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CLARKSTON

INFRASTRUCTURE INITIATIVES

Project #1

City Streetscapes and Pedestrian Enhancements



Description: Proposed design features include new pedestrian and bike networks to the city recreational and other activity center facilities and modifications to the existing sidewalk system for ADA compliance, at-grade railroad crossing enhancements (for pedestrian and vehicular access), installation of decorative safety fence between the CSX railroad right-of-way and East Ponce de Leon, signal upgrades (new equipment and retiming), improvements to existing transit stops including bus stop pullouts and new bus shelters, modifications to the existing on-street parking and other traditional streetscape elements (gateway structures, mast arms, landscaping, pedestrian scale lighting) and street resurfacing.

Public Information Meetings will be held throughout design plan stage

Project Limits: East Ponce de Leon from I-285 to Market St
Market St from East Ponce de Leon to Church St
Church St from Market St to Norman Rd
Norman Rd from Church St to Milam Park entrance

Status: Active

Project Issues: None

Schedule: Anticipate advertising for engineering design services spring 2013
Estimated NTP Issued to Contractor– 2015
Estimated Construction Completion - 2017

Funding: State Road & Tollway Authority Loan (\$2,000,000); Federal Highway Administration (\$3,560,000); GDOT (\$20,000)

Project #2

Milam Park Recreational Improvements



Description: Improvements to Milam Park as follows:

- New recreational equipment
- Upgrade to restroom facilities
- New sidewalk that connects Milam Pool and parking lot (Norman Rd end of park) to Popular Street - ADA compliant
- ADA complaint play equipment
- Removal of overhead power lines in play area and lower field
- Grills and hot coal bins
- Installation of drinking fountain
- Painting of existing pavilions
- Planting of 15 new trees
- New decorative fencing at lower field and new chain link fence at soccer field
- Removed timber poles in ball field
- New baseball backstop and benches
- Resurfacing of recreational area parking lot

Status: Project Completed July 2012

Project Issues: Cost for final improvements less than contract amount

Funding: City General Fund

PROJECT #3

City Street Rehabilitation



Description: The city receives limited funding each year from the Georgia Department of Transportation to asphalt resurface or patch roads. This state program is called LMIG (Local Maintenance Improvement Program). The City identifies the roads through a rating system and submits to the state yearly for consideration.

Project Limits: In 2012, four (4) streets were resurfaced. In 2013, the city will be patching a Church Street from the county line (east end) to Market St. This patching is necessary to prepare for resurfacing in subsequent years

Status: City received funding from the state in 2013 and will “advertise for construction” the patching of Church St this summer

Project Issues: None

Schedule: Patching is anticipated to commence in late summer 2013

Funding: State of Georgia; 2012 - \$21,000 & 2013 - \$50,000

City of Clarkston; 2012 - \$62,000 & 2013 - TBD

PROJECT #4

City Drainage Improvements



Description: The City approved of a dedicated funding mechanism for drainage improvements in 2008. This dedicated funding mechanism is called a “Stormwater User Fee”. All property owners (residential and commercial) are assessed a fee based on the amount of square feet of impervious surface (areas on individual properties that do not allow rainwater to penetrate into the ground). The fee collected is exclusively dedicated to stormwater improvement activities within the city limits.

Funding from the states “LMIG” program can also be used for drainage improvements

Project Limits: TBD once stormwater infrastructure project locations are identified for repair, upgrade or replacement.

Status: In 2012, one project was completed – a damaged culvert on West Smith Street.

In 2013, the following areas are identified for drainage improvements:

- ✓ 4329 and 4317 East Ponce de Leon culvert replacements (flooding problem)
- ✓ Rogers Street PATH drainage channel (flooding problems)
- ✓ Over 30 locations where drainage infrastructure such as damaged catch basins or ditches require correction action

Project Issues: Pending DeKalb County approval of drainage easement

Schedule: Public Information Meeting to present final plan improvements – early 2013

“Advertise for Construction” early 2013

Commence with construction improvements April 2013

Funding: Stormwater User Fee funds - TBD

State of Georgia LMIG funding - \$30,000

Project #5

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety/Education/Training Program

Description: Bicycle education in the City of Clarkston is particularly critical in that the demographics (significant percentage of the population are refugees) lend itself to lack of experience or understanding of the most basic “rules of the road”. This lack of basic bicycle skills is a traffic safety challenge for the Clarkston Community.

