



**Public Works Committee Meeting  
August 10, 2016**

**Attendees Present:**

Mayor Boudreau

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

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

**1. Approval of Public Works Committee Minutes:**

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

**2. Program Coordination Division – *Blaine Chesterfield***

a) LED Street Light Change Out:

Puget Sound Energy is on the regular council agenda to present on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower and LED Street Light Projects. Staff gave a final briefing on the LED Street Light Change Out Project with a final cost of \$363,600 and the return on investment will be about 4½ years.

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

a) Hoag Road Sidewalk Gap – WSDOT Agreement:

This project is getting ready to go to bid with construction final by the end of October 2016. At tonight's council meeting, staff will be asking Council for authorization to obligate the construction funds with the Washington State Dept. of Transportation grant.

b) College Way Widening beneath I-5 – County Economic Distressed Grant Agreement:

At tonight's council meeting staff will be asking for authorization to enter into an interlocal agreement with Skagit County for funding in the amount of \$215,000 to help fund this project which is estimated at \$6.2 million.

c) Downtown Flood Protection Project:

• State Department of Commerce Agreement

At tonight's council meeting staff will be asking for authorization to enter into an agreement with Washington State Dept. of Commerce for funding in the amount of \$1.5 million to help fund the final phase of this project.

• Abeyta and Associates Contract Change Order No. 1

At tonight's council meeting staff will be asking for authorization for a change order with Abeyta and Associates agreement for an additional \$1,000 to complete right-of-way services.

d) Traffic Safety Proposed Speed Limit Changes:

- College Way (SR536) – Speed Zone Changes and Lane Width Reduction  
The Traffic Safety Committee would like to propose to Washington State Dept. of Transportation (WSDOT), speed zone modifications on College Way (SR536). Staff has previously proposed these changes, which were rejected by WSDOT. With Council approval staff would like to try again, due to increased growth and traffic in this corridor.

Council agreed to all of the following recommendations:

- Reduce speeds from 45 to 35 MPH from N. 30<sup>th</sup> Street to N. 43<sup>rd</sup> Place.
- Reduce speeds from Monte Vista Drive to Skagit Highland Parkway.

Council requested not to proceed with modifications requesting to reduce the current 35 MPH to 25 MPH from the railroad crossing to Continental Place.

- Francis Road – Speed Zone Changes
  - Council agreed to the changes requested on Francis Road increasing the speed from 25 to 35 MPH from River Vista Lane to the city limits just south of Swan Road.

**4. Miscellaneous / For the Good of The Order**

a) Bob Hyde Miscellaneous:

Bob Hyde discussed the following:

- Low Impact Development Update  
The schedule for adoption of the new Dept. of Ecology Stormwater Manual.
- Subarea Plan Update  
The current status in procurement of a consulting firm to perform the subarea plan in the vicinity of the Alf Christianson site.
- Public Private Partnership Consultant Update  
The status of the hiring a consulting team to assist with developing a public-private catalyst project in the downtown.
- Post – Comp Plan Code Updates

**Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm**

  
Michele Myers, Public Works Department