

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

January 13, 2021

PRESENT: Committee Chairman Tinley, Committee Member Anderson, Williams, Council Member Byne, City Manager Valerie Kirkland, Public Works Superintendent Robert Seamans

ABSENT: None

1. The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Tinley at 9:04 a.m.
2. Committee Chairman Tinley gave the invocation.
3. Committee Member Anderson led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Council Member Tinley lead a discussion regarding the presence of, the city's responsibility, liability and removal of beaver dams located on private property. Public Works Superintendent Robert Seaman reported on the current status of existing beaver dams, their location and potential next steps to address proactive measures to gauge and manage issues of flooding. The city's liability, authority and legal process to access the private property was called into question and could not readily be answered. Committee Member Anderson made a motion to contact the city attorney seeking guidance on how best to proceed in the city's best interest. Committee Member Williams seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
5. Council Member Tinley requested an update regarding the towing charges of the burnt solid waste truck that was currently housed at the property of a vendor. City Manager Kirkland deemed the invoice received for services to be extremely excessive. In an attempt to gain clarity, City Manager Kirkland contacted the vendor to request an itemized statement and negotiate the charges. Neither request was honored. City Manager Kirkland requested that City Attorney Frails contact the vendor to gain clarity and provide any and all communications with city representatives, any signed contracts for service and an itemized bill. City Manager Kirkland requested copies of previous communications City Attorney Frails made to the vendor to be reviewed by committee. After reviewing these communications, Committee Member Anderson made a motion to allow City Attorney Frails to continue to lead the negotiations and contact the vendor to seek a resolution. Committee Member Williams seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
6. With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.