

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Preliminary Hearing Barrett Law

Resolution: #67033, Covington Dells Water Main Extension

August 2, 2022

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
ROOM 035 –COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MEETING HELD AT 12:00 P.M.**

**SHAN GUNAWARDENA, CHAIR
KUMAR MENON, MEMBER
CHRIS GUERRERO, MEMBER
MICHELLE FULK-VONDRAN, CLERK**

Present: Shan Gunawardena, Kumar Menon, Chris Guerrero, Michelle Fulk-Vondran, Emily Ridgway and Austyn Smedberg.

Shan Gunawardena: Good afternoon welcome to the preliminary hearing for Resolution #67033, Covington Dells Water Main Extension for August 2, 2022. Before we begin, I would like to ask that all attendees please sign in for this hearing. My name is Shan Gunawardena, Chair to the Board of Public Works. To my right is members Kumar Menon and Chris Guerrero. To my left is, Michelle Fulk-Vondran, Clerk to the Board and Emily Ridgway, Barrett Law Accountant. Project Manager Austyn Smedberg will present.

Austyn Smedberg: The project is 6001' of 6" HDP water main extension, including hydrants, valves and all other appurtenances on the project located on Wood Moor, Dell Cove and Ridge Knoll Dr. The new HD water main will provide high quality reliable water and increase fire protection to homeowners in the area. The new main will be installed by horizontal directional drilling which is less disruptive to the area than open cut installation. The property owners previously expressed interest in this project with more than 50% saying they want to move forward with the cost sharing method which is why we are here today.

Shan Gunawardena: Any questions for Austyn? If not, Emily Ridgway will speak about the Barrett Law process.

Emily Ridgway: Good afternoon, my name is Emily Ridgway the Barrett Law Accountant. The following is an overview of the remonstrance process pertaining to block petitions. This process allows property owners who oppose the project to file a petition to have the project cancelled. The petition must have all signatures of those listed on the deed of the property. 51% of the affected property owners (23 of 45) must sign the petition to have the project cancelled. The petition must be returned to the Board of Public Works by August 12, 2022. The project will be cancelled if the petition is submitted with the required number of signatures and signatures have been verified. The project will proceed and will be advertised for bid if the remonstrance is unsuccessful. Final hearing notices will be mailed to the property owners once construction has been completed and the notice of assessment will be separately mailed by Barrett Law and will not be added to the property owners City Utilities bill or the property tax bill.

Shan Gunawardena: Any questions for Emily? Are there any questions or comments about this hearing? If so, please state your name and address and comments or concerns.

Joseph Harrison: My name is Joseph Harrison, I live at 1420 Dell Cove Dr. In talking with my neighbors, it appears that I was one of the only people that got the notice about this project from a property owners' perspective. Just wondering if that was expressed to everyone else in our neighborhood as far as Covington Dells neighborhood?

Emily Ridgway: What notice, I am curious which one you are referring to.

Joseph Harrison: It says notice to property owners, notice of preliminary hearing to myself and my spouse at our address. Basically, listed this meeting here today. But in talking with the rest of my neighbors I don't feel that they got any sort of notice relatively recently.

Emily Ridgway: It should have been mailed out; I would have to look at my records to see for sure.

Joseph Harrison: Okay, another question on this project; would this force homeowners to connect to that water main and/or what are the connection options?

Austyn Smedberg: No, you do not have to connect to the water main, it is an available option later if you want to.

Joseph Harrison: In the future how will that affect well service if a property owner would need to redrill a well or seek to do so, would that affect their ability to do that?

Austyn Smedberg: No, you have the option to drill a well if you prefer to keep your well water.

Joseph Harrison: Okay perfect that answers my questions. Thank you.

Shan Gunawardena: Thank you Mr. Harrison. I do not see anyone else here to speak about this project. Hearing no comments, I will now entertain a motion to close the hearing for #67033, Covington Dells Water Main Extension.

Kumar Menon: So, moved.

Chris Guerrero: Second.

Shan Gunawardena: All those in favor?

Chris Guerrero, Kumar Menon, Shan Gunawardena: Aye.

Shan Gunawardena: Thank you very much. The public hearing is hereby adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 12:16 P.M.

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BY: _____
Shan Gunawardena, Chair

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Kumar Menon, Member

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Chris Guerrero, Member

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