

COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE

MARCH 23, 2016

A meeting of the Committee on Infrastructure was held Wednesday, March 23, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Alderman-at-Large Mark S. Cookson, Chair, presided.

Members of C3/21/16committee present: Alderman David Schoneman, Vice Chair
Alderman Sean M. McGuinness
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Tom Lopez

Also in Attendance: Alderman Ken Siegel

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMUNICATIONS

From: Sarah Marchant, Director of Community Development
Re: Lights on West Pearl Street and Rail Trail

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHONEMAN TO ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Lopez

The rail trail lights are particularly important in our area. Director Marchant was talking about initiating steps to try to repair them. We also talked about it at the CDBG. I'm also gratified to hear that repairs are being done on the West Pearl Street lights so that they are all up and running and functioning well.

Chairman Cookson

Absolutely and I think this was in response to your inquiry at our last meeting. It was good to see a communication from Director Marchant addressing that. You are correct in that there is money that is being used to – that's allocated or will be allocated to the repair of the lights on the rail trail. I believe it's about \$100,000.

Alderman Lopez

That's a start.

Chairman Cookson

That is a start and then the project is anywhere between three and four.

MOTION CARRIED

PETITIONS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS – None

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

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Endorsers: Alderman Ken Siegel
Alderman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.

AUTHORIZING A STOP SIGN ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF HOLLYHOCK AVENUE AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH CHERRYWOOD DRIVE

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SIEGEL TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Siegel

There are 35 people in the neighborhood that supported it so I would urge final passage.

Alderman McGuinness

Point of order, Alderman Siegel is a sitting member of this committee?

Chairman Cookson

He is not a sitting member but it is his legislation.

Alderman Schoneman

What is the need for it? Are there accidents there or people speeding?

Alderman Siegel

The neighbors raised concerns because the people coming off of Hollyhock are not slowing down and there is a significant number of children in the area.

Alderman Schoneman

Has the streets department weighed in on this?

Alderman Siegel

I believe that they are fine with it.

MOTION CARRIED

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Alderman Lopez

I have been contacted by several of my constituents for an array of small traffic fixes, for example, stop signs at the court house when leaving the property onto Quincy Street. Another one was from business owners at 85 and 85 ½ West Hollis Street looking to obtain some parking spaces for their residents. The procedure for that, as an Alderman, I could speak to legal, create an ordinance and just present it to the Board of Aldermen or I could talk to the city's street department and find out what their take on it is.

Chairman Cookson

So, recommendations for you, Alderman Lopez, I believe your first course of action is absolutely something that you could pursue. You have the ability to go directly to legal and speak to either Attorney Bolton or Attorney Clarke and you may ask them to prepare legislation for you to do some research and if you are prepared to move forward, if you would like a stop sign placed at a certain location then they can write the legislation for you and research it to make sure that it is appropriate. I would say that another course of action for you is, while you may be able to go to the streets department, I think I would start the conversation with Director Fauteux because she may be able to provide you with some guidance or direct you in a particular direction of with whom you should speak to. I would go that route especially with regard to your second inquiry about 85 and 85 ½ West Hollis Street. The third option for you is to utilize the knowledge of your fellow Aldermen so I welcome you to bring those questions to this committee and if we can provide you with any guidance; you don't have to do it on the public record but you can if you would like to. We are also available to you outside of this committee if you ever want to give us a call we would be happy to help guide you so that your constituents concerns will be addressed in a timely manner.

Alderman Lopez

Thank you very much.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN

Chairman Cookson

Alderman Lopez, last evening during roll call you responded in a language that I was not familiar with.

Alderman Lopez

I responded in Greek to celebrate to celebrate Greek Independence Day – it is "eimai edo" which means I am here.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHONEMAN TO ADJOURN
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared closed at 7:08 p.m.

Alderman Sean M. McGuinness
Committee Clerk