

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

DATE: July 15, 2021
CALLED TO ORDER: 5:33 p.m.
ADJOURNED: 6:29 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members
Zach Adamson, Chair
Josh Bain
Dan Boots
Crista Carlino
Monroe Gray, Jr.
Michael Hart
Kristin Jones
Jessica McCormick
Brian Mowery
William Oliver

Absent Members
Paul Annee
David Ray

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 223, 2021 - authorizes intersection controls and parking restrictions near 64th Street and Broadway Street (District 2)
“Do Pass” Vote: 9-0

PROPOSAL NO. 224, 2021 - authorizes intersection controls at Hunters Crossing Boulevard and Wild Turkey Drive and a speed limit reduction to 25 miles per hour in the Hunters Crossing Estates and Fox Hollow subdivisions (District 25)
“Do Pass” Vote: 9-0

PROPOSAL NO. 225, 2021 - authorizes a speed limit reduction to 25 miles per hour in the Country Club Estates, Country Charm, Country Charm II, Country Pointe, Country Pointe II and Country Creek Villas subdivisions (District 6)
“Do Pass” Vote: 9-0

PROPOSAL NO. 226, 2021 - authorizes a speed limit reduction to 25 miles per hour in the Indian Creek Section, Bells Run, Farmington and Glick's East 42nd Street Addition subdivisions (District 14)
“Do Pass” Vote: 9-0

Presentation by The Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District

Department of Public Works Quarterly Update
Dan Parker, Director

Public Works Committee

The Public Works Committee of the City-County Council met on Thursday, July 15, 2021. Chairman Zach Adamson called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. with the following members present: Josh Bain, Crista Carlino, Monroe Gray, Michael-Paul Hart, Kristin Jones, Jessica McCormick, and William Oliver. Councillors Dan Boots and Brian Mowery arrived shortly thereafter. Representing Council Staff were General Counsel Toae Kim and Chief Financial Officer (CFO)/ Policy Director Brandon Herget.

Chair Adamson asked for consent to vote on Proposal Nos. 223-226, 2021 together. Consent was given.

{CLERK'S NOTE: Councillor Boots arrived at 5:36 p.m.}

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Nathan Sheets, Administrator- of Plan and Compliance, Department of Public Works (DPW), presented the proposals.

Councillor Carlino moved, seconded by Councillor Boots, to send Proposal Nos. 223-226, 2021 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 9-0.

{CLERK'S NOTE: Councillor Mowery arrived at 5:40 p.m.}

Presentation by The Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District

John Hazlett, District Manager, Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District (MCSWCD), gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached as Exhibit A), making the following key points:

The District actively assists Marion County with

- Erosion and sediment control inspections on all sites of 1 acre or more
- Contractor Training and site follow-up
- Assistance requests from other City departments

The District actively assists private landowners with:

- Understanding City's role in drainage & its responsibilities (Working with DPW & Citizens Energy Group)
- Providing preliminary surveys, soils & other natural resource conservation information

- Recommended conservation & drainage solution options for managing stormwater sustainably
- Providing “List of Service Providers” & other educational information

Leveraged Funding and Partnerships

- Secured grant funding through federal/state/philanthropic grant programs
- Each city/county tax dollar invested in the SWCD leveraged \$2.11 in additional funding.

Chair Adamson asked for contact information. Mr. Hazlett stated that their contact information is included in the presentation (Exhibit A).

Councillor Hart asked Mr. Hazlett if they receive reports that are made to the Mayor’s Action Center (MAC). Mr. Hazlett affirmed, stating they also received information from the DPW field investigators.

Councillor Boots asked Mr. Hazlett if they collaborate with the Central Indiana Land Trust in the maintenance or development of properties. Mr. Hazlett stated that they are exclusive to the State and can only advise on maintenance. Councillor Boots asked if there is potential collaboration regarding indigenous growth plants. Mr. Hazlett affirmed.

