

**City of Windsor Heights Special Business Meeting Minutes – Informational Construction Meeting  
Friday, August 21, 2020 – 2:00 P.M. via ZOOM**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order via Zoom at 2:00 PM. Council members present: Susan Skeries, Mike Jones, and Threase Harms. Absent: Joseph Jones and Mike Loffredo. Staff present: Interim Administrator Mark Arentsen, Public Works Director Dalton Jacobus, and City Engineer Justin Ernst.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by Harms to approve the agenda. Seconded by Skeries. Motion passed 3-0.
3. **Discussion will be held on the following Construction Projects – NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN:**
  - A. **University Avenue**
  - B. **69<sup>th</sup> Street south of University**
  - C. **Allison Avenue**
  - D. **Street Patching on 70<sup>th</sup> Street and two locations on 73<sup>rd</sup> Street**

City Engineer Ernst gave an update on all street projects. Mayor Burgess read a list of 16 question and provided answers to those questions as of the August 20, 2020 contractor meetings.

Questions from the public:

Gregg Stearns, 6517 Allison Ave, spoke on the issue of cylinders being left on the street/driveways and asked whether the engineers on site are employees of the contractor or city employees. Mr. Stearns also asked for clarification on the timeline for storm debris pickup, questioned the city's aggressive timeline and asked why these meetings were being held at 2:00 PM on a Friday.

Matthew Wier, 6501 Allison Ave, asked why the utilities were not physically being verified during planning and whether or not the storm drains at the bottom of the hill would be opened up today (Friday).

Meggan John, 6714 University, asked a number of questions about traffic studies due to current traffic issues on University Avenue, who was responsible for the shoveling of the bike path, the placement of garbage cans and how traffic would be handled when garbage is being collected. Ms. John also asked about whether information would be distributed to the residents of University on future construction east of 68th.

An unidentified resident asked about whether or not there were budgetary issues with the projects and indicated that she would follow up with written questions.

Betty Glover, 6803 Del Matro, asked why the city would give such aggressive dates when they could give relaxed dates and look like "heroes" should the work be done early.

Barbara Fatino, 6518 Allison, asked how long a driveway takes to cure.

An unidentified resident asked what the anticipate timeframe was for phase 2 of College Drive.

Council member comments:

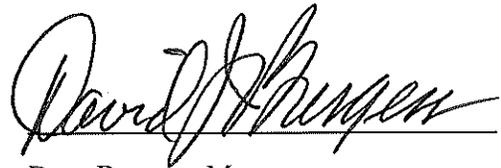
Threase Harms expressed frustration that she had put a number of questions in writing and had not received a response, as she had told the residents of Allison that she would be providing them answers to

their questions in writing. Ms. Harms also inquired with the Mayor when this information would be put in writing and expressed concern that the meeting was not being recorded so it would be difficult go back and make sure that all questions were answered.

Susan Skeries echoed this sentiment, asking why her previously asked questions were not responded to and asked specific questions, including resolving the sump pump issue.

Mayor Burgess responded that questions asked by residents and Council members was the reason for the informational meeting, and believed that most were answered and that both Council members would have their email questions answered.

4. **Adjourn:** Motion by Harms to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 PM. Seconded by Mike Jones. Motion passed 3-0.



Dave Burgess, Mayor

**Attest:**



Mark Arentsen, Interim City Administrator