

ASSEMBLY PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES - DRAFT



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Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar

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- A. CALL TO ORDER** – 12:05 p.m.
- B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** – Read by Ms. Adkison
We would like to acknowledge that the City and Borough of Juneau is on Tlingit land, and wish to honor the indigenous people of this land. For more than ten thousand years, Alaska Native people have been and continue to be integral to the well-being of our community. We are grateful to be in this place, a part of this community, and to honor the culture, traditions, and resilience of the Tlingit people. Gunalchéesh!
- C. ROLL CALL** –
Members Present In-Person: Chair Bryson; Ms. Adkison
Members Present via Zoom: Ms. Hughes-Skandijs; Mr. Kelly
CBJ Staff Present In-Person: Denise Koch, EPW Director; Greg Smith, Contracts Administrator; Bridget LaPenter, Chief General Engineering; Christian Crabtree, Contracts Specialist (Tech); Susan Settje (Tech); Chad Gubala, Utilities; Brian McGuire, Utilities Superintendent; John Bohan, CIP Engineer; George Schaaf, P&R Director
CBJ Staff Present via Zoom: Patty Wahto, JIA Manager; Scott Gray, Streets Superintendent; Ashley Heimbigner, Grants Manager; Robert Barr, Deputy City Manager; Angie Flick, Finance Director
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Chair Bryson added School District Facilities discussion to Information Items
- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - None
- F. ITEMS FOR ACTION**
- 1. Funds Transfer for Replacing Adair Kennedy Baseball Field Lights (P41-097 to P41-109)**
Ms. Koch presented the request to transfer \$ 110,000 from the sports field repair CIP to the Adair Kennedy lighting CIP. Ms. Koch added the lights are 30 years old and it makes sense to install new lighting before installing the turf.

Mr. Kelly asked if the LED lights need to be replaced, will that damage the turf? John Bohan explained the amount of equipment to upgrade the current lights to LED is significantly more impactful than will be needed to maintain those LEDs once installed. This is why the lights need to be installed prior to laying the turf but maintaining the lights in the future will have minimal impact on the turf.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs asked for the status of the light replacement at Sigoowu Ye. Mr. Bohan said they currently working on project design and expect to have a bid package this summer. Construction could start next summer.

Mr. Kelly would like to see a schematic showing the placement of the lights in relation to the field and the neighborhood included in the packet when it goes before the Assembly.

- Mr. Kelly moved that the Public Works and Facilities Committee forward the transfer of \$110,000 from the sports field repair CIP to the Adair Kennedy lighting CIP to the full assembly for approval.**
No objection, motion passed

2. Juneau International Airport Construction Projects

Ms. Wahto presented the status of Airport construction projects. Current and upcoming projects include:

- Replacement of an aircraft rescue and firefighting (ARFF) apparatus vehicle funded by FAA Airport Improvement Project (AIP) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding grant. (\$1.5M).
- Acquisition of an ARFF wetland rescue vehicle to allow for wetland aircraft rescue funded by FAA AIP funding. (\$300K)
- Update of the Airport master plan and layout plan funded by AIP/BIL grant. (\$500K)
- Design of the runway safety area to design and grade the safety area and shoulder outside the runway surface. Funded by AIP grant (\$400K)
- Repair to the Mendenhall River Embankment at the west end of the float plane area of the airport resulting from the Glacier dam flooding. Funding source and costs to be determined.

Ms. Adkison asked if there was local match required for any of the projects. Ms. Wahto said there was about \$3M in sales tax funds appropriated to the airport a few years ago for local match and they would use that as needed.

Mr. Kelly asked if the funding source for the embankment would be determined before it goes before the assembly. Ms. Wahto said it would be.

Mr. Bryson asked if the ARFF vehicles could be used outside of the airport property. For example, to respond to an incident at the Fred Meyer intersection or some other nearby location. Ms. Wahto explained they are solely limited to the airport. If they are ever in use or otherwise unavailable, the airport has to restrict other aircraft from landing.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs asked about PFAS with the new vehicle. Ms. Wahto said the new truck would use the new foam.

Mr. Kelly asked whether the fire truck had been selected for purchase and whether an electric truck had been considered. Ms. Wahto said electric was not an option for ARFF vehicles due to response time and duration of usage required. The airport is working with the state to expedite the procurement but the manufacturing timeline is a year to a year and a half.

