



December 6, 2016

**Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes**

A meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, at the Memorial Middle School Library, at 6:15 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Councillors Joel Kaddy (chair), David Clark, Paul Beauchemin, Angelo Bisol, Jody Joseph  
Committee Members Absent: (none)  
Others Present: DPW Commissioner Lenny Laakso  
DPW Superintendent Gary Withington  
Councillors Michael Kushmerek, Amy Green and Jeff Bean

Action taken as follows:

**Petition 181-15: Councillor Michael Kushmerek- To increase the height of a city-owned fence on Blossom Street between the intersection of Elm and Mechanic Streets.**

**Discussion:** Councillor Kushmerek stated that the fence is too short to prevent children from falling onto the yard below. Commissioner Laakso said that if the drop is at least 4 feet, the fence needs to be 42" high. The Committee voted, 5-0, to HOLD the petition, pending measurement of the fence height and grade difference at the wall.

**Petition 214-16: Mobilitie, LLC, to install backhaul transport equipment on a proposed utility pole in the right of way located north of the intersection of John Fitch Highway & Summer Street as outlined in the enclosed petition**

**Petition 215-16: Mobilitie, LLC, to install backhaul transport equipment on a proposed utility pole in the right of way located south of the intersection of Whalon Street & Pierce Avenue as outlined in the enclosed petition.**

**Discussion:** These petitions were to be discussed at a Public Hearing to be continued at the City Council meeting of December 6, 2016. The Committee voted, 5-0, to HOLD the petitions.

**Petition 238-16: Resident Linda Nicholopoulos and Councillor Michael Kushmerek to repair/repave a section of sidewalk on Pleasant Street between its intersections with Davis & Spring Streets.**

**Discussion:** Councillor Kushmerek stated that the sidewalk, which is used by Longsjo Middle School students, is in poor condition. Parents have asked that the sidewalk be improved. The Committee voted, 5-0, to GRANT the petition, asking Commissioner Laakso to investigate whether the project would be eligible for CDBG or Complete Streets funds.

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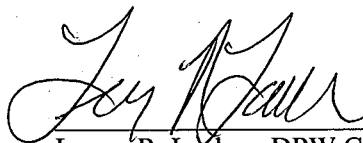
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**Petition 267-16: Councillor Joel Kaddy to regrade and solve water problem in front of 209 ~~River~~ Westminster Street (previously amended).**

**Discussion:** Councilor Kaddy noted that the pavement has settled at 209 Westminster Street, causing ponding and icing problems. Superintendent Withington said it will cost about \$4,500 to remove the pavement, regrade and repave. The Committee voted, 5-0, to GRANT the petition.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Lenny R. Laakso, DPW Commissioner  
Clerk of Committee

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