Department of Public Works Quarterly Update

Dan Parker, Director, DPW, gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached as Exhibit B), making the following key points:

- DPW currently has nearly 100 vacant positions, with more than 50 of these in the Operations division
- New solid waste garage in design. The research phase is complete and financial analysis is ongoing. Stakeholder interviews are being scheduled.
- 7,058,974+ trash pickups countywide (Jan-June 2021)
- 3,117,322 by DPW staff in city-served districts
- 155,187.4 tons of trash collected (2021 YTD), down 1.8% from 2020 but still substantially higher than pre-pandemic
- Two side-loader trucks arrived on July 12, to be deployed within the week. The remaining ten on order will arrive in Quarter 3.
- Operations Division has used most of its paint budget in Character 2.
- 4,071 signs manufactured and 2,561 signs installed, repaired, or removed.
- 6,210 lane feet of plastic markings installed (crosswalks, stop bars, pavement arrows)
- 4,711,375 lane feet of yellow centerline/white edge line painted.

Chair Adamson asked if they have considered using solar energy for the new solid waste garage. Mr. Parker stated that they are in the beginning phases of design, depending on the budget.

Councillor Gray asked what DPW’s pedestrian crash focus is. Mr. Parker stated that they partnered with Health by Design to analyze crash zone areas that may need intersection improvements and are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Mr. Sheets stated they focus on pedestrian improvement with signs and updated markings. Mr. Parker added that the projects are federally funded, and the bidding is done through the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT). Councillor Gray asked if the cultural trails/greenways raise their funds. Mr. Parker stated the funding is transferred to DPW, and they are constructed and maintained by DPW. Councillor Gray asked if the greenways are still self-sustained. Mr. Parker stated that the greenways are

programmed by Indy Parks. Councillor Gray asked if the funds are transferred to DPW from the Parks Department. Mr. Parker stated that the funding is federal and that they have the ability to apply for funding for trails and greenways, but the Parks Department does not.

Councillor Carlino asked how much is allocated in Character 2 for the signs. Mr. Parker stated that the cost of materials is higher, and they have replaced and repaired signs at a faster rate. He stated that \$774,000 has been budgeted in Character 2. Councillor Carlino asked if that is the number that would be typically budgeted. Mr. Parker stated that it is flatlined from last year, but there has been more work to do.

Councillor Mowery asked for clarification on the funding for roads in Indianapolis and the surrounding counties. Mr. Parker stated that the formula used by the State to provide funding is based on centerline miles, regardless of the number of lanes on a road. He stated that Indianapolis receives funding for 3,300 center lane miles but has over 8,400 lane miles adding that the gas tax formula is not the only formula for which the City does not receive adequate funding. Mr. Parker stated that the population used for the gas tax formula was based on the Indianapolis Fire District (IFD) population and was inaccurate, adding that it was corrected in 2019. Mr. Parker stated that if the three western townships that are not a part of IFD merged, the City would gain \$8-\$10 million per year for road funding.

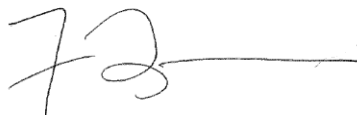
Councillor Boots asked if DPW pays for road maintenance in the excluded fire districts but is not compensated for their population in the Gas Tax Formula. Mr. Parker affirmed.

Councillor Bain asked how much money the City-County loses every year because of the center lane mile formula. Mr. Parker stated that they have not calculated that because the other counties only report their center lane miles to INDOT, and it is difficult to calculate without all the data. Councillor Bain asked what the budget for 2022 would have to be in order to maintain the current pavement condition index (index). Mr. Parker stated that the capital budget for thoroughfares would have to be an additional \$200 million and maintaining an appropriate PCI would require 100 to 150 additional staff and equipment.

Councillor Hart stated that there are roads in several districts that are not being maintained and do not have ownership by the City or developers. Mr. Parker stated that if the Board of Public Works has not accepted a street into the City's inventory, it is not a City street, adding that the Office of Audit and Performance is analyzing the effectiveness of the process. Councillor Hart asked for an update on the status of the street sweepers. Mr. Parker stated that they are waiting for three new sweepers to be delivered.

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Works Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zach Adamson', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Zach Adamson, Chair