Ms. Adkison moved that the Public Works and Facilities Committee recommend these projects to the Assembly for appropriation of the outlined funds, and in anticipation of grants from the FAA and local match funding sources.

No objection, motion passed

3. Resolution for Lead Service Line Inventory Project State Revolving Fund Loan

Ms. Koch explained this project is required by EPA. The department is asked for Assembly authorization to accept up to \$500K in funding from the DEC State Revolving Fund. CBJ has previously appropriated \$250K for this project but more will be required to complete.

Mr. Kelly asked if the full \$500,000 would be needed. Ms. Koch said it may be needed. Mr. Kelly asked what circumstances would cause it to cost that much. Ms. Koch said they won't know for sure the total cost until they finish the first phase.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs moved that the Public Works and Facilities Committee direct staff to draft a resolution for the Assembly to authorize the City Manager to apply to the DEC SRF for a loan not to exceed \$500,00 and execute the loan agreement.

No objection, motion passed

4. Tire Shredder

Ms. Koch reported the PWFC had expressed interest in a tire shredder at previous meetings. The Department has located one available unit with an approximate cost of \$400,350 including shipping. The department recommends not purchasing this one as the funding is not currently budgeted but is asked for PWFC support to get it budgeted.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs asked how the memo fits with the discussion and recommendations at the last COW, specifically the zero waste CIP. Ms. Koch explained the zero waste CIP will have about \$200,000 remaining. The costs for a tire shredder exceed the amount available in the CIP so they are not looking to use that funding. Mr. Bryson added that the tire shredder is a relatively new idea and is not included in any existing CIP.

Mr. Kelly asked if the unit described was the only one available in the world or the only one that could feasibly be obtained and shipped to Juneau. Ms. Koch said it was the only one that the department located that was of a Juneau scale.

Mr. Kelly noted Mr. Bryson had mentioned shredded tires could be used as cover over the landfill and asked if there are other use options such as playground surfacing. Ms. Koch explained shredded tires are not used as playground surfacing anymore because of their flammability. CBJ would not have control over what is done with the shredded tires. Waste management would have to work with DEC if they were to pursue using it as landfill cover. The advantage is that shredded tires take up less room in the landfill.

Ms. Adkison moved that the Public Works and Facilities Committee support both capital and operating costs to operate a tire shredder.

No objection, motion passed

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

5. Juneau Douglas North Crossing (JDNC) Project Update – Ms. Koch reported on March 7 the contractor (DOWL) will have a meeting on the results of their Level 2 Screening of their PEL study. They will also be at the March 11 PWFC meeting to present to the committee.
6. JCOS Sustainability Solid Waste Session 2 Q&A Flyer – Ms. Koch announced JCOS and CBJ Staff (Dianna Robinson, Environmental Project Specialist, and Stuart Ashton, RecycleWorks Operations Manager) held a solid waste session in the valley on February 20 that was well attended. There will be another public session on March in the downtown library.
7. School District Facilities Discussion – Mr. Bryson asked for an update on the status of the possibility of vacant school buildings and how they might impact the City Hall discussion. Ms. Koch said while Lands is looking into the Burns Building, EPW is determining whether the space will accommodate CBJ needs. With recent decisions regarding the school district, EPW is now also looking at the possibility of moving CBJ staff into one or more school buildings if they become vacant. They are determining what it will cost to provide workspace, heating, and other necessary accommodations for staff.

H. QUARTERLY WASTE MANAGEMENT UPDATE

8. Quarterly Waste Management Update – Jim Denson, Waste Management Area Environmental Protection Manager, presented an update on the landfill. Price increases will go into effect in March. They are making good or significant progress towards goals of mitigating odors, controlling litter and improving safety of the landfill.

Mr. Denson said it would really help to have more public outreach and information regarding recycling. Specifically, what is recyclable.

I. PWFC 2024 ASSEMBLY GOALS

9. PWFC Milestones - None

J. CONTRACTS DIVISION ACTIVITY REPORT

10. January 20, 2024 to February 15, 2024 – No questions

K. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Regular Meeting will be March 11, 2024 at 12:10 PM

L. ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business, the meeting adjourned at 1:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Jorgensen Business Assists (907)723-6134 🇺🇸