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RICHFIELD VILLAGE COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018

6 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Domanick, Healey, Hudak, Kahoe, Lanford, Lyons and Wheeler.

OTHERS PRESENT: Planning & Zoning and Interim Service Director Frantz; Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman Charles Boester; Planning & Zoning Commission Member Ralph Waszak Sr.; Attorney John Slagter of Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs; GPD Group Traffic Engineer Kevin Westbrooks.

WORK SESSION:

Humphrey Road Signs

Frantz talked about the plan to place six “HILL BLOCKS VIEW” signs on Humphrey Road. Westbrooks said it would be possible to follow Council’s recommendation to reduce the number to two, changing the wording to “HILLS BLOCK VIEW.”

Columbia Road Traffic Forecast

While the area contains large tracts of empty land, Westbrooks recommended that Council plan to meet the area’s traffic needs as the area develops. He mentioned that a plan is in place to modify the Columbia Road-Brecksville Road intersection to allow trucks to exit at a traffic light.

Westbrooks displayed the intersection ratings for the area in its present (2018), half-built (2028) and fully built (2038) states. The ratings range from an A (traffic flows freely) to an F (gridlock).

The Columbia Road intersection is currently a C in the morning and a B in the evening. In 2028, the intersection will become an F. If traffic can’t flow, people will stop developing the area.

Therefore, he proposed a southern access road (Industrial Road) that would connect Brecksville Road to the other end of Columbia Road. This would double the area’s traffic capacity and alleviate the need to modify the current Columbia Road intersection. Westbrooks recommended this plan should be Council’s first priority.

Frantz said Slagter was in attendance to represent certain property owners in the area.



Broadview-Route 303 Turn Lane Study

No turn lanes currently exist at this intersection, causing westbound travelers to wait a long time before they can turn south on Broadview.

Westbrooks recommended left-turn lanes in all four directions. Hudak said he hoped the state could contribute to the project because both streets are state routes. Westbrooks said the project could be submitted to AMATS for funding.

Westbrooks said the intersection could also be improved with a right-turn lane for northbound travelers. He said the estimated cost of the overall project is \$611,394 without the right-turn lane and \$631,272 with the right-turn lane.

Highlander Parkway-Brecksville Road Crosswalk Study

Westbrooks recommended the addition of a crosswalk across Brecksville Road, as well as one across Highlander Parkway. This would include four countdown crosswalk signs.

The estimated cost is \$49,451 for the Brecksville Road crosswalk and \$59,462 for both crosswalks.

Hudak said Council should move quickly on this issue, because people are “taking their lives into their hands” by running across the street.

Lyons adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeff Gorman
Clerk of Council

Mike Lyons
Council President