

**CITY OF MONROE  
COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2010**

Work Session of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Present: Council Members Conner, Beneteau, Hensley, Paisley, Bica, Molenda and Mayor Clark.

Also Present: George Brown, City Manager  
Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering & Public Services  
Don Link, Project Manager, Mannick & Smith  
Barry Buschmann, Senior V.P., Mannick & Smith  
Judy Wilhelm, 219 Toll Street  
Jeanne Micka, 47 E. Elm Avenue  
Richard Micka, 47 E. Elm Avenue  
Karen Bellino, 634 Cole Road  
Vernon Roof, 1042 W. Elm Avenue

City Manager George Brown explained that the purpose of this work session was to review and discuss the feasibility study for a railroad underpass at W. Elm Avenue near the Y.M.C.A.

Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering & Public Services gave a brief description of the Feasibility Study and answered questions regarding the same.

Don Link, Project Manager and Barry Buschmann, Senior V.P. of Mannick & Smith, briefly spoke on the issue.

Richard Micka, 47 E. Elm Avenue, addressed the Mayor and City Council with 5 concerns.

Jeanne Micka, 47 E. Elm Avenue, asked why E. Elm Avenue should be a sacrificial lamb and was concerned about the high speed rail in this area.

Judy Wilhelm, 219 Toll Street, asked why Stewart Road wasn't considered. She also was concerned about the flooding and how this will affect the property owners in the area.

Mayor Clark explained that Stewart Road is not in the city and Frenchtown didn't have an interest in the project.

Karen Bellino, 634 Cole Road, was concerned about how this would affect the driveway at her business, (Danny's Fine Foods) and was this issue regarding the Fire Department and the closing of the W. Side Fire Station. She also wanted to know if the City had looked at Front Street as an alternative.

Vernon Roof, 1042 W. Elm Avenue, who lives between Toll Street and the tracks, expressed his concerns regarding the project and wanted to know if his family would have to relocate.

Jeanne Micka, 47 E. Elm Avenue, elaborated on her earlier comment and responded this project would only be pouring more traffic on E. Elm Avenue.

Councilman Beneteau stated that 9 businesses would be affected by this project and he could not see spending money for an underpass when the City does not have the funding.

Councilpersons Hensley, Conner, Paisley and Bica also agreed with Councilman Beneteau.

Mayor Clark stated he appreciated all the comments and thanked everyone for their participation

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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Rosalind Boswell  
Clerk-Treasurer

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Robert E. Clark  
Mayor