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Members of Council
City Attorney

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SUBJECT: Report to Council, April 24, 2017

ACTION ITEMS FROM THE CITY ENGINEER

ACTION ITEM # 1 – Sanitary Sewer Assessment for 319 James Road:

The property owner at 319 James Road (Parcel ID 025-000821-00) has a failing septic system and was ordered by the Franklin County Board of Health to tie into sanitary sewer. The owner has expressed financial hardship in the ability to paying for both the construction of the of necessary sewer lateral and the cost of the related tap fees, and has therefore requested and agreed to the fees for connecting into the sewer be assessed and added to the property tax over a 20 year period. In an effort to protect the health, safety, and wellbeing of our community, we are respectfully requesting legislation to assess the property for the costs of the aforementioned tap fees. Please note that there will be additional pieces of legislation brought before Council in the future in order to complete the statutorily required assessment process.

The last remaining piece of legislation is an ordinance authorizing the City to actually levy the assessments. After this final piece of legislation is passed, the Council office will publish the resulting ordinance for one week, notification letters will be sent to the property owners, and the assessments will be filed with Franklin County.

We are respectfully requesting that Council adopt a Statutory Resolution to declare the necessity and intent to appropriate certain real estate at 319 James Road for Sanitary Services. (Memo of assessment amounts and RCA attached.)

ACTION ITEMS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE

ACTION ITEM #1 – Insurance Claim Proceeds Supplemental Appropriation:

When damage occurs to City property (vehicle, streetlight, fire hydrant, etc) the repairs are paid out of our current appropriations. Our appropriations are tight and do not necessarily have enough money to cover damage from unforeseen accidents. When we receive the insurance payments, we ultimately want those funds to end up in the expense accounts that paid for the repairs. We have begun performing this action on a quarterly basis. We are currently bringing forward the insurance claims proceeds from 1st quarter 2017.

We are respectfully requesting supplemental appropriations as noted in the table below and the RCA is attached:

1st Quarter 2017, Insurance Claim Proceeds (Jan-Mar)			
Department (Current Fund)	Revenue Acct. No. (where revenue is currently located)	Expense Acct. No. (where revenue needs appropriated)	Total Insurance Proceeds
Streetlights (General Fund)	101.141.4634	101.140.5214	\$4,629
Equipment & Repairs (Streets Fund)	220.330.4634	220.330.5306	\$558
Fire Hydrants (Water Fund)	651.350.4634	651.350.5333	\$6,186

UPDATES

Hamilton Rd Central – Over the next couple of weeks, crews will have temporary lane shifts throughout the project as they work to finish street lights, sidewalk, curb ramps, and driveways, as well as the multi-use trail on the west side of Hamilton Road. If time and weather permit, the contractor is expecting to begin the process of installing top soil in the island areas in preparation for the installation of sod. All final restoration and surface asphalt will be completed late Spring/early Summer of 2017.

Motorists should continue to expect delays throughout the construction zone, and are encouraged to consider other routes if they wish to avoid a possible delay in their travels.

Please click [here](#) if you would like to view our roundabout training videos. Any questions should be directed to the Department of Public Service at 614-342-4005.

2017 Street Program –Open House: On Tuesday, May 2, 5:00 – 7:00pm, in committee rooms of City Hall, there will be a public open house to explain the street reconstruction and sidewalk construction process and provide information on what residents can expect during construction. The attached flyer was mailed to residents that live on one of the four streets that are being rebuilt this summer, as well as the residents that live on Rocky Fork Drive North where new sidewalk will be installed as part of the 2017 Street Program. (See attached flyer that was mailed to the residents.)

Big Walnut Trail Section 4 Status Update - Our Go Forward Gahanna Strategic Plan Identifies Strategic Result 3.1 Trail Completed. This goal of this result states that by 2020, residents and visitors will be able to walk and bike along a completed trail system that connects Gahanna trails, paths, parks, and connects Gahanna to neighboring communities. One of the key elements to accomplishing this result is the completion of the design and construction of Big Walnut Trail Section 4. This section of Trail will connect Big Walnut Trail Section 5 along Olde Ridenour Road to the existing Big Walnut Trail Section 3 located on Nob Hill Drive. This section of trail is a critical link for the overall Big Walnut Trail system, ultimately creating a completed trail system from Morse Road south to Rocky Fork Drive South. Through the Quality Based Selection process, EMH&T was selected to perform the design of this project. Preliminary engineering, and survey work have been completed, and Stage 1 Plans have been developed for review. Looking forward over the next couple of weeks, geotechnical work and investigation is expected to be completed, as well as meetings with Stoneybrook Church to review the Stage 1 plans and trail alignment through their property. Over the next several months, our consultant will begin the process of completing the environmental work for the project, as well as preparing the Conditional Letter of Map revision for the impacts to the floodway and floodplain along Big Walnut Creek. Following our meeting with the church, we will begin the process of planning an open house event for public comment and feedback related to the project that will most likely take place in late spring or early summer of 2017. The current project schedule will allow for project bidding in January of 2018 with construction to begin in spring of that same year.

SWACO Solid Waste Management Plan – To meet State mandated goals, SWACO must update its Solid Waste Management Plan every five years and submit it to the OEPA. SWACO's plan is available for review at www.swaco.org and they are accepting written comments through May 22, 2017. The attached document titled "Solid Waste Management Plan – Comment Period 4-22-17 thru 5-22-17" explains the details.