

Work Session of the Suffolk City Council was held in the City Council Chamber, 442 West Washington Street, on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Council Members -

Leroy Bennett, Vice Mayor, presiding

Michael D. Duman

Roger W. Fawcett

Donald Z. Goldberg

Timothy J. Johnson

Curtis R. Milteer, Sr.

Lue R. Ward, Jr.

Patrick G. Roberts, City Manager

Helivi L. Holland, City Attorney

Erika S. Dawley, City Clerk

ABSENT

Linda T. Johnson, Mayor (excused)

CSX RAILWAY – RAIL MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, Public Works Director Louis Hansen gave a report on the above referenced item.

Referring to the presentation, Council Member Goldberg called for additional information about any potential traffic congestion as a result of the anticipated railroad crossing closures in downtown. Public Works Director Hansen explained that staff has worked to minimize any possible traffic congestion as a result of the anticipated roadway crossing closures. He further explained that the City asked CSX about the viability of closing the railroad crossings in phases, but the nature of the maintenance does not make that proposal feasible.

Referring to the presentation, Council Member Fawcett queried about any potential impact on public safety vehicles as a result of the anticipated railroad crossing closures. Public Works Director Hansen advised that both Suffolk Police Department and Suffolk Fire and Rescue Department were consulted about the railroad crossing closures, and they reported no issues.

Vice Mayor Bennett sought information about the ownership of the railroad crossing at Nansemond Parkway, near Suffolk Meadows. Public Works Director Hansen stated that railroad crossing is owned by Commonwealth Railway.

Vice Mayor Bennett announced there was no motion for a Closed Meeting.

Vice Mayor Bennett advised that Mayor Johnson was excused from tonight's proceedings.

Vice Mayor Bennett announced City Council would reconvene for its Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

As there was no Closed Meeting, the Work Session adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Teste: _____
Erika S. Dawley, MMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____
Leroy Bennett, Vice Mayor

APPROVED: JUNE 3, 2020