

A Special Board of Public Works meeting was held on Friday, April 28, 2017 at 5:30 pm in the McCloskey Conference Room of City Hall at Showers, 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana, with Kyla Cox Deckard presiding.

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF
PUBLIC WORKS**

Present: Kyla Cox Deckard
Kelly Boatman

ROLL CALL

City Staff: Philippa Guthrie – City Legal
Mike Rouker– City Legal
Andrew Cibor – Planning and Transportation
Christina Smith – Public Works
Valerie Hosea – Public Works

None

**MESSAGES FROM
BOARD MEMBERS**

None

**PETITIONS &
REMONSTRANCES**

NEW BUSINESS

Philippa Guthrie, with City Legal, presented Resolution 2017-39: Establishing an Underground and Buried Utility District. See meeting packet for further details.

**Resolution 2017-39:
Establishing an
Underground and
Buried Utility District**

Cox Deckard asked how this would have been dealt with in the past.

Andrew Cibor, with Planning and Transportation, explained typically Planning and Transportation staff coordinates and reviews permits. If they meet code they are approved. If they meet code but are requesting an undesirable location, we encourage them to move. They usually do.

Philippa Guthrie, with City Legal, explained the resolution designates all right-of-ways require burial.

Cox Deckard asked if there is a process for exceptions.

Guthrie explained as soon as this approval is completed, staff will regroup to address all needs across the board.

Boatman asked if this applies to all types of utilities.

Mike Rouker, with City Legal, explained in the statute that “utilities” is undefined. Staff has been trying to distinguish the ambiguity.

Cox Deckard commented that before, this was something that would have been approved at staff level. Now, it will be reviewed by staff in preparation for a waiver from the Board of the Public Works.

Guthrie confirmed.

Cox Deckard asked if amending the resolution would have any impact on the Board’s decision made today.

Guthrie said it will not.

Cox Deckard asked about the co-location on a pole in Crown Castle.

Chris Smith, with Public Works, explained that there are two streetlights on 10th St. that are owned and maintained by Crown Castle, and they wanted to co-locate.

Cox Deckard asked if all requests to install above-ground utilities in the public right-of-way would need Board approval.

Guthrie confirmed.

Ernest Rollins, with the Herald Times, commented that the County Commissioners met about the same issue earlier in the day.

Boatman made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-39:
Establishing an Underground and Buried Utility District.
Cox Deckard seconded. The motion passed. Resolution
2017-39 approved.

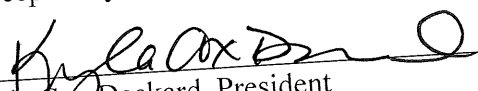
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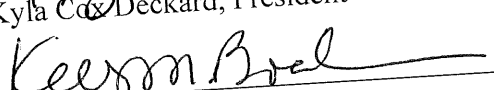
**STAFF REPORTS &
OTHER BUSINESS**

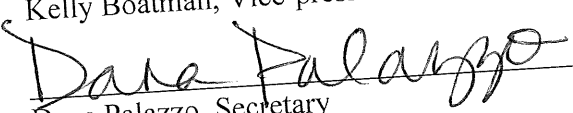
ADJOURNMENT

Cox Deckard called for adjournment at 5:58 p.m.

Accepted by:


Kyla Cox Deckard, President


Kelly Boatman, Vice-president


Dana Palazzo, Secretary

Date: May 16, 2017

Attest to: 