City of MOUNT VERNON

Public Works Committee Meeting
April 13, 2016
Meeting started at 8:30pm after the adjournment of the Regular Council Meeting.

Attendees Present:
Mayor Boudreau
Council Members: Fiedler, Hudson, Hulst, Lindquist, Molenaar, Ragan
Staff Members: Bell, B. Chesterfield, Donovan, Huschka, Hyde, Love

1. **Approval of Public Works Committee Minutes:**
   Councilmember Lindquist moved to approve the minutes from March 9, 2016; Seconded by Councilmember Fiedler; Carried by all.

2. **Program Coordination Division – *Blaine Chesterfield***
   a) Washington Conservation Corp Update:
   The Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) did vegetation control work on four detention pond sites during the week of March 28, 2016. The WCC is currently scheduled to return sometime in May 2016.

   b) Mosquito Control Update:
   Committee received an update on the City's mosquito treatment program. With the record precipitation this winter and warm temperatures predicted for this year the mosquito season has arrived. The mosquito control program started catch basin treatments on April 4, 2016. Treatments will continue throughout the summer.

   c) On-Call Environmental Services Agreement:
   Committee was briefed on the On-Call Environmental Services Agreement with DGK, Inc., aka Widener and Associates, which if approved, will provide environmental permitting, reporting, and services for projects that are near critical and environmentally sensitive areas in a timely and responsible manner. The length of the agreement would be for a period of five years with a maximum annual cost of $20,000 and a total agreement cost of $100,000. This agreement will be presented to Council for action at the April 27, 2016, council session.

3. **Project Updates – *Mike Love***
   a) Roosevelt Earmark Repurposing:
   The City received notice from the State Department of Transportation that $2.8 million of unused funds on the Roosevelt extension project may be available for other City transportation projects. This money is ten years old and has been sitting in a federal earmark. Staff has tried in the past to repurpose this money without success. Priority projects that these funds could be repurposed for are: College Way Widening Project – which would free up city funds for other projects, and the 30th Street and College Way

Traffic Signal. The committee also discussed further review of other transportation projects that these funds could be directed towards.

b) College Way Widening – Design Update:
The evenings of April 11th and 12th, the City conducted a geotechnical investigation and survey for the College Way Widening Project under I-5.

4. **Public Works Director Comments – *Esco Bell***

a) BNSF Track Replacements (Fir Street and Hoag Road):
Esco briefed Council on BNSF's plans to replace a segment of the mainline track on W Fir Street near the City Shops. A full closure of the tracks is planned for Wednesday thru Friday, April 20-22, 2016. The closure is scheduled for up to 72 hours; however, is expected to be complete in two days. A traffic detour will be in place and flaggers will be present daily during high traffic periods. It was questioned whether the Fir Street railroad crossing is actually located on Cameron Way; however, the street at the tracks location is West Fir Street. Cameron Way begins just west of the City Shop (that has a West Fir Street address).

b) Transportation Investment System:
Discussion was held regarding the next step to proceed with increasing transportation funding and creating a Transportation Benefit District (TBD). Alicia presented additional information on what revenues would be generated with a .1% or .2% sales tax, which is $650,000 and $1,300,000 respectively. Stats of other cities that have imposed a sales tax were reviewed. Other areas discussed included steps and timing necessary to not only form a TBD, but also what dates need to be considered if an election is the direction taken by council. Committee member Fiedler requested that additional research be done; delving into what drove certain cities, such as Arlington and Stanwood, to place a ballot measure before their voters. Additional research was requested to see which cities chose which election cycle, what were the election outcomes, etc. No decisions were made other than to further research this topic and present information at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm

Alicia Huschka, Finance Director for PW Dept.