

STREET MAINTENANCE ADVISORY AND APPEALS BOARD
MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 18, 2021

Public notice having been posted, the Street Maintenance Advisory and Appeals Board meeting was held on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 555 Walnut Street, 2nd Floor, Council Chambers, Abilene, Texas 79601.

Board Members Present:

Kenneth (Ken) B. Martin, P.E.
James McCoy
Wayne Lanham
Joey Devora
Matthew M. Lubin, Sr.
Niccolus Moses

Others Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Kristina Campos Davis

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by chair, Ken Martin.

1. Approval of the minutes from the October 13, 2020 meeting.

2. 2021 Street Maintenance Program: 2021 Greg McCaffery stated that design work on all the 2021 projects has been completed and all bids have been awarded leaving approximately \$1.5 million available to use in 2021 and staff is looking for direction on where to spend the \$1.5 million. The board received a packet of 3 major road areas: DCOA Projects, Intersections, and Work Zone Areas. Mr. Martin reiterated that DCOA money is not for residential streets and pointed out to the new board members that the board recommends projects and the City makes the final decision. Niccolus Moses asked about stoplights and stop signs in specific areas and Mr. McCaffery said that Cartegraph doesn't incorporate intersections but they will do them if they are part of the project. He also stated that staff has developed a map of all the projects that have been approved by the board so the board can now see where these projects have landed throughout the community, and it will give them a better idea on selecting future projects. Mr. Martin said it would be a good idea before tackling intersections, for each board member to look at the list and go to those intersections so an informed decision can be made as to which ones are most needed. Wayne Lanham asked when is the board done with what they were charged to do and Mr. McCaffery said it would be the year 2023 and at that time the City Council will make the determination on whether to continue or not with the Street Maintenance Fee and the board. Mr. Lanham said he agrees that focus needs to be on the residential areas and has looked at S11 and N 15B, which are close to \$1.5 million.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Ken Martin opened the comment period. The following addressed the board:

- David Swart – spoke about the intersections and said he thinks it's a good idea to spend the excess on them.

With no other speakers coming forward, the public comment period was closed.

Mr. Martin made a motion to recommend to the City that \$1.5 million be used for Work Zones S11A and Work Zones N15B. With Matthew Lubin, Sr. making a second and with all in favor the motion passed.

3. Street Maintenance Fee Fund and Project Schedules: Mr. McCaffery informed the board that staff has submitted for reimbursement from the DCOA for all the projects that were completed in 2019. He also pointed out to the board that there is a web link on the City's website, that staff tries to keep updated, that shows all the street projects. He also stated that all of the 2021 projects have been designed, approved by City Council, and a couple of Work Zones are under construction. Staff is in the process of working through the preliminary design of the 2022 projects. Mr. Lanham asked if staff could provide information on the cost of intersections so that the board can better evaluate them. Mr. McCaffery said engineering services can update the list with costs so that the board can have a better feel of what each intersection might cost.

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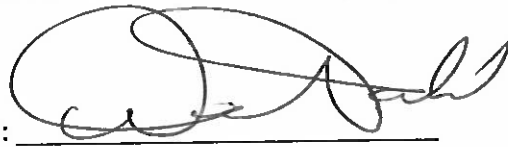
- David Swart – spoke regarding the DCOA's contribution dropping during the last two years of the five year schedule and that he thinks a lot of voters think the board will sunset. He also pointed out that the Mayor in his State of the City Address alluded that there may be more bond issues before the voters in 2022.

With no other speakers coming forward, the public comment period was closed.

Mr. Martin pointed out that the next meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2021.

5. There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Approved: _____



Ken Martin, P.E, Chairman

DAVID TUDD