



**Public Works Committee Meeting
September 14, 2016**

Attendees Present:

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

Staff Members: Public Works – Bell, Chesterfield, Duranceau; Police – Dodd; Finance – Huschka; City Attorney – Rogerson; Parks – King; Project Development Manager Donovan

1. Approval of Public Works Committee Minutes:

Councilmember Molenaar moved to approve the minutes from August 10, 2016; Seconded by Councilmember Hulst; Carried by all.

2. Program Coordination Division – *Blaine Chesterfield*

a) Pictometry:

Blaine talked about renewal of the Skagit County Pictometry agreement for 2017-2018. Staff has worked with Skagit County and other area partners for both ortho and oblique photos since 2007. Data will be placed on City servers and is currently utilized by most City departments. Total cost to the City is \$10,000 (\$5,000 annually). Pictometry is scheduled to fly Skagit County February through May 2017 with delivery of imagery June/July 2017.

b) Edgemoor detention pond:

Maintenance of the Edgemoor detention pond, near 39th Street and Division, has been performed and substantially completed. There are some remaining alder trees; however, they are not on City property and staff was unable to reach the owners.

c) Flood awareness/preparedness:

Both the Hoag Road dike and downtown floodwall have been inspected in preparation of the upcoming flood season; they are both in good condition. Practice setup of the City's floodwall is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2016, at the first opening north of Division. Skagit County's flood awareness week is scheduled for October 17-21, 2016. The CLOMR engineering requirements will be fulfilled by a licensed engineer within city staff.

3. Public Works Director Comments – *Esco Bell*

a) Hoag Road Sidewalk Gap:

This project is out to bid; construction will take place in October with an estimated cost of \$300,000.

- b) College Way Widening beneath I-5:
The project is now fully funded without requiring any city funds. The project will be constructed in 2017.
- c) Downtown Flood Protection Project:
Phase 3B bid opening will occur next week on September 20, 2016; construction will occur in 2017.
- d) REET Projects:
Street maintenance and pavement (REET) projects are under construction. Work on Division will be completed within the next couple weeks and the remainder of the paving projects will be completed by the end of September.
- e) Suzanne Lane Sewer Repairs:
At tonight's council meeting staff will request acceptance of a bid made by Northsound Utility and Construction for \$44,268.00. The project will fix a sewer line deficiency that was discovered during construction on the jail project.
- f) Influent Bar Screen at WWTP:
An important bar screen apparatus was recently replaced at the wastewater treatment plant. The new screen has a much better capacity to accommodate the highest flows into the plant. HDR Engineering helped with the engineering and Razz Construction installed the new bar screen for a total cost of approximately \$400,000.
- g) Federal Transportation Appropriation Repurposing:
The City was successful in repurposing an old federal transportation appropriation of approximately \$2.8 million. The money will now be used to fund three good projects:
- Widening I-5 under College Way (partial funding).
 - Upgrading signals on the College Way and Riverside Drive corridors.
 - Constructing a signalized intersection at 30th Street and College Way.

4. Public Works Director Comments – *Esco Bell*

- a) Yard Waste Contract Proposals:
Yard waste contract proposals were discussed; award of the contract to the Town of LaConner will be recommended at the September 28, 2016, Council meeting. The bid amount is \$35,000.
- b) Controlling Sight Distance at Intersections:
Esco mentioned some of the sight distance requirements the city has in its municipal codes and street standards. Many urban intersections require that drivers creep forward from the stop bar in order to have more sight distance of oncoming traffic—a condition that is typical of urban driving in other cities. New developments must follow current codes and standards. Sight distance complaints are investigated with staff observations. Higher complaint areas are vetted through the Traffic Safety Committee.

c) Signal Timing (Riverside Drive and College Way and Other Locations):

Esco checked with council to assure that spending approximately \$20,000 to better optimize signal timing and responsiveness to traffic at Riverside Drive and College Way (as well as some other intersections) was acceptable. This work will be paid for out of current budget appropriations.

5. Miscellaneous / For the Good of The Order

a) Potential Solid Waste Code Modification Discussion (Alicia Huschka):

Alicia updated Council on a situation where a 4-plex is inquiring about flexibility or some area for discretion on changing garbage can requirements for smaller multi residential homes. The Finance Department will present a solution or conclusion at the September 28, 2016, Finance Committee meeting.

b) NPDES Permit (Esco Bell):

The City's wastewater discharge permit is nearing the final step of its renewal for a five year term. Staff is currently reviewing a draft of the new permit which currently does not appear to have negative impacts to the City. The next five years are to be proving ground for the City not having more than one overflow per year. Upon completion of City review the notification for public comment will be placed in the newspaper and final review will be completed by Department of Ecology.

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm



Sherri Pritchard, Public Works Department