



**Public Works Committee Meeting
May 11, 2016**

Attendees Present:

Mayor Boudreau

Council Members: Fiedler, Hudson, Hulst, Molenaar, Quam

Staff Members: Public Works Director Bell, Project Development Manager Donovan, Wastewater Operations Manager Duranceau, Finance Director Huschka, Fire Chief Hari, Community Development Director Hyde, Parks/Enrichment Services Director King, Assistant Public Works Director Love, Senior Planner Lowell, City Attorney Rogerson

1. Approval of Public Works Committee Minutes:

Councilmember Fiedler moved to approve the minutes from April 13, 2016; Seconded by Councilmember Molenaar; Carried by all.

2. Project Updates – *Mike Love*

a) Roosevelt Earmark Repurposing:

The City has an opportunity to repurpose Federal Highway funding to construct transportation projects. City staff is working with Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to secure the available funding. There is currently \$2,879,681 available; a plan for repurposing the funds needs to be submitted to WSDOT May 16, 2016 for consideration. Proposed priority projects are as follows: College Way Widening Project \$800,000; 30th and College Way traffic signal \$850,000; College Way and Riverside Drive corridor improvements \$1,229,681 (including yellow flashing lights, LED street lights, ADA ramps, count down pedestrian signals, audible and tactile push buttons).

b) College Way Widening:

The City's consultant has completed the base map survey and is proceeding with design of the College Way widening beneath I-5. The signal engineer is currently working with WSDOT on the signal operational details. The preliminary civil design should be available for Council to review within the next couple of months. One design possibility is for two westbound through lanes with a right turn pocket for northbound I-5; this would require College Way to be widened on the east side of I-5.

c) Downtown Riverwalk Restroom Project Acceptance:

On tonight's Council agenda is final acceptance of the Downtown Riverwalk Restroom project. The original bid amount was \$515,082.05, awarded to Axthelm Construction. Change orders in the amount of \$54,702.45 were added for the additional bathroom facilities, painting the exterior wall, additional concrete slab floor, added conduit run for future power to retail space, and upsizing of the gas line. A budget amendment is also on the agenda tonight to finalize the project.

3. Public Works Director Comments – *Esco Bell*

a) 2016 Street Improvements (REET):

Esco Bell presented the proposed 2016 Street Improvement program and provided Council an opportunity for further input. Council directed staff to move forward with advertising the current list, including the following segments of roadway:

- E Division, 11th St – 18th St and 39th St – Leann
- S 16th St, Broadway – Broad
- Fowler St, 14th St – 16th St
- 17th St, Blackburn – Dead End
- Blackburn, Walter – Britt
- S 7th St, 1522 – Hazel and Washington – Dead End
- Montgomery, 6th St – 7th St
- S 6th St, Montgomery – Washington
- Carpenter, 9th St – 10th St
- N 8th St, Division – Lawrence

b) Transportation Benefit District:

A Transportation Benefit District (TBD) ordinance was presented to Council and the next steps in the process of creating more revenues for transportation investment were discussed. Council agreed to proceed with the TBD formation; staff will return to Council at the May 25, 2016, Council session with an agenda item for a public hearing of an ordinance to form a TBD. The concept is to get a TBD sales tax onto the November election ballot.

c) Surplusing of Properties (WWTP):

From past discussions, the Council had decided to surplus two properties south of Dike Road owned by the wastewater utility. Council approved proceeding with soliciting purchase offers in order to sell these properties and a future executive session will be held to consider the offers. Kevin Rogerson noted that a covenant will be attached to both properties regarding any odor release by the wastewater utility.

4. Miscellaneous

a) Sub-Area Plan Funding for Alfco Property – Rebecca Lowell:

Rebecca Lowell briefed Council on the Downtown/West I-5 corridor sub area plan. The sub-area plan was approved via resolution April 13, 2016. It is almost identical to the city's comprehensive plan except it is limited to a smaller area and has a greater level of detail; explanation of a sub area plan is explained further on the city's website. The area included in this sub plan is from Kincaid to Blackburn and from the railroad to I-5.

Rebecca explained the three main parts of the plan with a fourth part as an option;

- 1) Existing Conditions Report – to gather background and environmental information to establish a baseline for the area – estimated to last three months and cost approximately \$35,000.

- 2) Planned Character/Policy and 3) Process – estimated to take four plus months and cost an additional \$25,000 (though this is a rough estimate due to variable results and public participation).
- 4) Planned Action (optional – type of environmental statement) – The Planned Action would give developers predictability and no SEPA process would be required. This step is estimated at \$50,000 to \$75,000; however would be a huge incentive to developers.

It was noted that the boundaries could be adjusted after consultant findings if deemed appropriate. Council agreed to move forward with steps one through three and discuss the possibility of step four after the first two steps were further along in process. Moving forward with steps will require a budget amendment in the amount of \$60,000; Alicia explained the funds were available via sales tax coming in stronger than expected.

b) Aquafence – Esco Bell:

Esco Bell briefed Council that he had been working on the City's effort to sell the Aquafence (recalling that this flood fight tool was made obsolete for the City with completion of phase 2 of its downtown project and there are no local diking districts that have shown interest in its use). Esco thinks the City might be able to sell the fence back to the manufacturer for about \$40,000 - \$50,000. This has been the most feasible option to surplus the Aquafence so far.

c) Amendment of Interlocal Agreement with Dike District #3 – Kevin Rogerson:

Kevin briefed Council on an agenda item to amend the existing interlocal agreement between Mount Vernon and Dike District #3 to extend the agreement to include awarding bids for phase three of the Downtown Flood Protection project; the agreement will be extended to July 1, 2018. Additionally the agreement amends the conveyance of Commercial Cold Storage's (CCS) property rights acquired by the City so as to prevent conflict with a new property rights agreement reached by CCS.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm



Sherri Pritchard, Public Works Department