

UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 6:00pm  
Yorkville City Hall, Council Chambers  
800 Game Farm Road

In accordance with Public Act 101-0640 and Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation issued by Governor Pritzker pursuant to the powers vested in the Governor under the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, the United City of Yorkville is encouraging social distancing during the pandemic by allowing remote attendance for this meeting.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Committee Members**

Chairman Matt Marek, in-person

Alderman Ken Koch, in-person

Alderman Jason Peterson, in-person

Alderman Joe Plocher (arr. 6:05pm), in-person

**Other City Officials**

City Administrator Bart Olson, in-person

Assistant City Administrator Erin Willrett, remote

Engineer Brad Sanderson, EEI, in-person

**Other Guests:**

Irene Kaufman, Autumn Creek, in-person

Tom Mattera, Autumn Creek, in-person

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Matt Marek.

**Citizen Comments:**

Ms. Kaufman said traveling in/out of the subdivision by car or on foot onto Kennedy is very difficult due to cars speeding. She thanked the city for the crosswalk signs and signs installed to slow traffic.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** May 18, 2021

Chairman Marek noted a correction as follows--guest attending was Ken McKeown, (rather than Matt). The minutes were approved with that correction.

**New Business:**

***2. PW 2021-45 Kennedy Road/Emerald Lane Traffic Control Discussion*** (out of sequence)

As a result of requests from staff and Aldermen, Mr. Sanderson said this location had been studied and 3 separate memos were written. One is a specific analysis of the crossing, the second suggested a possible 4-way stop and the 3<sup>rd</sup> was an update of the speed analysis performed in November.

Taking a more-in-depth look, Mr. Sanderson said the first memo is specific to the crossing. Data was

collected through equipment and by an individual. He said the 45 mph is still appropriate and the current signage is appropriate. They also looked at other factors such as sight distance, lighting etc. They determined that the location does not meet the guidelines for a flashing beacon, but he said they could consider a more obvious sign, more markings or striping or flashing LED signs. The cost would be \$20-\$25,000. Mr. Olson said that is the recommendation and if it's over \$25,000, it would need Council approval. It is not currently budgeted. Alderman Peterson said he fully supports all efforts since he has witnessed cars that are not stopping for pedestrians. He said digital signs have helped, but the location is still an issue. Alderman Koch also asked about crossing guards, though the location is too far from the school. Alderman Plocher suggested pulling the flashing signs from Rt. 47, however, it was noted that in some situations, the lights give a false sense of security. Mr. Sanderson also mentioned that the location does not meet the criteria for a 4-way stop and he recommended against it.

Alderman Plocher explained to the guests about the state and national guidelines and that the city cannot arbitrarily install stop signs. Ms. Kaufman noted that parents are not allowing children to cross the intersection alone. She asked if the data was gathered during covid or while school was in session, however, the kids attended school the entire year. This matter will move to City Council on the Public Works agenda with the committee's recommendations.

***1. PW 2021-44 Well Rehabilitation and Media Replacement Plan – FY 2022***

Mr. Sanderson said the city had planned to rehab well #7 and improve well #4, but a short time ago Public Works noticed a decline in #4 well levels. A recommendation is being made to address #4 immediately and drop the pump to a lower level. It is also showing signs of immediate failure and is close to exceeding the radium standards. If the radium numbers improve, then well #7 will be addressed. If the media results [media removes radium] are poor, then staff would like to have immediate replacement. Recommendation is to move ahead with #4 and possible rehab of #7.

Mr. Olson said the recommendations would be put on the Council agenda with a sole source bid for lowering the #4 well and to do an RFP for the other 2 projects.

**Old Business:**

***1. PW 2021-33 Sidewalk Locations***

Mr. Olson said this is improvement for the Autumn Creek section which was pulled out of the sidewalk program. There are four options and the one being recommended is city-installed limestone aggregate at \$740. The committee was OK with the limestone option.

**Additional Business:** None

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:35pm

Minutes respectfully transcribed by  
Marlys Young, Minute Taker, in-person