

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Work Session Meeting Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

A work session meeting of the City Council of the City of Huron, Ohio was called to order by City Manager Andy White on Tuesday June 11, 2019 at 5:30p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall, 417 Main Street, Huron, Ohio.

The following members of Council were present: **Christine Crawford, Joe Dike, and Glen Ginesi.**
Members absent: Sam Artino, Rick Schaffter, Trey Hardy, and Brad Hartung.

Staff present: City Manager Andy White, Law Director Aimee Lane, City Engineer/Zoning Inspector Doug Green, Administrative Intern Gretchen Blackwell, HFD Captain Doug Nash, and Management Services Coordinator-Clerk of Council Christine Gibboney. Also in attendance: Russ Critelli of OHM Advisors.

Old Business

US 6 Corridor Project- Review of options

Mr. Green provided a recap of the scope of work for the two phases of the project:

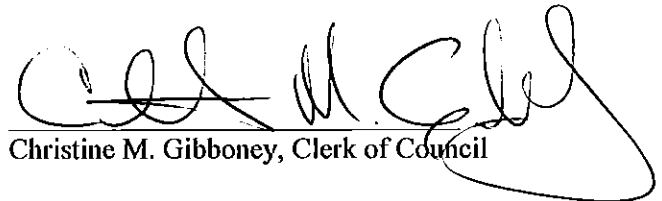
- Phase 1 (Williams street east to city limits): roadway to be repaved and restriped as it is currently, sidewalk repairs & new sidewalks to Gateway Blvd, repairs to railroad bridge, painting of the bridge.
- Phase 2 (Williams Street west to city limits): Paving and access improvements. OHM referenced options at the last work session and new recommendations made at the meeting which have now been prepared for review and discussion. Plans are due back to ODOT in November 2019.

Mr. Critelli recapped the scope of Phase 2 and reviewed options that were prepared following input from Council at the last review. Items of note and discussion:

- Center Street light not warranted by ODOT and signal will be removed; both proposed options include the light removed. Mr. Critelli explained the ODOT criteria used for unwarranted lights as well as criteria if a city wished to retain these, noting the liability issues. Discussion of findings of the traffic study ensued.
- Recap of project costs and funding: \$1.6 million project with estimated city costs of \$200,000 to \$300,000; Erie Regional Planning Funds tied to the project relative to the Center Street intersection improvements- \$500,000. Discussion ensued relative to HFD access and traffic volumes per the study. Flashing beacons included in both options.
- Option #1 (suggested at the last meeting) which provides the most minimal impact- eliminates the turning lanes both westbound/east bound at the US6/Center Street intersection area. Intersection now looks and operates like the US6/Williams Street area. Stop signs on Center Street north and south. Jim Campbell Blvd- issues with this area noted. Discussion of a yield sign at Jim Campbell and Center Street, and then the Stop on Center Street.
- Option #2- new intersection at the Ohio Street area with a new median crossover. Approximately a \$2 million project. It was noted that in the future, if ODOT would consider the acquisition of the right of way, the city could rework Jim Campbell Blvd near the walk bridge and change the entire traffic flow.

- Suggestions by Council members included: consideration of no parking on the east side of north Center Street, noting safety concerns now and the impact that the changes to the intersection will make. It was suggested this be a matter for the Safety Committee to consider. The addition of one way signs on US6 as people heading the wrong direction coming out of the gas station and other areas have been witnessed. The use of Van Rensalaer Street, used like a frontage road for traffic westbound wishing to turn right and/or turn onto Jim Campbell. Lengthy discussion of this possibility ensued.
- Members expressed preference to Option #1 with revisions to include suggestions made. OHM to prepared revised plans. Members advised plans to come back to Council, HFD, HPD, and Huron City Schools to review.
- Timeline noted: OHM will need a few months to design the plans, design proposal will be required, suggestion of a public meeting in August.
- Clean up of signs and consolidation of utility poles discussed. It was noted the burying of utility lines is not included in the plans.

The work session meeting of June 11, 2019 adjourned at 6:18p.m.



Christine M. Gibboney, Clerk of Council