

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
MARCH 22, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.
2016 STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM**

The Public Hearing for the 2016 Street Resurfacing Program was opened at 7:00 p.m. Members of the Public Works Committee of Council in attendance were: Ken Bowman, Jeff Bezold, and John Muller. Staff members in attendance were: Ron Dill, City Administrative Officer, Kevin Barbian, City Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator, and Frank Twehues, CT Engineering.

Ken Bowman read a brief description and summary of the project and then introduced the members of the Public Works Committee and staff in attendance. Mr. Haas indicated that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to solicit comments from affected property owners on the following streets: Barrett Drive, Daisy Lane, Gaddis Drive, Haywood Court, and Winding Way. Mr. Bowman then introduced Frank Twehues to briefly summarize the project design.

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Mr. Bowman then asked City Administrative Officer, Ron Dill to discuss the funding plans for the project.

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Mr. Bowman then called for public comment:

1. Robert Adams of 40 Gaddis Drive addressed the committee. Mr. Adams asked for clarification on if the cost of the resurfacing of the street included the curb work being done. Mr. Dill indicated that curb work is included in the total assessment.
2. Scott Barton of 28 Gaddis Drive addressed the committee. Mr. Barton was curious if they could get their driveway repaired while the contractor was there working on the street. Ron Dill noted that you can't contract with city crews because we cannot do work on private property. He said that you may be able to contract with the contractor that city uses, if they will agree to do concrete work. Mr. Barton also asked what the blue lines in the sidewalks were for. Frank noted that that is where the existing water main is located. NKY Water will submit a final alignment design sometime in the near future.
3. Tim Huesmen of 739 Highland addressed the committee. Mr. Huesman lives on the corner of Highland and Gaddis. He asked about the curb that extends around his property and if it will be replaced with asphalt or concrete. Frank noted that there is a concrete curb that will be extended into the existing curb on Highland Avenue. Mr. Huesman asked when Gaddis was last paved. Ron Dill noted that it was last paved in 1992.
4. Frank Benton of 28 Barrett addressed the committee. Mr. Benton noted that he has a unique situation in that the frontage of his property extends onto Walden Lane. He is trying to determine where the frontage of the property starts and stops on Walden.

- Ron Dill noted that it is a field measurement; they will receive an estimated bill but could fluctuate due to the measurement. Frank Twehues noted that he could set a time to meet at the location to do the measurement.
5. Vincent Turner of 50 Haywood Court addressed the committee. Mr. Turner had a question about the linear footage on the cul-de-sac and if the assessment is based on linear footage. Ron Dill noted that it is based on a front foot basis only.
 6. Stuart Suggs of 77 Winding Way addressed the committee. He asked if the crews would be updating curbs as a part of the project. About 3 years ago they repaired some sidewalks and curbs that several drainage pipes run through to the street and they are cracking and need to be looked at.
 7. Jason Vegly of 12 Winding Way addressed the committee. Mr. Vegly also asked about the curbs being replaced. The curb is in bad shape in front of the house and driveway apron. Frank noted that the curbs will be repaired by city crews and there is no additional assessment for the curbs. It is considered maintenance.
 8. Jim Gesenhues of 41 Winding Way addressed the committee. Mr. Gesenhues lives on the corner of Winding Way and Haywood and asked about the assessments. Has the city looked into other financing options for the streets such as raising the franchise fee instead? He noted that since he is on a corner lot that \$2,000 is a lot to have to pay at once. Mr. Bowman noted that the discussion on the franchise tax fee and street assessment policy would happen at a future council meeting, it would have to be done through council changing the current ordinance.
 9. Katherine Ampfer 146 Clover Ridge. Mrs. Ampfer noted that she is not affected by the resurfacing but asked why the city raises taxes every year and they are running with a surplus. She stated that the city should use tax money to pay for the streets. She proposed that instead of looking at the visioning projects (zip line, skate park, etc.) for the city, to use this money to repair streets. Ron Dill noted that this type of change would have to be addressed by the full council. He noted that franchise fees are placed onto utility bills for residents in the community. The purpose of the street assessment policy is to increase the amount of funding which allows us to repair more streets.

With no further comment from the audience, Mr. Bowman indicated that the Public Works Committee will be reporting to city council at their meeting on April 18, 2016. At that time, an ordinance will be prepared indicating the city's intent to proceed with the project.

The public hearing for the 2016 Street Resurfacing Project was closed at 7:40 p.m.

Signed:

Ken Bowman, Chairman of Public Works Committee

Jeff Bezold, Public Works Committee

John Muller, Public Works Committee

Attest:

Melissa K. Kelly, City Clerk