



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

4:00 PM July 6, 2022

City Hall 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Councilors Gary Bode, Ron De Valois, Jerry Kuiken

Members Absent: Mayor Scott Korthuis, with notice

Staff Present: City Administrator John Williams; Public Works Director Steve Banham; Programs Manager Mark Sandal; and Sr. Admin. Assistant Jessica King

Public Present: David Vos, Bill Bode, Steve Lankhaar and Marty Gehring (Cedar Street Guests) and Nick Sawka (Village Drive)

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve Minutes from June 8, 2022

Kuiken motioned to approve the minutes and DeValois seconded the motion.

Action

The minutes from June 8, 2022, were approved.

2. Interlocal Agreement for North Whatcom County Local Government Water Resources Group

Banham explained that the Birch Bay Lynden Water and Sewer District and Public Utility District #1 would like to form a group of north Whatcom water purveyors to provide for coordination and a consolidated response to water right adjudication and other water resource issues. This would be a vehicle to share the efforts and costs for the adjudication process.

Action

The Public Works Committee concurred to recommend forwarding the Interlocal Agreement for North Whatcom county Local Government Water Resources Group to Council for approval.

3. Recommendation to Award Bid - 6th Street CIPP

Four bids were received. The certified bid tabulation was presented, and the lowest bidder was Iron Horse, LLC in the amount of \$414,974.08 including Washington State Sales Tax. The engineer's estimate for this project was \$303,410.56.

Staff explained the difference between the engineer's estimate and the bids received was primarily material costs which recently inflated significantly.

Action

The Public Works Committee concurred to recommend that City Council award the bid for the 6th Street CIPP project to Iron Horse LLC in the amount of \$414,974.08, including Washington State Sales Tax.

4. West Main Street Federal Funding Requirements

Banham explained that staff is recommending refunding FHWA for approximately \$160,000 used for design work associated with the West Main Street project because of the Federal permitting requirements and time limits associated with these funds. Additionally, staff will request that the FHWA Main Street project funds be transferred to the Benson Road project. This will provide a higher percentage of Federal funds for Benson Road which staff expects will be more cost effective. Banham stated that staff would like to apply for Public Works Trust Fund money to complete design and construction of West Main Street, including the roundabout at Berthusen Road.

Action

The Public Works Committee concurred to recommend a) returning the West Main Street design funds to FHWA and b) proceeding with an application for Public Works Trust Fund money for the West Main Street Project.

5. Street Light Conversion

Banham explained that Puget Sound Energy (PSE) manages 90% of Lynden's streetlights. The City has received a proposal to convert the City streetlights to City ownership through a contract with Tanko Streetlighting, Inc., which could result in substantial life cycle savings for the City. Banham explained that other cities are also considering taking over their streetlights as a cost saving. Tanko hires local companies to perform maintenance work.

The Committee discussed the possible contract conditions and the maintenance of the streetlights. Homestead streetlights are something that Homestead has asked the City to take over: currently, they are private streetlights on public streets. PSE will not take over Homestead lighting in their current configuration.

Bode expressed concern about having to pay for the feasibility analysis and asked about references from other cities that have worked with Tanko.

Action

The Public Works Committee requested that staff obtain references from Tanko and research other cities' experiences and bring these results to the next Public Works Committee meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

6. Lynden Municipal Airport Work Day

Banham briefly discussed the volunteer work that was done during the Airport Work Day.

7. Private Projects' Impacts to Traffic and Utilities

Shell Station (Guide Meridian)

Sandal discussed the progression of the project and the lengthy coordination with WSDOT.

Bay Lyn Drive Development (South Side) and Guide Meridian Intersection Improvements

Sandal explained the Bay Lyn neighborhood's previous concern about increased traffic on Bay Lyn Drive and access to Guide Meridian. A traffic study associated with proposed development on the south side recommended a signal at this intersection.

Lynden Plaza (South of Lynden Lube) Hotel and Restaurant

Sandal discussed progress of the project and needed coordination with WSDOT.

Mount Baker Silo Sewer Service (North of Cemetery)

Sandal stated that Mount Baker Silo is looking at ways to get public sewer to their property after reviewing the costs of a drain field/septic system.

8. Projects Update

Pepin Creek Relocation

Banham reminded the Committee of the SEPA appeal hearing on August 18 and 19.

Pepin Creek Main Street Bridge

Banham stated that Interwest Construction has scheduled the Main Street road closure beginning July 11 and extending through November. All of the easements have been signed.

Grover Overlay

Tiger Construction will be starting after RazzFest (July 15-16). Sandal explained the details of the layout for the project on Grover Street from 3rd to Lawrence Streets. There will be four days of full street closure for grinding.

West Front Street Improvements

Stremler Gravel will be starting early August. Pole relocation will be done by Puget Sound Energy. Banham said the project is moving forward and Sandal has been working with PSE for the pole relocation.

West Front Street Culvert Replacement

Banham stated that design proposals are due on July 14. Federal Emergency Relief funding has been approved for this project and staff is working with WSDOT to satisfy their requirements.

Industrial Condensate Outfall

Strider Construction will be setting a crane for sheet pile installation above the ordinary high-water mark. In-water work is scheduled to begin July 16.

Banham said the project is progressing on schedule and a ribbon cutting is planned upon completion.

South Park Waterline and Overlay

Advertisement for bid was delayed pending right-of-way acquisition on Beernink Lane. Sandal discussed the project layout and right-of-way options in the area.

Heusinkveld Barn Renovation

Banham presented the design schedule and said the project seems to be progressing well under the direction of Parks Director Brent DeRuyter.

NEW BUSINESS:

9. Cedar Drive Project Status Request by Residents

Banham said the City is currently doing exploratory work on Cedar Drive (water, sewer inspections/evaluations) to get a good engineering estimate for the 2023 budget. Cedar Drive is currently on the City's Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan for 2023. The question is will there be enough money in the City's Transportation Benefit District (TBD) fund to construct Cedar Drive next year.

Four residents of Cedar Drive attended the meeting and discussed existing stormwater conditions and plans for Cedar Drive. They expressed concerns about how long they've waited for this project and the fact that the road is getting worse. Vos expressed concern that apparently one of the stormwater pipes runs under a portion of his garage. Banham stated, as part of the 2023 budget process, funding for this project will be considered. The Committee also stated that TBD funding has been the planned source of this project, but this will depend upon the election to renew the TBD.

Banham explained that the City is planning to construct a sewer pump station and sewer line on Cedar Drive to address current deficiencies and to provide for future redevelopment.

10. Village Drive Detour Concerns

Nick Sawka, a resident on Village Drive, introduced himself and expressed concern about the proposed detour for the Main Street Bridge project. He explained there are numerous kids in the neighborhood, and there is concern about their safety.

Banham said that staff can add speed limit signs with orange flags and stated that he has also talked with the Police Chief about placing the speed trailer on Village Drive and increasing patrols in this area.

Bode suggested the City also place speed counters to track speeds and the times of the day that they occur.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: August 3, 2022