



## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

4:00 PM April 6, 2022

City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Large Conference Room

### CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Public Present: Gary Vis, Angie Estey

### ACTION ITEMS

**1. Approve Minutes from March 9, 2022**

Kuiken motioned to approve the minutes, and De Valois seconded the motion.

**Action**

***The minutes from March 9, 2022, were approved.***

**2. Recommendation to Award Bid - West Front Street Improvements**

Bids were opened at 2 pm on March 31<sup>st</sup> and of the nine bids received, Stremler Gravel was the lowest responsive and responsible bid in the amount of \$2,419,665.94. The engineer's estimate for this project was \$2,081,889.10

The Committee discussed details of the bid and proposed approval.

**Action**

***The Public Works Committee concurred to recommend that City Council award the bid for the West Front Street Improvements project to Stremler Gravel in the amount of \$2,419,665.94.***

**3. Request to Bring Main Street Bridge Bids Directly to May 2 City Council Meeting**

Advertisement for bids will be March 30 and April 6. Bid opening scheduled for April 22.

**Action**

***The Public Works Committee concurred that award for bid for the Main Street Bridge project be presented directly to City Council upon Committee review of the bid tabulation.***

**4. EDI Funding Requests to Whatcom County**

Banham explained that five proposals were submitted to Whatcom County for their Economic Development Investment (EDI) funding program. Korthuis discussed the

funding details, specifically that the EDI funds would be matched 50/50 with City funds (City ARPA money), and that EDI funds are ¾ grant and ¼ loan. He added that the County decision to fund the projects should be made by the end of April.

Banham stated that some projects were previously budgeted, and some were not.

The proposed projects are:

- a. Lynden Recreation Center Exterior Siding Replacement \$250,000
- b. Lynden Community Center Facility Structural & Mechanical Repairs \$300,000
- c. Jim Kaemingk, Sr. Trail Connector: Depot Road to 8th Street \$500,000
- d. Grover Street Pavement Preservation \$500,000
- e. South Park Water, Street and Sidewalk Improvements \$700,000

**5. Capital Facilities Improvement Plan Request to Forward to April 18 City Council Meeting Recommending Approval**

Banham stated that projects proposed in the EDI program mentioned above need to be on a Capital Facilities Improvement Plan. He plans to forward this to City Council for approval at their next meeting.

Banham reviewed the list, noting that he has all City facilities on there, with improvements proposed over a six-year timeline. These projects are not in a ranked order.

**Action**

***The Public Works Committee concurred to recommend forwarding the Capital Facilities Improvement Plan to City Council for adoption.***

**6. Ridnour Athletic Complex Hydrant Meter - Annual Request**

Sandal stated that the Ridnour Athletic Complex uses a hydrant meter for watering the athletic fields adjacent to the complex throughout the summer. This is an annual request.

**Action**

***The Public Works Committee concurred to recommend approval for the Ridnour Athletic Complex to utilize a hydrant meter for annual watering this summer.***

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**7. Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades - Trane ESCO Alternative (Design/Build) Construction Approach (Angie Estey)**

Banham explained that the Wastewater Treatment Plant needs to be expanded due to growing industrial and residential contributions to the system. This expansion is identified in the sewer comprehensive plan.

An online presentation by Trane representative Angie Estey detailed an alternative construction approach that involves design-build instead of a traditional design-bid-build process for this expansion, noting that this is an energy saving performance program through Department of Enterprise Services (state bid). Using this process could shorten design and construction time significantly. Trane is one of the ESCO's approved by the State Department of Commerce, and the City would enter into an agreement with the Department of Enterprise Services.

## **8. Stormwater - Fecal Coliform Counts**

Banham presented County fecal coliform counts, noting that possible sources of the numbers may be due to pet waste and farmland runoff, especially with the recent flooding.