Typically, bicycle education programs are designed to increase bicycle safety by improving the ability of cyclists to ride with traffic as well as heightening motorist awareness. The difficulties faced by this Community are more than the development of a bicycle skill set or knowledge base – it requires tailoring programs that can transcend the participant’s “normal” prospective of bicycling in their native lands which is complicated by overcoming any language barriers that might exist. In addition to the unique demographics facing this “Refugee Re-settlement Community”, there are also social and economic barriers that contribute to the proper application of bicycle safety. Given these community attributes, the City and the community at-large, will develop a bicycle awareness program and information to include posters, brochures, videos and online content including programs which include on-bike instruction for targeted groups.

The Clarkston Community will explore all possible avenues in designing and implementing a bicycle education strategy that will include assistance and guidance from local churches, non-profit agencies, public health, educational institutions, Clarkston Police Department, community and civic organizations, area cycling clubs and the private sector associated with the bicycling industry.

Project Limits: NA

Status: Anticipate NTP (Notice to Proceed) to be issued by the GDOT by July 2013

Project Issues: Pursuing private sector and non-profit partnerships for the donation of labor and materials

Schedule: Identify potential partnerships in the summer of 2013 with project completion by August 2014

Funding: Federal funding (allocated by the Atlanta Regional Commission) - \$72,000
City of Clarkston - \$18,000

Project #6

New Public Works Facility



Description: Construction of a new Public Works facility utilizing the “design-build” approach. The new facility will be a pre-engineered metal building approximately 2450 square feet with a masonry or stone base. The .66 acre site will also include outside storage sheds, nine (9) paved parking spaces and other public works site amenities. The building space will provide for administrative offices and vehicle bays for minor maintenance to light and heavy equipment and inside storage of equipment.

The City’s current public works facility is a 10 ft x 20 ft storage shed. All heavy and light equipment is parked at City Hall or other locations throughout the city. All maintenance work must be accomplished through an outside vendor.

Project Location: Montreal Creek Ct

Status: Through a competitive bidding and negotiation process, the Design-Build Team of Armentrout Matheny Thurmond (architects) and Hutton Vandiver (contractor) was selected by City Council from a field of four (4) Design-Build teams submitting a proposal. City staff is currently developing contract documents with the selected team.

Project Issues: None

Schedule: Anticipate issuance of a Notice to Proceed to begin design work and site clearing by the end of February 2013. The project completion date is July 1st, 2013

Funds: \$319,000 (Georgia Municipal Loan)

Project #7

New City Annex



Description: For many years the existing city administrative office space at 3921 Church Street has been inadequate to effectively and efficiently serve the community. Over the past decade the City has considered a number of options for additional administrative office space. These options have included construction of a new city hall to expansion of the existing city hall complex. With the passing of long term city resident Ms. Mary Morris, the residence at 1055 Rowland Street was placed on the market by her executor. In early 2012, the city became aware of the availability of the Mary Morris House and initiated due diligence for potential acquisition as a City Hall Annex for administrative offices. City Council unanimously voted to move forward with the acquisition in March and the house was purchased in April of 2012 at cost of \$151,370.

The City selected architect Bizot and Associates and landscape design firm POND to design the plans for the renovation and rehabilitation of the building structure and site improvements.

The City's intent with this project is to not only provide adequate space for city administrative functions to serve the needs of the community but as importantly, preserve the historic character of the property and building. The City is cognizant of the heritage and importance of this structure as a community landmark and as such, will maintain and protect the architectural and site features where technically practical and within the budget allocated for these improvements.

Project Location: 1055 Rowland Street

Status: Through a competitive bidding process, the Macallan Group was selected to provide construction services. The contact amount is \$497,000

Project Issues: None

Schedule: Rehabilitation of the structure is underway. Project to be completed by April 30th, 2013.

Funding: Loan from the Georgia Municipal Association

Project #8

Aquatic Center at Milam Park



Demolition of existing pool (circa 1955) May 2011



Aquatic Center completed October 2011

Description: City Council approved of a Design-Build approach for construction of a new aquatic center. Leslie Contracting was awarded the project construction February 2011.

The existing pool, built in 1955, did not meet current state or county pool safety regulations and renovation of the existing pool was determined to be impractical due to cost considerations. The existing pool was closed to the public for 2 years before partial funding was obtained from DeKalb County to construct a new facility. The new facility is a state-of-the-art pool that includes office space/small conference room, concession facility, ADA compliant pool access, a separate “kiddie pool”, a 5 lap lanes, pool lighting, shower and locker rooms and a covered pavilion.

Project Location: Milam Park

Status: Projected completed October 2011. Inaugural opening of aquatic center occurred June 2012

Project Issues: NA

Schedule: NA

Funding: Total construction cost - \$938,000; DeKalb County contributed \$500,000 through the Community Development Block Grant Program with the remaining \$438,000 from the city general fund

