

The Committee on Government Operations, Public Safety & Public Service met on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 6pm.

Members present were Councilor Anthony DiPierro, presiding, Councilors Peter Napolitano, Michael McLaughlin and Richard Dell Isola, as ex-officio.

Member absent was Councilor John Hanlon.

Communication received from Councilor Hanlon that he had a School Finance meeting to attend to.

Chairman DiPierro excused himself so he could participate in the School Finance meeting and appointed Councilor Napolitano to chair this matter until his return.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by the Entire City Council: That the DPW Director Greg St. Louis and a representative of Encore appear at this meeting to discuss work being done on island across from 66 Main Street.

DPW Director Greg St. Louis was also present.

Councilor McLaughlin noted that the area in question had been construction zone over a long period of time now and that the residents in the area are not satisfied and they have filed numerous complaints of noise. He asked if the area could be restored as part of the City's beautification program. Mr. St. Louis explained that originally National Grid was doing gas work in that area and used this location as its staging area and agreed to restore it but then the Route 16 Contractor began using it for the same purpose. He informed the Committee that he expected the Sweetser Circle construction work soon to wrap up soon. Mr. St. Louis announced that the City has been looking at about a dozen locations throughout the City in which to do year round plantings and mentioned that this was one of those areas. Councilor McLaughlin confirmed that some work such as the planting of trees has already occurred, but he asked Mr. St. Louis if a representative of 66 Main Street could work with the contractor to incorporate benches and a patio type area. Councilor Dell Isola asked if this was State property. Mr. St. Louis responded that it was State property but noted that the City would be doing the work and remarked that the Route 16 contractor was very accommodating and would be agreeable to do what is asked as long as it is State permitted. Mr. St. Louis stated that he expected the work to commence within the next 30 days.

The Committee voted: To report back to the City Council with a recommendation to have Mr. St. Louis update the City Council at the regular City Council meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup> with a progress report.

Respectfully Submitted,

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The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilors McLaughlin, Dell Isola, McKinnon, DiPierro: That the DPW Director Greg St. Louis and a representative of National Grid appear at this meeting to discuss repairs being made to the roadway on Ferry Street..

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Councilor McLaughlin declared that Ferry Street was in disarray and mentioned that National Grid tried to make the needed repairs to their trench prior to the Strike but now the condition of the street has left residents and businesses quite concerned. He asked if the City could do the work and back charge National Grid. Mr. St. Louis informed the Committee that National Grid was actually still working along Ferry Street near the Malden line, but acknowledged that the plan was for the City to do a millwork overlay from Glendale Square to the Malden line after June 10<sup>th</sup> since he concurred it was a worn corridor in the City. Mr. St. Louis stated that he did not know the exact cost of the work at this time. Councilor Dell Isola asked if patching could be done on the other side of Ferry Street especially in the Cottage Street area. Mr. St. Louis responded that he had no problem holding National Grid accountable for that work. Councilor Dell Isola requested that the City provide ample notice to all on when the millwork will occur from Glendale square to the Malden line on Ferry Street.

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