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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
October 6, 2020

The Public Works Committee of Wheeling City Council met on the above date at 11:30 a.m. in City Council Chambers. Committee members present: Chair Sklavounakis, Vice Chair Seidler, and Member Thorngate. Others present: Mayor Elliott, Councilors Thalman, Palmer, and Ketchum, City Manager Robert Herron, Public Works Director Rusty Jebbia, Mike Chiazza WPCD, City Solicitor Humway-Warmuth, and City Clerk Brenda J. Delbert.

The following matters were discussed:

Discussion on Ordinance: Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Control Program

Mr. Herron introduces Mike Chiazza, FOG Coordinator. Mr. Chiazza gives an overview of the FOG Control Program. There are a lot of restaurants that do not have proper grease traps. The City has paid approximately 1.6 million to Robinson Pipe Cleaning. Cannot determine if all expenses are related to grease. Mr. Chiazza estimates some of the smaller traps would cost approximately \$150 plus installation, while larger ones could be in the \$10,000 range. The EPA recommends instillation of proper traps; however, they do not enforce it. This ordinance would allow the city to track and grease traps in restaurants pro activity not only when there is a blockage or problem within the system. A discussion ensues and Mr. Sklavounakis asks committee members to vote no, due to COVID-19. Mr. Sklavounakis believes in the program, however wants to wait until there is more certainty amongst the restaurant industry. Mr. Sklavounakis, seconded by Mr. Seidler, moves to forward to Council. The results on the vote is as follows: AYES: Thorngate; NOES: Sklavounakis, Seidler. Motion failed, will not proceed to Council.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Seidler, moved to adjourn.
Time: 11:54 p.m.