The Safety & Public Properties Committee met at City Hall on the above date and time.

Present: Chairman Russo, Councilwoman Meany and Councilman Pedicino

Also Present: GPD Group Traffic Engineer Ryan Gillespie, Assistant City Engineer Keri Welch, Police Chief Viland, Fire Chief Shaw, Mr. Glenn E. Gable, President and CEO of Freeway Lanes Bowling Group, and Secretary Donna Bond.

Absent: Mayor Susan Drucker.

Approval of Minutes:
Motion by Councilwoman Meany, second by Councilman Pedicino to approve the minutes of August 10, 2016 as submitted.
Roll Call: Aye: Meany, Pedicino, Russo
Nay: None
Motion Carried

Reports:
1. Jail report – Month of July 2016
Chief Viland stated nothing new to report.

Correspondence:
2. Memo from Chief Executive Officer Mr. Glenn E. Gable, Freeway Lanes Bowling Group – Mr. Gable addressed the committee in regards to the initial plan for the driveway presented as a right in right out, however, it will be very intrusive how large the driveway needs to be and he no longer believes it needs to be right in right out. Mr. Gable was directed to meet with Mr. Rob Frankland and to go through the Planning and Zoning Committee before submitting this agenda item to the Safety and Public Properties Committee. The committee also recommended that a traffic impact study may need to be done if he is proposing a full movement driveway on Solon Road instead of the right in right out at the expense of Mr. Gable prior to coming back to this committee. Mr. Gable will be sending Mr. Gillespie pdf files of the interior layout as well. Item Removed.

3. Memo from Maria Farley -
Ms. Farley is requesting the Cooperative Service Agreement between the City of Solon and the United States Department of Agriculture for the deer management services within the city be accepted by this committee. She is asking to have legislation prepared for the deer management services not to exceed $67,179.00. Ms. Farley stated the agreement is basically the same agreement as in previous years and services will be reimbursed on a time and material basis. Also, the costs is lower than years past because the number of deer have been reduced as a result of the on-going deer management program. Chairman Russo stated the number of deer vehicle accidents have also decreased. Councilwoman Meany asked about the costs listed on the invoice what were titled the “Pooled Job Costs” in the amount of $5,812.00 and the “Indirect Costs” in the amount of $8,533.00 under the Financial Plan, Attachment B. Ms. Farley replied she will have to get back to Ms. Meany with an explanation. Councilwoman Meany asked if the United States Department of Agriculture will bait and remove the deer, and Ms. Farley replied yes they will do both.
Motion by Councilwoman Meany, second by Councilman Pedicino, to have legislation prepared authorizing the agreement between the City of Solon and The United States Department of Agriculture for the deer management services not to exceed $67,179.00 under an emergency due to the start date being December 1, 2016.

Roll Call:  
Aye:       Meany, Pedicino, Russo  
Nay:       None  

Motion Carried

Police and Fire:
4. Memo from Assistant Fire Chief Shebeck – Ice Melt Cables for Fire Station #2 & #3 –  
Chief Shaw stated this memo is for informational purposes only and it is to inform the committee they are moving forward with the project as the ice cable systems for both of the stations were a recommendation of the Roof System Evaluation Project that was completed in 2014 by ES Architecture and Development. The installation of the ice cable system will be handled by the City electricians and Chief Shaw will be working with the Engineering Department to make sure this is the best solution before making the final purchase. Chief Shaw stated there was a change recently to the purchasing budget ordinance requiring departments to get authorization for bids over $100,000.00 and the cost of this installation is well under that amount.

5. Memo from Assistant Fire Chief Shebeck – Surplus Designation of Various Items -  
Chief Shaw is asking for legislative authority to dispose of city property which is unneeded and/or obsolete for department purposes. He is also asking for legislative approval required for the usage of internet auction services, GovDeals.com and for items that do not sell on the GovDeals.com internet auction to be declared scrap and can be properly disposed of.

