

The following is an update of the Public Works Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 4, 2006, 7:00 pm at City Hall.

The following committee members were in attendance:

Dave Bondon
Steve Guthrie
Bill Smith
Rebecca Spitler
Randy Kirkus
Bernie Cohen, Council liaison, was in attendance.

* I reviewed the information concerning the Revised Stormwater IGA and the City's position on membership. The Committee is in agreement that the loss of control over stormwater facilities would not be in the best interest of the City.

* I reviewed the recent report from the DNR Safe Dams Program annual inspection of Berkeley Lake Dam. As you are aware the overall aspect of the report is that the dam is being well maintained. There are four items that need to be addressed. All of these are minor in nature and I will address these under separate correspondence with Greg Harris of Chattahoochee Landscaping.

* We discussed the status of recent activity related to the correction of problems caused by paving in River Mansions and the restoration of the shoulders along Lakeshore Drive between Ridge Road and North Berkeley Lake Road. All agreed that these are important items to be resolved and funds should be made available to do so (see discussion below related to budget).

* As per your request we discussed the allocation of funds for road paving projects and watershed projects. We discussed the issue that we do not have an effective tool to use to prioritize projects, so we kept the result to a more general nature. We discussed the report that the GDOT issued in November 2004 that indicated that the roads in the City were in very good condition. We also discussed the Homeowners Presidents meeting held on February 27, 2006 at which the issue of paving versus patching and preventative maintenance was discussed. Also, we reviewed the allocation of funds within the current budget for watershed and road items.

As a result of this discussion, the Public Works Committee recommends that the Mayor and Council consider delaying the road paving projects pending the outcome of the following. That all watershed projects scheduled for this year are completed as planned and if additional projects are identified, money is allocated on a case by case basis. That the road repair items identified by Homeowner Associations are collected and a plan put in place to repair and/or correct the items using funds currently allocated to road paving.

In addition to the above, that road safety related issues be identified, if different that those already known, and funds allocated as needed from current road paving projects to correct these issues.

* One last discussion item is related to traffic signs throughout the City. Many of our current signs are difficult to see and read while driving due to an accumulation of grime and overgrown foliage. We recommend that a contractor (possibly Chattahoochee Landscaping) correct these issues. With all the discussion related to road safety recently we can at least take care of what is currently in use for guiding traffic. Chattahoochee Landscaping could correct these items during their routine road shoulder maintenance activity.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments and please discuss these items with any of the Committee members as you wish.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy W. Kirkus
Chairperson