

**STREET MAINTENANCE ADVISORY AND APPEALS BOARD
MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 14, 2021**

Public notice having been posted, the Street Maintenance Advisory and Appeals Board meeting was held on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 555 Walnut Street, 2nd Floor, Council Chambers, Abilene, Texas 79601.

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Wayne Lanham

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by chair, Ken Martin.

1. Receive a report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Electing a Vice Chair:

Mr. Martin made a motion that Wayne Lanham be elected as Vice Chair. Niccolus Moses seconded and with all in favor Mr. Lanham was elected as Vice Chair.

2. Approval of the minutes from the March 18, 2021 meeting.

3. 2023 Street Maintenance Program: A recommendation from the board was needed to be able to expend \$7.5 million available in Street Maintenance Funds, \$6.5 million of that being from street maintenance fees. In addition there is also a \$1 million contribution from the DCOA for roadway improvements that front a majority of commercial property. The Board received a list of three areas for recommendation: (1) a DCOA qualified project, (2) intersections or low water crossings, and then (3) a work zone. Mr. Martin said one area that he would like to be included on a future list would be the low water crossing on S. 14th between Legett and Pioneer Dr. Antonio Pallarez said he would like for the one on Grape St and Ambler to be included. Niccolus Moses asked if it was possible for the board to take a field trip together and take a look at some of the intersections in person. According to Stanley Smith, City Attorney, it would need to be posted as a public meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

- David Swart – spoke that he would like for the board to table everything until February or March. He also stated that he did not know how S. 27th meets DCOA criteria being that it is pretty much residential. He also suggested that the intersection of Catclaw and Southwest be redone so that it matches the roadway.
- Cynthia Alvidrez – spoke regarding a portion of town from N11th all the way up to N18th, from Kirkwood to Grape. She stated residents in that area don't feel that it is fair when they drive around town and see other areas of town being done where there's nothing wrong with that street. She would like for the Board and the City to consider adding that section of town to the Street Maintenance program because they weren't provided the same representation as other parts of town. Ms. Alvidrez also agreed with David Swart that the Board should put everything on pause.

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

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Joey Devora made a motion to recommend S 27,th from Barrow to Southwest Dr, for the DCOA project. Mr. Martin made a second and with all in favor the motion passed. Mr. Moses made a motion to table action on low water crossings and intersections. Mr. Pallarez made a second and the motion passed with all in favor. Mr. Martin made a motion to recommend S 11B, S 9C, N 2A and N 2B for the 2023 work zones. Matthew Lubin made a second and the motion passed with all in favor. Mr. Martin stated he would like for the city council to consider a bond election in order to provide a package larger than \$6.5 million so that more needed work can be done in the city. Mr. McCaffery said he would like to take all of the board members together, after the first of the year, to a number of intersections and work zones so they could see the condition of these areas. He stated the board would convene in a van as a public meeting with the agenda indicating the areas to be looked at and the particular time for each.

4. Accountability Annual Report 2020-2021: Mr. McCaffery presented the accountability report with a memorandum from Street Services outlining their work activities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

- David Swart – suggested having graphics showing the fund balance so that people can see if there was any fund left and rolled over.
- Cynthia Alvidrez – asked about the number of potholes that had been filled. She asked if there is a number as to how many streets in Abilene have potholes.

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

Mr. Moses made a motion to submit the report to the city council. James McCoy seconded the motion and with all in favor the motion passed.

5. Future Meeting Dates: Mr. Martin mentioned meeting dates of June 2, 2022 and September 15, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

- David Swart – agreed on the dates of June 2nd and September 15th for the next board meetings.

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

Mr. Martin made a motion for the next board meetings to tentatively be held on June 2, 2022 and on September 15, 2022. Mr. Devora seconded and with all in favor the motion passed.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Approved: _____

Ken Martin, P.E., Chairman

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