



TO: Thomas R. Kneeland
Members of Council
City Attorney

FROM: Dottie A. Franey
Director of Public Service and Engineering

DATE: August 18, 2017

SUBJECT: Report to Council, August 28, 2017

ACTION ITEMS FROM THE CITY ENGINEER

ACTION ITEM #1 – Request for Permission to Apply to OPWC for Grant

Funding: In an effort to secure funding for Capital Improvements, we are requesting permission to apply for OPWC Grant Funds through the OPWC LTIP and SCIP programs. Eligible projects include improvements to roads, bridges, culverts, water supply systems, wastewater systems, stormwater collections systems, and solid waste disposal facilities. We are preparing to submit an application for both the South Stygler Road and West Johnstown Road Widening Project in order to secure grant funds that may cover up to 50% of the construction that will help increase capacity of these sections of roadway, alleviate congestion, improve pedestrian connectivity and encourage economic development in this area. These projects are directly tied to our strategic result 2.3 West Side Intersection Completed.

Therefore, we are respectfully requesting a resolution authorizing Gahanna to formally submit a grant application for the 2017 Round 32 OPWC Application to secure grant funds, and authorize the Finance Director to be able to establish a special fund for the grant if awarded (RCA attached.)

ACTION ITEM # 2 – Bricklawn Avenue Reciprocal Easement Agreement:

Currently a portion of Bricklawn Avenue at the intersection of Leavitt Service road is located outside the public right-of-way on the property of Stag, LLC. This area, if unaddressed, technically severs our access to all of Bricklawn Avenue. In an effort to secure easement/right-of-way for our roadway, we have contacted Stag, LLC.

regarding their interest in dedicating such right-of-way or easement. They have agreed to grant the requested easement in exchange for a reciprocal easement over the on-street parking located on Bricklawn Avenue. By granting this reciprocal easement, we will obtain the necessary easements for our roadway, and they be granted rights to the parking area. As part of acquiring the parking area rights, Stag, LLC. will acquire all maintenance responsibilities of the parking area.

We are requesting legislation to enter into the Reciprocal Easement Agreement with Stag, LLC. To obtain the necessary easement to maintain access to our roadway. (Related documents and RCA attached.)

ACTION ITEMS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE

There are no Action Items from the Director of Public Service.

UPDATES

Hamilton Central Ribbon Cutting Celebration – The City of Gahanna in conjunction with the Franklin County Engineer's Office will be hosting a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the completion of the Hamilton Road Central Project on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. The ceremony will take place on the southeast corner of the Clark State Road roundabout. Parking will be available at Peace Lutheran Church, 455 Clark State Road. To RSVP or for more details, please email mayors.office@gahanna.gov.