

**THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO**  
**Proceedings of the Huron City Council**  
**Work Session Meeting Tuesday September 12, 2017 at 5:30p.m.**

A work session meeting of the City Council of the City of Huron, Ohio was called to order by Mayor Hartung on Tuesday September 12, 2017 at 5:30p.m. in the Council Room of Huron City Hall, 417 Main Street, Huron, Ohio.

The following members of Council were present: Rick Schaffter, Trey Hardy, Phyllis Wassner, Brad Hartung, Joe Dike, Sam Artino, and Glen Ginesi.

City administration/staff present: City Manager Andy White, Law Director Laura Alkire, Assistant to the City Manager Mike Spafford, Finance Director Cathy Ramey, City Engineer Doug Green, Street Forman Steve Didelot, and Management Services Coordinator ~ Clerk of Council Christine Gibboney. Also in attendance: John Lorincz, OHM Advisors.

**Old Business**

**US Route 6 Corridor Design Plans**

Mr. White explained that the US Route 6 Corridor Plans had been prepared according to previous Council input and would be presented and reviewed as final direction by City Council is required. Mr. White noted the main issue is whether City Council wishes to simply have the pavement striping put back exactly like it currently is or to move forward with a striping plan for a road diet. Mr. Green noted that Engineering is in need of Council consensus in order to prepare final plans and host a public meeting in mid to late October. He noted he had met with all but one of the business owners along US Route 6 that would be affected by some of the improvements being made. He referenced the timeline, noting that the final plans must be to ODOT by December 2017. He reviewed the Phases of the project, noting that Phase I of the project is from Williams Street to the east end.

A review of the plans ensued for the Phase 1 area of the corridor. Items of note/discussion:

- Sidewalks have been included through the east end; significant cost increase to the budget.
- Unwarranted signal at Berlin Road will be removed; improvements to the intersection to be made, stop signs would be placed on Berlin Road.
- Bike lanes are reflected on the plan, but this is ultimately up to City Council with regard to the striping plan.
- Curb cut closings affecting businesses reviewed. Mr. Green noted the businesses he spoke to were in support of the changes affecting their parcels. He explained that the shopping plaza owner expressed that he would like to retain both of the entrances to the plaza.
- Bridge work would entail striping change- if City Council is in support of the road diet plan.
- The right turn lane at River Road would have added over \$104,000 to the budget, was not supported by studies from ODOT, and would have thrown the schedule off as it would have involved flood plain regulations.

Mr. Green noted that of the business owners he had spoken to regarding the striping option to create the road diet, some were in favor/others were not. He advised that while the numbers show that a road diet plan is supported for this area, it is a major change in the traffic pattern and he asked for Council consensus whether or not the road diet striping plan is desired. A lengthy discussion ensued with members for, against and/or suggesting variations of modified striping suggestions. The Mayor asked for member's preference for or against the road diet striping plan, as he noted a definitive plan is needed. The Mayor, Mr. Hardy and Ms. Wassner commented that they were against the road diet- and preferred leaving the roadway striped the way it is currently. Mr. Ginesi was in favor of the road diet- but only in certain areas and made recommendations for changes. Mr. Artino noted he was in favor of some of the changes, but had issues with the bridge area. Mr. Dike stated he was against the bike lanes, but in favor of one lane in each direction.

A discussion ensued regarding the unwarranted traffic signal at the Berlin Road intersection. In response to questions, Mr. Lorincz explained that the city can choose to leave the light in place; however, it cannot put money into it as the state has deemed it unwarranted. Mr. White pointed out that the city is receiving funding of \$350,000 for improvements to this intersection due to the removal of the unwarranted traffic signalization. Mr. White also noted his support for the road diet striping plan.

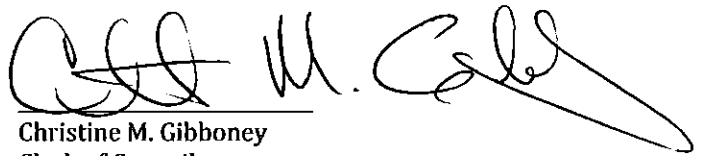
A US 6 Corridor Project Cost Summary was distributed and reviewed. The costs for the additional items that have been added to the project by Council were noted.

In conclusion, Engineering was directed to provide two (2) sets of plans:

- 1) Modify the plans presented today to include the additional input from City Council to reflect modifications to the road diet striping plan and the addition of a left turn lane at Main Street. All other aspects to remain as presented.
- 2) Create plans to reflect that the striping on the roadway be replaced in exactly the same way as it is now. All other aspects to remain as presented.

The Mayor suggested that another work session will be needed to review the matter. Mr. White noted that a public informational meeting will be coordinated and anticipated in mid to late October.

The work session meeting of September 12, 2017 adjourned at 6:29p.m.

  
Christine M. Gibboney  
Clerk of Council