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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

September 5, 2023

The Public Works Committee of Wheeling City Council met on the above date at 5 p.m. in City Council Chambers. Committee members present: Chair Sklavounakis, Vice Chair Seidler, Member Thorngate. Others present: City Manager Robert Herron, Mike Chiazza and Dave Watkins of WPCD, Ward 3 Councilor Rosemary Ketchum, Vice Mayor Chad Thalman, Mayor Glenn Elliott and City Clerk Jessica Zalenski

Chair Sklavounakis called the meeting to order at 5pm.

The following matters were discussed:

F.O.G Ordinance (Fats, Oils, and Grease)

Chair Sklavounakis asked City Manager Herron to give an overview on the Fats, Oil and Grease Ordinance. City Manager stated the city entered into an agreement with DEP in 2021 to implement the ordinance, the ordinance was delayed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and concerns over the effects it may have on restaurant's business. DEP has reached out asking for updates on the matter. Mike Chiazza of the Water Pollution Control Division explained the need for the ordinance. The ordinance would make restaurant's require grease traps be installed, and would allow the Water Pollution Control department ability to enforce cleaning with help of Health Department and proper installation. Grease has been a major issue as it clogs pipes and leads to sewer over flows and backups. Mr. Chiazza stated grease build up is an issue with residential lines as well but restaurants are causing major issues, some restaurants have already complied while others have not. A discussion continued over the stipulations within the ordinance, the committee asked for updated copies of the ordinance to be reviewed by the legal and water departments and then be submitted to the committee to review. The ordinance is to be reviewed and then discussed at another public works meeting.

Concrete Streets

A discussion ensued around paving or replacing concrete streets. Mr. Herron stated concrete streets are costly to repair and replace, cheaper option is to just pave over. Many concrete streets have been paved over, or taken out in sections to replace. On average it is \$20 per square feet of concrete street, although lasts longer it is way more costly. Committee asked city administration to gather how many miles of concrete streets are within the city.

City owned sidewalks

Mr. Herron presented findings from the Precision study of city owned sidewalks that need to be addressed, areas include Centre Market, Edgwood Park, near WFD stations 10,2, and 11, Garden Park, Wheeling Park and the City/County Building, Bridge Park and 36th street pool which is approximately 50% of city owned sidewalks. The cost to fix the areas identified is roughly \$199,000. A discussion ensued around what areas should be addressed first, committee would like all city owned sidewalks and hazards to be identified. The committee asked city administration to identify all city owned sidewalks and how many need fixed. Mr. Thorngate moved, seconded by Mr. Seidler to forward areas discovered in Precision study to be sent to council for approval. All in favor. Motion Carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Thorngate, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis moved to adjourn. Time: 5:32 p.m.