Motion by Councilwoman Pedicino, second by Councilwoman Meany, to approve legislation pursuant to Ohio Revised Code§721.15 for legislative authorization to dispose of city property as outlined in the memo provided by Assistant Chief Shebeck. Additionally, any approval for internet auction services to dispose of certain items that are not sold at auction through GovDeals.com a division of Liquidity Services, Inc., and to declare an emergency in order to clear out Station 1 for an upcoming Open House.

Roll Call:  
Aye:       Meany, Pedicino, Russo  
Nay:       None  

Motion Carried

6. Memo from Fire Chief Shaw – Summit County Radio Agreement –  
Chief Shaw is requesting authority for both the Fire and Police Departments to enter into an agreement with the Summit County Division of Public Safety. He said that division in Summit County runs their county wide radio system. He said this agreement will enable the Solon safety forces to program their radios with the Twinsburg Fire and Police talk groups as well as mutual aid talk groups. Chief Shaw said there will be no costs to us and all programming costs shall be paid by the City of Solon. Mr. Lobe reviewed this agreement and recommended it be brought before the Safety and Public Properties Committee and Council for approval allowing the Mayor to enter into the Summit County Radio Agreement.

Motion by Councilwoman Meany, second by Councilman Pedicino, to have legislation prepared authorizing the agreement between the City of Solon and the Summit County Radio Agreement as outlined in the memo from Fire Chief Shaw to the Safety and Public Properties Committee dated September 8, 2016.

Roll Call:  
Aye:       Meany, Pedicino, Russo  
Nay:       None  

Motion Carried
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT


Police Chief Viland stated there was not much reported for the month of August. As stated in the traffic report, both of the signals that were in constant cycle at SOM Ctr @ Marc’s Plaza and SOM Ctr @ Creamer Drive were reported to the engineering department.

Councilwoman Meany expressed her frustrations for the same complaints she receives over and over regarding the signals at Creamer Drive and at the Marc’s Plaza. She inquired about the turning arrow going west on Miles Road to turn onto Harper Road that it is no longer there or it is hit and miss. Ms. Meany continues to tell people to contact engineering; however, she is also getting frustrated. Ms. Welch replied she does receive complaints regularly regarding the signals at the dual schools, Marc’s Plaza, and at Creamer Drive. She explained there continue to be issues with the cameras and they are addressing the issues of the cameras with the manufacturing company. Ms. Welch said last week there were 40 new cameras shipped to the supplier, Perram Electric, Inc., who will be installing them at no cost to the city. Ms. Welch said ten (10) intersections were selected that have had the most issues where the 40 new cameras will be installed and those cameras will all have the new heated lens. She said the company did make some changes so the signals do not go into recall. She said engineering will monitor the new cameras once they are installed to make sure they are operating properly. Ms. Welch said she will not accept another batch of new cameras if they are not working properly and will wait for colder weather to test the cameras out. Ms. Welch will report back to the committee.

In regards to the other traffic complaints, Ms. Welch said she has not heard about the complaint regarding the turn arrow at Miles and Harper Road, however, she will check into it for Councilwoman Meany. Ms. Welch expressed her understanding of the frustrations of the traffic signals and why the complaints are continuing to come in. She hopes the installation of the new cameras will correct these signal issues throughout the city.

ENGINEERING

8. Memo from John Busch – Aurora Rd at Pettibone Rd/Eastbound Right Turn on Red Restriction -

Ms. Welch said the Engineering Department has received a few requests to prohibit the Pettibone Road eastbound right turn on red at the Aurora Road/Pettibone Road intersection. She said the complaints are that vehicles have to go too far into the intersection to look for traffic to turn right on red and then they are under or past the mast arm and unable to see the traffic light. She said the complaints were discussed at the traffic task force meeting and referred to GPD for analysis and recommendation.

