

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
Cemetery Road Complete Streets Design
By Wright Pierce

February 3, 2020 at 6:00pm

Councilors Pepin, Vincent, Austin, Michaud, Witham, Gerding, Cameron and Paradis were all present.

Mayor Hilliard opened the workshop at 6:00pm by welcoming Ryan Wingard of Wright Pierce Engineers. Mr. Wingard gave the presentation of the Cemetery Road Complete Streets Design.

The presentation is on file. Following the presentation, Council had the following questions.

Councilor Witham asked if the sidewalk on the southeast portion of Cemetery Road will continue to Maple Street.

Mr. Wingard confirmed that the sidewalk continues from end to end on Cemetery road.

Councilor Witham stated that because this is a complete streets project, funding for this will come from the general fund and from the water and sewer enterprise funds.

He went on to say that there is an access road that runs behind the high school that needs to be paved. This may be the time to pave it. I could be a bid alternative.

Councilor Gerding agreed and said there are pieces of pavement coming up on the access road.

He went on to say, the edge of the road has deteriorated because of on street parking along Cemetery Road.

Mr. Wingard replied that the curbing will help with this.

Councilor Gerding asked if they had considered turning lanes.

Mr. Wingard said they had not, but they will look into it.

Councilor Austin said he is concerned with the ongoing impact to the residents and schools along Cemetery Road.

Mr. Wingard said they plan to keep the road open so there will not be a continuous closure, and residents and schools will not have to be re-routed.

Councilor Pepin asked for more details on the plan for the water and sewer lines in the area.

Mr. Wingard stated that they plan to replace the entire water and sewer line and will connect the few residents who are not already connected to city sewer. They plan to lower the water lines below the frost level.

Councilor Vincent asked about the sidewalks and parking. He is concerned about cars on the side of the road and into the roadway.

Mr. Wingard said they plan to provide a separation between vehicular traffic and the sidewalk with an esplanade.

Councilor Witham said parking seems to be the theme here. He understands that they plan to square up the intersection of Cemetery Road and West High Street. He would like to see a schematic of the parking area.

Councilor Witham asked about the drainage at Memorial Field and they will be upgrading or replacing a culvert.

Mr. Wingard said this has been discussed but no conclusions have been made at this point. Any changes to the culvert or drainage is not included in the current plans and not included in the projected construction total. Currently the culvert extends and drains into a field area off of Cemetery Road.

Councilor Gerding stated that he and other teachers have been tapping some of the trees around the school for sap. He asked about the arbor assessment and if they know which trees would be removed.

Mr. Wingard said the arborist mentioned 5 or 6 trees that may die or be harmed because of the project. Big equipment compressing roots can damage or kill a tree. At this time, they are looking at removing only 1 or 2 trees.

Councilor Gerding asked if the arborist would be on site during the project to ensure protection of the trees.

Mr. Wingard explained that they usually don't have an arborist on site throughout the project to avoid undue costs.

City Manager Belmore asked for clear direction on Doelson Street. There are drainage issues. This is not currently in the plan, but this would be a good time to consider paving this area, either all of Doelson Street or just 50 feet or so.

Mr. Wingard said they will determine the cost of engineering and construction.

Councilor Witham said the biggest drainage issue is at the end of Doelson Street near the church parking lot. He said he is not sure how much project creep they want but this could be considered as a bid alternative.

City Manager Belmore distributed schematic plans to the members of Council.

Councilor Witham pointed out, on page 8, the section adjacent to the High School, is listed as no parking. That is not an option. Then again on page C-9 is listed as no parking, and it is needed.

Mr. Wingard said on page C-12 is where the parking begins.

City Manager Belmore explained that they have counted the parking spaces and cars that park along the road in that area, and talked to the school. They have tried to maintain the same amount of parking spaces that are there currently.

With no further questions or comments from Council, the Workshop adjourned at 6:42pm

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Harris, City Clerk