

Public Hearing Minutes

April 25, 2022

Fick Hall, 155 Sullivan Hill Road
Mt. Washington KY 40047

Mayor Armstrong called the Public Hearing to order at 7:48 PM with the following council members present, Sandra Hockenbury, Dustin Armstrong, Greg Gentry, Troy Barr, Albert Thompson, and George Maddox.

Also, present were Will Nolan, Qk4, City Attorney Hayden Sweat, Chief Tim Morris, City Administrator Elizabeth Hardin and Public Works Director Paul Brannon.

The mayor stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to discuss the possibility of a roundabout and temporary traffic signal at the Landis Lane and North Bardstown Road intersection.

The mayor introduced Will Nolan who is one of the engineers overseeing the project and representing Qk4. The mayor encouraged public comments and requested that Will Nolan provide a presentation of the area and open for discussion public comments.

Will provided the project history beginning in 2017 and discussed the project development including the alternate refinement. Will provided a presentation with graphics to show the location of the signal and the roundabout to help with a concept for the directional and daily use of the roundabout to improve the intersection at North Bardstown Road and Landis Lane.

Public concerns addressed were semi-trucks safely being able to maneuver around the roundabout through the concrete truck apron for semi-trucks as shown on the diagram shown in orange as well as an extra paver apron shown in yellow on the diagram and will provide plenty of room for larger trucks. (which is designed for WB65)

Discussion also clarified what the pedestrian safety island was utilized for and will meet the current ADA compliance requirements. It was also stated the pedestrian crosswalk will be 10 feet wide and well illuminated at night.

Emergency vehicles utilizing the roundabout was also a concern discussed, Will Nolan stated that emergency vehicles will have to slow down while maneuvering through roundabout as they do at any intersection, they go through in an emergency.

A question was raised as to the sidewalks in the vicinity and asked if there is a potential hazard for pedestrians walking on the sidewalks. Will Nolan said there will be curbing along side of the sidewalks much like other streets have that are alongside a roadway.

There was a question to how the city will try to market this roundabout and get the message out to the public who may be fearful in utilizing the roundabout.

Mayor Armstrong stated the purpose of the meeting here tonight is to address public comment questions, and concerns. The mayor stated this public Hearing was published in the Pioneer News, Facebook and on our website, as well as prior meeting discussion leading up to tonight and all meetings have been on Facebook live since 2020. Mayor Armstrong also said this project is not approved as of yet and he encourages all citizens with public interest to attend the council meetings and we can address questions and concerns accordingly.

A comment was made by an attendee that they have almost been involved in accidents going through a green light and have also utilized roundabouts elsewhere and feels that once people get used to utilizing it, will find it to be much safer and consistent with traffic flowing continuously.

Will Nolan also stated that ample signage will also be included for directional purposes.

Will Nolan said proposed project is still under review with KYTC and approval is pending on the submittals thus far. The city will continue to update the progression of this project as they become available.

Will Nolan stated he will keep the concept drawings up and will be available for questions after the meeting as well.

At 8:21, Councilman Barr made a motion close the Public Hearing and Councilman Gentry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Barry Armstrong
Mayor

Elizabeth Hardin
City Administrator