

TRADES ADVISORY COUNCIL (TAC)

MINUTES

June 25, 2008

Present were Gail McQuiston, Mary Ellen Jackson, Marilyn Tidwell, Rick Jones, James Ray, Ralph Gregory, Mike Morris, Ilke Hanloser, Rick Blackburn, Jim McLean, Eba Hobbs, Martha Segal, Lance Hornbuckle, Robby Irvin, Richard Smith, Jim Paulus and Ronnie Russell.

Review of Minutes

April minutes were approved as written.

One Piece Carson Meter Box

Carson Manufacturing has completed the prototype for the one piece meter box. James Ray provided the membership with the opportunity to view this box. The box must be placed on a concrete pad not included with the purchase of the box. Group questions included request for pricing and the feasibility of this type box being used in commercial situations. This information will be provided before the next meeting. The box was approved for use.

Tracking Abandoned Services

Mary Ellen/Ronnie reported for Hal Balthrop on this subject. Public Works will be implementing new technology for paving. This new method will allow for timelier patching. In the interim, it will be the plumber's responsibility to cut and cap a service that is being abandoned unless a major highway or road is involved. These sites will continue to be placed on a list for MWS to address in coordination with the Public Works paving schedule. There will be a representative from Public Works at the next TAC meeting to discuss the new technology with the group.

Third Party Backflow Testing Update

Andy Ward had submitted a letter used by the City of Brentwood to notify property owners of the need to test backflow devices. Brentwood allows property owners to obtain a third party to test their backflows and forward the results to the city. MWS prefers the process remains the same with some process modifications. Lance Hornbuckle, Richard Smith and Rick Jones volunteered to be a part of an internal meeting to discuss the issue with MWS. This item will be on the next meeting agenda.

Developer Testing Fire Hydrants Not Deeded to MWS

Jim Paulus reported MWS would test the fire hydrants by appointment and bill for cost recovery. It will be necessary for the developer to sign a waiver holding MWS harmless for any damages occurring during the testing process. Jim will provide the membership with the written process on or before the next meeting.

Billing for After Hours Taps

Mary Ellen reviewed the cost schedule that was distributed. Customers will be billed for the differential between the regular hours and the overtime hours pay rates. There will be no back billing.

Capacity Fee Payment Time Line Requirements

Rick Blackburn asked that MWS consider changes in the timeline for initial 30% capacity fee payment. He suggested allowing developers to pay the full 30% after the pre-con meeting. At that point in process, the developer should have his financing in place. Mike stated the purpose of the capacity is to reserve the flow and if the full amount is not paid, technically the capacity is not reserved. In the interim, another developer could reserve a portion or all of the available capacity. This issue will be discussed at an internal meeting and the capacity portion in Metro Codes will be reviewed.

Easements-Private Property Owners-Public Sewer

Rick Blackburn discussed issues he is having with securing easements from owners of the properties that border a MWS trunk line. MWS did not construct extensions from the trunk line. Future projects cannot be provided with service without the easements from property owners. There are some instances where he has to pay \$50,000 to \$100,000 for a 150 foot easement. Rick feels MWS could enhance revenue and promote development if in the future this was addressed. Mike will set up a meeting with Cyrus and Rick to discuss this further.

Development Website

The revised site can be accessed through www.nashville.gov/water. The Development link is on the left side of the screen. Mary Ellen reported Mr. Potter and John Kennedy are participating in a multi-departmental development committee under the direction of the Mayor's staff. Our website and handbook may be used as a model for a government wide development site/handbook.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 20, 2008, in the CSC 2nd floor conference room.