



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

4:15 PM May 6, 2020
Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting
City Hall 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Scott Korthuis; Councilors Gary Bode, Ron De Valois and Jerry Kuiken

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator Mike Martin; Public Works Director Steve Banham;

Public Present: None

2. ACTION ITEMS

A. **Approve Minutes from March 4, 2020**

Gary Bode motioned to approve the minutes, and Ron De Valois seconded the motion.

Action

The minutes from March 4, 2020 were approved.

B. **Request to take 17th Street Bids Directly to June 1 City Council Meeting with Public Works Committee Review via Email (Bid Opening is May 21, 11:00 a.m.)**

Banham stated request for bids will be advertised today and May 13 in the Lynden Tribune. Staff will review the submittals at the bid opening on May 21.

Action

The Public Works Committee concurred to recommend all bids received will go directly to City Council to award the 17th Street Extension project.

C. **Authorization to proceed with design of the Main Street Bridge for Intercept Ditch/Pepin Creek (Pepin Lite) Project.**

Bode asked for consideration to be given for the project to be phased to reduce the traffic impact on this main route. The Committee discussed the options involving using city property. It was noted the pedestrian improvements on Benson are probably going to be a sidewalk rather than the shoulder widening mentioned in the R&E Report. It was also noted that the Main Street Bridge project will be funded by the Department of Commerce.

Action

The Public Works Committee concurred to authorize that staff proceed with the design of the Main Street Bridge for the "Pepin Lite" project. Additionally, the

Committee recommended that staff discuss with the design team the impact of road closure and ways to minimize this impact.

D. Request for RV Storage at Lynden Municipal Airport (Fred Silberman – 1362 West Park Street)

Banham stated that the City received a request for RV Storage at the Lynden Municipal Airport. The committee discussed the potential ramifications should storage be allowed and setting an undesired precedence.

The Public Works Committee concurred to recommend not allowing the storage of recreational vehicles on Airport property due to lack of space.

E. Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (2021-2026) to May 18th City Council to Set a June 1, Public Hearing Date

Banham presented the updated Six Year Transportation Plan (2021 – 2026) and the Committee discussed the changes.

Action

The Public Works Committee concurred to recommend forwarding the plan to the May 18th City Council meeting to set a June 1st Public Hearing date.

F. Authorization to proceed with sidewalk on the east side of Benson Rd (from end of existing sidewalk to West Park Street). Additive bid item to repair sidewalk south.

The Committee discussed the replacement of the sidewalk on the east side of Benson Road. Banham stated this is an added item and will be constructed as using funding left over from the Line Street Pedestrian Improvements. Replacement of existing sidewalk will likely be priced as an additive bid item.

Action

The Public Works Committee concurred to recommend proceeding with the replacement of the sidewalk on the east side of Benson Road as budget allows.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Industrial Condensate – Riverview to Outfall

Banham stated that the construction has been delayed until 2021.

B. Judson Street Low Impact Development (LID)

Banham stated that the design contract was awarded to Reichhardt & Ebe Engineering & Herrera Environmental Consultants. The Judson Street LID Project covers Judson Street from 7th to 10th Streets and 8th, 9th and 10th Streets from Front to Judson. The project will be funded by a \$120K Department of Ecology grant and a match from Water and Sewer Funds improvements (\$24,000 Water / \$24,000 Sewer). Banham stated that staff intends to apply for construction grant funding in September to cover a first phase. If successful in receiving a grant, construction would likely occur in 2022.

C. Decant Facility

Banham stated that the construction is delayed until 2021. The Decant project is 75% funded by a Department of Ecology Grant.

D. Managed Aquifer Recovery

Banham stated that the staff is seeking funding from the Department of Ecology and has submitted a Streamflow Restoration Grant Application

E. Pepin Intercept Ditch

Banham stated a construction change order of \$50,000 was approved by Washington State Department of Transportation. This will finish out the balance of FHWA Funds supplemented with Street Arterial Funding (Fund 302) .

F. West Front Street

Banham stated that staff intends to seek federal economic stimulus funding combined with utility funding for match. Due to Covid-19, further opportunity to pursue Whatcom County EDI grant funding is unlikely.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

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