



Environmental Quality & Public Works Committee

April 18, 2023

Summary and Motions

Chair Sheehan called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m. Committee Members LeGris, Wu, Fogle, Lynch, Monarrez, Gray, Worley, F. Brown, and Sevigny were present. Council Member Plomin was present as a non-voting member.

I. Approval of February 7, 2023 Committee Summary

Motion by Gray to approve the February 7, 2023 Environmental Quality & Public Works Committee Summary. Seconded by Wu. Motion passed without dissent.

II. Capacity Assurance Program (CAP) Audit Update

CM Sheehan spoke about the Capacity Assurance Program Draft Ordinance that was included in the committee packet. The ordinance changes the time period between audits from two years to five years.

Motion by Sevigny to Approve the Draft Ordinance for the Capacity Assurance Program (changing the time period between audits). Seconded by Gray. Motion passed without dissent.

III. Pavement Management Plan

Nancy Albright, Commissioner of Environmental Quality & Public Works, provided the presentation beginning with history of Pavement Management. She spoke about the resolutions in place to include funding in the budget for paving and for acceptance of the pavement management plan. She reviewed expenditures for FY16-23 and said in 2021 paving projects were pre-funded so ATS could begin work. She reviewed the paving season which begins in April and closes mid-December and she pointed out this is dependent on the weather. She provided a pavement plan overview explaining road types, road classes, and Overall Condition Index (OCI) and said the plan divides total paving allocation based on road class. She highlighted FY24 paving plan updates that came out of the 2022 paving plan subcommittee. She spoke about the way in which projects are selected and she reviewed the timeline which centers on the funding process. She highlighted the budget request and mentioned they use \$15M as a starting point.

When asked if Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) was considered in the estimate in 2018 when \$15M was approved, Albright explained it is buried in the quality of the estimates. Speaking about the decision made on collector roads, Albright clarified it is more of a conversation and they look at this city-wide to ensure money is put where it is most needed. There was a question if a methodology exists for rebuilding of streets in older neighborhoods to support a longer life. While they continue to discover a variety of materials in older neighborhoods, Albright said it would require going through an engineering process to get on a rebuild. When projecting out and whether they look at cost increases, increase in the number of projects, or frequency of paving related to climate change, Albright said the most she hears about is frequency because pavement does not last as long as it used to. There was some discussion on the importance of funding the pavement management plan and having innovative cost saving and environmentally sustainable practices and new technologies that are meant to help pavement last longer. Speaking about the relationship of paving to curbs, Albright said they tend to follow sidewalks in the interpretation of responsibility which means they are still the responsibility of the homeowner. Speaking

about examples of preventative maintenance used by the department, Albright said this would include crack sealing and rejuvenation which helps extend the life of the pavement.

Motion by F. Brown to approve a Resolution, directing the Administration to include Fifteen (15) Million Dollars in the Budget for the Pavement Management Plan annually beginning in FY2024. Seconded by Gray. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by F. Brown to approve a Resolution, authorizing Council acceptance of the Pavement Management Plan. Seconded by Lynch. Motion passed without dissent.

IV. Items Referred to Committee

Motion by F. Brown to remove *Pavement Management Plan Subcommittee* from the list of committee referral items. Seconded by Lynch. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Gray to remove Item *Solid Waste Trash Compactors* from the list of committee referral items. Seconded by Wu. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Fogle to adjourn at 2:09 p.m. Seconded by Sevigny. Motion passed without dissent.