



Harrisburg Redevelopment Agency Minutes November 10, 2015

The Harrisburg Redevelopment Agency met on this date at City Hall, located at 120 Smith St., at the hour of 7:28PM. Presiding was Chairperson Robert Duncan. Also present were as follows:

- Kimberly Downey
- Mike Caughey
- John Loshbaugh
- Robert Boese
- Sarah Puls
- Youth Advisor Devon Contreras
- City Administrator Brian Latta
- City Recorder/Assistant City Administrator Michele Eldridge

The matter of Approving the Minutes of June 24, 2015

- Downey **motioned to approve the minutes, and was seconded** by both Puls and Caughey. **The HRA Board then voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 24, 2015.**

The matter of Authorizing Funds for the Reconstruction of Moore Street for the Blocks Between 1st and 3rd Streets.

Staff Report: Latta reminded the board that we recently amended our plan when we adopted Substantial Amendment No 5. One purpose for doing that was to add new projects in the HRA boundaries. One of those was the reconstruction of Moore St, starting from mid-block between 1st and 2nd, and all the way to 3rd St. We plan on replacing the entire street, including getting rid of bad soils and clay, replacing sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and water lines, and also installing other things such as landscape and trash cans. This project is also the recipient of a \$50,000 SCA grant. We've already started the engineering work on this, and construction work will start next summer. The sewer line doesn't actually run under the street; it's located in the alley way, therefore, we'll only be doing the water and storm lines.

- Downey was concerned about how this project will affect the 4th of July.
- Latta told her that the engineering will be done, so it's ready to roll in early spring. Our plans are to have it done before the 4th, if at all possible.
- Caughey asked what kind of impacts it would be to the businesses.
- Latta indicated there are a limited number of businesses on Moore Street in this location, and all would be impacted.

- Loshbaugh talked about how deep the clay was when they replaced the hydrant there. It had an oil matt, and about two feet of the clay. The school was comparative, and that road already has holes in it.
- Latta noted that was an overlay, rather than a street replacement. This one will be repaired from the bottom up.
- Caughey **motioned to Approve the Moore Street Project and Authorize Staff to spend up to \$200,000 of the HRA Capital Outlay Funds on the Project. He was seconded** by Downey, and the **board voted unanimously to authorize the needed funds for the reconstruction of Moore St.**

Others:

Property Improvement Grants

- Latta is working on a package of information for how we want to do property improvements. He had hoped to get it to this meeting, but it will likely be December or January now.
- Chairperson Duncan asked about the railroad track fix, and the crosswalk improvement we wanted at 3rd and Smith.
- Latta said that the crosswalk would probably be done in 2017.
- Chairperson Duncan said that the railroad was almost done with the work they were doing in Junction City. When are they coming over here?
- Latta told him that we need to sit down with them, and determine how much we can spend from the street fund, and see what kind of revenue sources we have that can fund that improvement.
- Chairperson Duncan said that he had mentioned that they wanted to re-layer the blacktop and cement. Is that what they did?
- Latta told yes, they had done that in Junction City.
- Chairperson Duncan was a little worried about big concrete chunks floating up and causing damage to vehicles.
- Latta said that they've been doing this all over the country, so he would think any issues like that would have revealed themselves at this point.
- Chairperson Duncan commented that all over the country doesn't have 15' of clay.
- Latta told him it's the new standard. Latta then discussed an alternative design which is to have open tracks and two one lane roadways on either side of the tracks. He stated that is a long term solution, but it's more costly to us in the beginning. We would have to use the full right-of-way, which may affect abutting property owners whose yard areas may be inside the city's right-of-way. For revenues, the city may consider imposing a road tax to pay for projects like that.

The board then talked briefly about the rail line on LaSalle, and whether the repair was still holding. It was, and was much better for vehicles. However, for the trains themselves, there is still an issue with that.

With no further business to discuss, the HRA Board adjourned at the hour of 7:42PM.

Chairperson

City Recorder