



**Public Works Committee Meeting
July 13, 2016**

Attendees Present:

Mayor Boudreau

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

Staff Members: Public Works – Bell, Love, Chesterfield, Christen, Duranceau; Fire – Riggs;
Police – Dodd; Finance – Huschka; City Attorney – Rogerson;
Parks – King, Wenzl; Community Development – Hyde, Prosser

1. Approval of Public Works Committee Minutes:

Councilmember Molenaar moved to approve the minutes from June 8, 2016; Seconded by Councilmember Lindquist; Carried by all.

2. Program Coordination Division – *Blaine Chesterfield*

a) SR 9 Gravel Pit Update:

Skagit Aggregates has operated the pit since October 2015 and has paid royalties for gravel borrow sold of more than \$33,500. They are still on track to complete mining in approximately four years at which point reclamation will begin. A 15 – 20 foot layer of clay was found tapering from their pit into ours which will be stock piled for use in the reclamation process.

b) AquaFence Surplus:

Staff is recommending the City surplus the AquaFence by selling it back to AquaFence USA, Inc., for \$47,000. When it was originally purchased it was the main structure for flood control in the downtown and was purchased for \$147,000. AquaFence USA, Inc. has offered to purchase it back for \$47,000 in as is condition. All transportation and moving costs will be at the expense of AquaFence USA.

It was determined that the AquaFence is no longer needed. The Drainage and Diking Districts were unable to locate an appropriate deployment site for it and it is taking up valuable space at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

c) City Hall Solar Array:

In 2011 solar panels were installed on the roof of City Hall with a construction cost of \$84,800. Since its installation the solar panels have generated 39.2 Mega Watt hours of energy with an energy savings of \$3,800. Additionally, with the Washington State Production Incentive the city has saved an additional \$16,200. The solar panels were funded with an Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce. The City's costs for the solar panel project were \$2,395 dollars.

3. Project Updates – *Mike Love*

a) 2014 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project Update:

This project is on the Council Agenda for final project acceptance. The project was awarded in 2014 for \$258,858 and was completed in March 2016 in the amount of \$325,548. Additional expense for this project was 1,000 feet of added pipe and changes in conditions during installation of the 42-inch sewer pipe on Hazel Street. Additionally, Insituform Technologies underwent management transitions which caused delays in final acceptance.

b) 2016 On-Call Materials Testing:

At a future council meeting, staff plans to present an on-call materials testing contract for miscellaneous material testing needed during City construction projects. The budget will come from the project in which the testing occurs. It is a time and materials contract. The City plans to use this agreement on Riverside Drive Restoration project, Hoag Road Sidewalk Gap and Bike Lane project, and Street Improvement Projects.

c) Riverside Drive (I-5 Detour) Restoration – WSDOT Amendment Agreement Acceptance and Bid Acceptance:

Washington State Dept. of Transportation (WSDOT) has agreed to fund pavement repair work needed on Riverside Drive as a result of the I-5 bridge collapse detour. On the agenda is consideration to award the construction contract to SRV Construction for their bid in the amount of \$112,273.60, and to amend an existing contract with WSDOT to pay for the project from \$84,000 to \$114,000.

d) Safe Routes to School:

Staff reported after meeting with the WSDOT Local Programs Director, WSDOT will support the City's current plan to construct a traffic signal at the intersection of Laventure and Section Street. The funding provided by WSDOT will partially fund the project and the City is applying for additional grant opportunities to cover the remaining cost of the construction. The City still needs \$300,000 - \$400,000 to do this work.

Six bike racks were installed in the downtown area last week.

e) Hoag Road Project Update:

Progress continues on the Hoag Road Sidewalk Gap Project. The project will construct 600 feet of sidewalk from the intersection of Urban Way and Hoag Road to the east connecting to an existing sidewalk segment.

Once the right-of-way is secured staff will move forward to obligate the remaining grant funding for construction and bid the project. The engineers estimate received for this

project was higher than the funding which is available from the grant so some local funding may be required.

4. Public Works Director Comments – Esco Bell

a) Hoag Road Railroad Crossing Repair

Esco reported on last week's repair of the Hoag Road Railroad crossing by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroads (BNSF). The road was closed for three days while BNSF replaced the rails and placed new asphalt. Traffic control for this project was very good and the end result is a very smooth crossing.

b) Suzanne Lane Sewer Repair

Staff briefed council about a needed repair to the sanitary sewer line on Suzanne Lane. This work is expected to be performed by contractors instead of city crews since the work is very deep and requires special dewatering. This line is 12" in diameter and has a large belly in the line near Old Highway 99 that needs to be fixed. The funding for this work will come from the sewer utility fund.

5. Miscellaneous / For the Good of The Order

a) Facility Dude Software for Parks & General Facilities – Rick Prosser & Tom Wenzl:

Rick Prosser & Tom Wenzl provided a presentation on Facility Dude Software for Parks and General Facilities. Both discussed the need for this software and how it can help with asset management and routine maintenance work as well as budget.

b) Transportation Benefit District – Draft Resolution for Ballot Proposition – Alicia Huschka:

The committee discussed the resolution needed to proceed with a November 8, 2016, ballot proposition for two-tenths of one-cent sales tax to be used for transportation improvements. City Council assumes power of TBD on July 19, 2016, and will need to approve a resolution for Council Action. Staff is scheduling council action for July 20, 2016, at 7:00 pm. The resolution must be submitted to the Auditors/Elections Supervisor by August 2, 2016, to meet deadline.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm


Michele Myers, Public Works Department