

**Issue II Minutes
September 8, 2005**

PRESENT: Chairman Don Willey, Robin Zaccardelli, Denise Bobulsky; President of Council Robert Stefanik, Lisa Uffman-Kirsch; City Engineer Clark Merdes, Cuyahoga County Engineer Bob Klaiber.

Mr. Willey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Motion made by Ms. Bobulsky, seconded by Ms. Zaccardelli to approve the minutes from July 5, 2005. 3 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Input for this year

Mr. Merdes provided information and summarized it regarding pre-scoring of the projects: roads and storm water. Drake Road scored best and the county is expected to assist with the funding of this project in 2007. Mr. Klaiber said that if Issue 2 money was awarded in this round the earliest it would be available is July 2006 and this would coordinate with the county.

Mr. Merdes said of the storm water projects after speaking with Claire Kilbane an application would be needed for scoring. If all of our projects were submitted they would compete against each other. Issue 2 is set up for rehabilitation and does not score well when new additions are proposed. It is also scored according to the number of people impacted. The storm water projects that were considered based on the Volunteer Citizens Oversight Flooding Committee Final Report recommendations were reviewed and how those might be considered for funding. Baldwin Creek I&I work and Cedar Estates rehabilitation would be better fits for Issue 2. Mr. Merdes said that the application for the Pamela/Parkdale project would be recommended for having a stronger opportunity for scoring approval.

The I&I work is being looked at for alternate funding sources. The Cedar Estates storm sewer replacement project is currently beyond the scope of our ability to fund. It was explained that with Issue 2 funding you can ask for your contribution and you can request loans or grants. We are seeking grants. There is a local share to projects of approximately 20%.

Mr. Klaiber explained that the only thing that can be done in scoring for more points is how many users there are. For roads the average daily traffic is used and these numbers cannot be changed. The next thing to try to increase the success of obtaining funding is to put in more local funding. The more that is put in, more points are given. In order to get a more accurate traffic count for the road projects, Mr. Klaiber said that the Mayor can request a study and that this information could be available in a matter of a few days. Mr. Willey will send a memo asking the Mayor to request the traffic study for Edgerton and Drake Roads. Mr. Klaiber said that the projects will not likely score high enough for funding even if the traffic studies show an increase.

Mr. Klaiber recommended that with the storm sewer projects that one be sent to pre-score and then the level of funds contributed can be determined in order to attain a better score. The projects can all be sent in, but a commitment and pre-scoring was recommended. Discussion continued regarding how the storm sewer projects could be considered as a benefit to the most people.

Mr. Klaiber was asked for his recommendation. He said that his staff reviewed the projects from our city and there are no projects that the county will be assisting with funding at this time in order to assist with higher scoring for the Issue 2 funding range. The traffic studies may make a difference and he recommended proceeding with this. He recommended focusing on a few specific projects. Mr. Klaiber suggested that his staff will work with our staff to evaluate the projects. Legislation needs to accompany the final projects that will be submitted. Council can make a recommendation to submit all the projects and then those that would be found the most practical in funding would be submitted. The other projects would not be submitted.

Relating to the health and safety scoring, it was suggested that Chief Bican be requested to supply information regarding accidents or other information that will assist in increasing the scoring for Drake and Edgerton Roads for the past two years. Mr. Willey will request the information.

The legislation could be worded such that it “authorizes the City Engineer to submit all or some of the following projects.” Separate legislation could also be submitted for each project. A special meeting was mentioned, but is not desired to determine the final submission.

The four road projects and Pamela/Parkdale will be submitted. Mr. Klaiber recommended pre-scoring these projects.

Mr. Klaiber said that the Issue 2 on the ballot this fall will be Issue 1. It will include the Issue 2 infrastructure dollars that we have used in the last 20 years and will also have two other components of job sites, as in creating industrial parks, and technology and research. A resolution is requested of Council in support of Issue 1.

The information distributed earlier from our City Engineer recommended submitting only two projects, one flooding and one road. It was asked if this would still be the case. Mr. Merdes said that is the recommendation. He felt that one project should come out better than the others for each category of roads and storm water.

The Baldwin Creek project was also discussed. The cost of the project is not something that the city would have available to fund if it was awarded Issue 2 assistance.

Further discussion occurred regarding the storm water project to submit including how prepared the city would be to move forward on a project if it were approved, the benefit of the project to the most residents, combining projects or showing relationships of one to another, and borrowing money to assist with scoring.

Considering that the scoring will be based on the number of people affected, health and safety, it was determined to submit all four road projects for pre-scoring. The legislation could be worded that “the City Engineer to submit one or more” and we can let it be up to his discretion based on the scoring. The storm water projects will be pre-scored and a determination will be made which to apply, but according to Mr. Merdes he feels that the Pamela/Parkdale project will have the best chance to receive the funding.

Mrs. Bobulsky moved to recommend the City Engineer proceed with pre-scoring the projects and request the Mayor to obtain traffic studies from the County Engineer to embellish the scoring of the four road projects, and to pre-score the Pamela/Parkdale storm water improvement project, seconded by Ms. Zaccardelli. 3 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried.

Mr. Willey will send a memo to the Mayor for the requests mentioned above. (See attached)

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Ms. Zaccardelli to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Bobulsky. 3 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.