements or pedestrian improvements. Funding source for these intersections would be the Street Maintenance Fee fund. Mr. McCaffery said the largest portion of this maintenance program is the number of work zones. He stated that because of the way the zones came out and the dollars that are available, these zones have been broken into subzones. Staff is looking for the Board to identify where to spend the \$6.5 million through design and construction for the year 2022. The Board received drawings of the zones in their packet. Mr. Martin pointed out that when you look at recommending some of these work zones, North & South, based upon the numbers given, it does not look like it's 50/50. Mr. McCaffery said with 1st St is being used as a dividing line, when you look at the entire street network, and to reiterate previous discussion over the last couple of years, the majority of the streets North of 1st require a more intensive road treatment than a resurfacing or a mill & overlay. He said those roads on the North end of town are really not going to be able to be covered by this type of Street Maintenance Program and the City is going to need to look at alternative means of funding to be able to capture those roads in the not too distant future because they are going to need some form of treatment being that many of those roads on the North end of town are beyond the treatment scenario that staff is operating with. Mr. Martin asked if any of the collectors had work zones. Mr. McCaffery said there are some collectors within the work zones but stated that those collector roads, when they are run through the scenarios on cartograph, don't make the list because they are too far gone in the life cycle of the road and need a greater treatment than a resurfacing or an overlay. He said staff can shift and start doing that process but cartograph is saying that's not the best way to allocate awarded dollars. Kristina Davis said a map of 2020 and 2021, showing a layout of the different areas that have been approved up to this point, would be helpful. Mr. Martin asked if there were collectors within the subsections in the work zones. Mr. McCaffery said there are collectors within the subzones and could provide the board with arterials, collectors, and sub collector streets. Ms. Davis stated that since daily traffic totals are not included, it is not known how much cartograph is really looking at how much the streets are actually being used. Mr. McCaffery said that in the board's packet there is a listing of all the streets showing to and from for each street. A function was also given and so each could be identified from a local to a collector. He said the streets

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within all the zones that are being looked at, are minor streets with very few collectors within these work zones and sub work zones. Mr. Martin said he doesn't like the idea of putting maintenance money into what could be a DCOA project. He believes S. 27th is really in bad condition and could be a DCOA candidate, and that if it can't be in this program, then it needs to be in a bond program. Wayne Lanham asked if time could be bought on S25 toward those streets that do not qualify to get micropaving status. He would like to kick the can down the road to 2023 on that zone and not lose a big chunk of it. Mr. McCaffery said another 7 years could be bought on those roads. Mr. Martin asked if staff would prefer to use the S25 treatment to be able to cover more streets. Mr. McCaffery stated that the City does not have a cluster of streets to do micropaving. He added that it has been exhausted, so staff has to wait until roads deteriorate further and become candidates. Mr. Martin made a motion to recommend that for the 2022 street maintenance program for the DCOA project priority #8, EN 10th, and from the residential work zone areas Zone N15 A, Zone S9 D, S11 C and S25. With Ms. Davis making a second and everyone in favor the motion carried.

3. The Board was given a memorandum that summarizes all of the meetings and major actions made over the past year. Included in the memorandum is a summary of the various street improvement projects that have been completed as well as those in design. Matthew Lubin, Sr. made a motion to present this Accountability Report to the City Council and Mr. Lanham made a second. With all in favor the motion carried.

4. A motion was made by Ms. Davis for future meeting dates to be June 3, 2021 and September 16, 2021. Mr. Lubin seconded the motion and with all in favor the motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Approved: _____



Ken Martin, P.E, Chairman