

**City of New Castle Delaware
City Council Special Meeting
201 Delaware Street, New Castle
Monday, September 23, 2019 - 6:00 P. M.**

Call to Order: 6: 00 PM

Roll Call

Councilperson Suzanne M. Souder
Councilperson Russell P. Smith
Council President Linda Ratchford
Councilperson Michael M. Platt
Councilperson Valarie W. Leary

Also present:

Mayor Michael Quaranta
Janet Carlin, City Treasurer
William Barthel, City Administrator
Daniel Losco, City Solicitor
David Athey, City Engineer

The City Engineer presented, including:

Decisions previously made, related to the Delaware Street project:

- No real brick crosswalks
- No bump-outs
- Extension of the patio in front of the town hall
- If work is done below the Strand, there would be concrete curbs and brick sidewalk at Battery Park.

Remaining to be determined:

- Crosswalk material(s)
- Scope of work area
- Handicapped parking details

Known decisions:

- New pavement and new curbs from Third Street to the Strand.

Optional work:

- Project extended from the Strand to the wharf, keeping the wharf as is
- Project extended from the Strand to the wharf, expanding the wharf area, with additional parking
- Sanitary sewer lateral

Future potential:

- Extending to Ferry Cut Off

Unknowns:

- Unit pricing on bids may be negotiable, upon any changes
- Cost of mobilization of contract (setting up for work) may be negotiable
- Cost changes related to changes to sidewalks are an unknown
- Third Street to Ferry Cut Off costs are an unknown
- Cost adjustments due to traffic flow changes, if work is extended, are an unknown

Approximately a 10% contingency has been worked into the City Engineer's cost estimate.

Crosswalk options were reviewed.

The "base project" is being referred to as Third Street to the Strand, and is estimated at approximately \$1.1 million, with painted crosswalks. With stamped asphalt crosswalks, \$1.2 million is estimated.

Extending from the Strand to the wharf area, no changes to the wharf (only repaving), with painted crosswalks, cost estimated at approximately \$1.25 million; \$1.375 million with stamped asphalt crosswalks. These cost estimates are inclusive of the base project.

Expanding the wharf area, as per the bids, increases the cost estimate to approximately \$1.45 million with painted crosswalks; \$1.75 million with stamped asphalt crosswalks.

To run the sanitary sewer as previously described, cost is estimated at \$50,000.

New pavement, with curbs, between Third and Fourth Streets, estimated at \$240,000 to \$250,000.

New pavement, with curbs, between Fourth and Fifth Streets, estimated at \$350,000 to \$370,000 (same for Fifth to Sixth).

The state will be re-doing the light at Sixth Street, including unknown changes to curbs, etc.

Extending to Ferry Cutoff could be about \$460,000 to \$490,000 from Sixth Street.

The city must take action on the bids by October 7. The City Engineer recommends awarding the contract to Cirillo. The scope of the project can be fine-tuned. If the contract is awarded to Cirillo, it is expected that work could begin in the fall.

At this point, the City Engineer's presentation was completed.

Discussion continued.

Budget available for the project is \$1,782,581.

Relining of the pipes from the Strand to the wharf, at approximately \$100,000, is not included in any costs that have been discussed to this point.

With painted crosswalks, and the project stopping at the Strand, \$1.1 million is estimated. Continuing to Fifth, with painted crosswalks, is estimated at about \$1.7 million.

The City Engineer confirmed that his estimates include the expansion of the patio in front of the town hall.

“Non-substantial” decisions, such as design for expansion of the patio in front of town hall, locations of handicapped spaces, design of painted crosswalks, etc., can be deferred until later.

The expectation is that brick and curb work would be done in the winter. Paving has to happen during warm weather.

It was moved and seconded to authorize the City Administrator to negotiate and execute a construction contract with Cirillo Brothers, for the Delaware Street Reconstruction Project from the Strand to Fifth Street, in form acceptable to the City Solicitor. The motion was passed unanimously.

After a motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Whitaker Clerk of the City of New Castle

Next Regular Meeting Date: October 8, 2019