Chairman Russo asked Mr. Gillespie based on their analysis how many accidents have occurred at this intersection. Mr. Gillespie replied, over the last 3 (three) years there have been 18 rear-end crashes on the west leg of the intersection. He said the crash reports reveal that 11 of these crashes occurred in the right turn lane and occur when the lead vehicle moves forward from the stop bar to view the approaching southbound traffic, but stops prior to completing the turn, thus, leaving the driver of the trailing car insufficient time to apply the brakes, and rear-ending the lead vehicle. In 2013 and 2014 there were 6 crashes prior to the signal reconstruction project, and there were 5 crashes in 2015 after the reconstruction project. During the project, the mast arm had been moved further out into the intersection allowing someone to move up and attempt to make a right turn on red and see the signal indication. The relocation of the mast arm had actually pushed it back further west closer to the stop bar so when you move forward you are no longer able to see the signal indication.
It is GPD’s recommendation the right turn on red restriction is considered for the eastbound approach due to the crash history and for safety purposes. After further discussion, the committee members concur with GPD’s recommendation.

Motion by Councilman Pedicino, Second by Councilwoman Meany to prepare legislation to amend the traffic control map to restrict a right turn on red on Pettibone eastbound at the Aurora Road/Pettibone Road intersection and to declare an emergency for safety purposes.
Roll Call: Aye: Meany, Pedicino, Russo
Nay: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilwoman Meany, second by Councilman Pedicino to amend the motion of agenda item number 6, the Summit County Radio Agreement, to add it is to be done under an emergency.
Roll Call: Aye: Meany, Pedicino, Russo
Nay: None

Motion Carried

9. Memo from John Busch – Cochran Road Directional Signage –
Ms. Welch recapped from her memo the Engineering Department has received a request for the addition of directional signage for Cochran Road at the US 422 Harper Road interchange. Ms. Welch said going south on Harper Road the name changes to Cochran Road south of Aurora Road. She said when you exit US 422 at Harper Road there are no signs at US 422 indicating where Cochran Road begins it just states “Harper Road/Cochran Road”. After reviewing the request, it is GPD’s recommendation that additional signage is warranted at this location and states the signage should be installed on the ramps with an arrow pointing in the direction of Cochran Road. The Engineering Department will contact ODOT for approval because the signs would be installed in ODOT’s right of way and check to see if ODOT would provide funding and installation of the signs or if the City of Solon would be responsible. Item tabled.

10. Memo from John Busch – I-Net Fiber Replacement, Contract 2016.16-
Ms. Welch recapped from her memo the Engineering Department is requesting a change order 1 for the I-Net Fiber Replacement Project for a time extension of 29 days. The request is for the #12 awg. Treacer wire that was added to the project for the areas with new conduit which will allow the new fiber to be accurately located in the future. She said the original completion date was September 15, 2016 and with the extension the new completion date will be October 14, 2016.

Motion by Councilwoman Meany, second by Councilman Pedicino, to have legislation prepared allowing a Change Order 1 for the I-Net Fiber Replacement Project for the time extension of 29 days for Perram Electric, Inc. and the new completion date will be October 14, 2016.
Roll Call: Aye: Meany, Pedicino, Russo
Nay: None

Motion Carried

11. Status Update Report for the month ending August 31, 2016 -
Ms. Welch said the engineering department is working on plans for the City Hall Entrance Cul-de-Sac and B&N performed survey work this past month. She said there is a railroad crossing on Richmond Road and the Cleveland Commercial Railroad will be installing flashing lights and gates with the work scheduled to be completed by October. Ms. Welch stated there will be road closures required during the installations. She said the Police Department Roof Replacement work is in progress.
Ms. Welch said the I-Net Fiber Replacement Project work is in progress and City Hall Roof Replacement is underway.

She said the Solon Historical Society Fire Suppression System is complete and the Fire Department will be testing the system. The SOM Center Road project has begun today and work will be done from Miles Road south to Maple Road from during normal construction hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The portion between the Old Bob Evans driveway and Maple Road will be during the night.

Motion by Councilwoman Meany, second by Councilman Russo to adjourn the Safety and Public Properties Meeting.

Roll Call: Aye: Meany, Pedicino, Russo
Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Bond, Secretary