

Minutes for Streets & Sewers

December 7, 2020

Members present: Thomas, Feliciano, Daniels

Members absent: Feliciano

With a quorum present, Mr. Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:29 PM.

Daniels made a motion to approve minutes from 11/16; Thomas 2nd; Roll call: Ayes: Thomas, Daniels; Nays – none

Minutes approved

New Business:

Item 1. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR DIESEL/REGULAR FUEL AND ROAD PAINT, APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS AND TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Public Works Director Bischoff explained this a process they go through every 2 years. This lets them start accepting bids and enter into contract. They price it by the unit. Mr. Thomas asked what previous expenditures were. Bischoff agreed to provide him with it.

Daniels made a motion to recommend to council; Thomas 2nd; Roll call: Ayes: Thomas, Daniels; Nays – none

Legislation recommended to council (2-0)

Items not on the agenda:

Mr. Daniels asked about whether we are monitoring wastewater as a predictor for COVID spikes. Other communities are doing this.

Public Works Director Bischoff said they have been participating since early summer if not before. Water samples are sent to the USA EPA. They do want to use it as an indicator. EPA wants three samples in a row showing an increase in genetic markers for COVID (“Viral Gene Copy” trends. Unfortunately, what they are seeing is that a spike in real time is seen about the same time that they get the results back. They either need to test quicker or more often.

Mr. Daniels said that he has heard (with no verification) that some workers had been infected and he just wondered if there was a casual link. Mr. Ice squad that most of that appears to be community spread.

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Mayor Schertzer said that many communities are doing similar. He says that what they are measuring is not something that can cause COVID19. The last reading they have is from the end of November and is showing the trend upwards in our community.

With no further business to come before this committee, Mr. Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:41 PM.

Chairman Thomas

Clerk of Council