## **9. Source Control Business Inspection Program - Dumpster Lid Emphasis**

Sandal discussed the details of a proposed program emphasizing closing dumpster lids to alleviate a potential source of stormwater contaminants. This program would involve printing stickers to place on dumpsters, with the permission of Nooksack Valley Disposal who owns the dumpsters. This would be a fairly easy awareness campaign that would also fulfill part of the educational part of the City's NPDES permit.

The Committee discussed the program and indicated their support.

Vis asked about the storm drain markers on roadways that identify those that drain to streams and rivers. Sandal stated a lot of them had poor adhesive and did not stick. Banham stated that staff can look into this.

## **10. Puget Sound Energy Line Replacement and System Upgrades**

Banham explained that Puget Sound Energy will be doing line upgrades on the west side of Bender Road to account for residential and industrial growth to the east and north. The Homestead community has asked that PSE remove the large trees north of Fishtrap Creek in the process, leaving the wood for residents to take, and staff will plant smaller trees in their place. Vis asked about the stumps. Sandal said they can attempt to grind to ground level.

Sandal stated the project starts on First Street between Front and Grover Streets heading north to Drayton Street. When PSE crosses Grover Street they will dig across due to the high number of underground utilities. There will be some closures and traffic control to for this work, but traffic delays will still be an issue.

## **11. 2022 Events (Lynden Chamber of Commerce)**

The Committee discussed upcoming 2022 Chamber of Commerce events. Vis noted that the dates of the NWWA Fair are incorrect, and they should be August 11 – 20. He will send staff an updated letter.

## **12. Projects Update**

### Bradley Road

Washington State Legislature budgeted \$3 Million for this project through the "Move Ahead Washington" transportation plan. The project estimate is \$6 Million, including the roundabout. Korthuis discussed needing to get monies allocated for next year and the need to get the project "shovel ready".

### Pepin Creek Relocation

SEPA notifications were published in today's newspaper and were mailed to adjacent property owners yesterday. Banham said this is moving forward.

### South Park Street / Waterline (CC 5/2/2022)

Sandal noted that this project will include Park Place and will also address ADA deficiencies.

6th Street Sewer CIPP (CC 5/16/2022)

Advertising for bid in April. Sandal discussed pipe sizes for project.

Grover Overlay (CC 7/18/2022)

This project is tentatively scheduled to occur between the Farmers Day Parade (June 4) and RazzFest (July 15-16). If the project is delayed the work will occur late summer.

Industrial Condensate Outfall

Banham stated that work is suspended awaiting materials. Work should resume in May.

Bender Road Emergency Waterline

Staff will be advertising for this Small Works Roster project in April. The waterline replaced will be the same size as the existing watermain, with a new hydrant in the vicinity.

East Front Street Stabilization

Staff is finalizing the scope and budget to include permitting. Banham stated he would like to have this project done this year but is uncertain whether this will happen.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**13. Bay Lyn Drive Sewer Extension**

De Valois asked for an update on this project. Banham stated that staff is working on easements and design for the new pump station.

**14. Concerns about 7<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk**

Kuiken stated he has noticed that the top layer of asphalt on Front and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets has spalling. Staff stated this can be caused when salt is applied to new concrete during times of snow and ice.

**15. Left-hand Turn Lane at Main Street and Guide Meridian**

The proposed gas station going in the southwest corner of Main and Guide is requesting a north-bound left turn into their site. Since this is a State route, WSDOT has reviewed the plan and provided comments to the City. WSDOT has indicated the left turn may be difficult to include in their design of the Guide widening, particularly if a roundabout is used in place of a signal. The Committee expressed strong interest in the design of the WSDOT Guide Widening project, noting that a left-hand turn lane should remain for truck traffic to enter the new gas station proposed at the corner of Main Street and Guide Meridian. Banham stated he will contact WSDOT to communicate the City's direction.

**16. WSDOT Culvert Replacement at Duffner Drive**

Banham explained that staff will be working with WSDOT to extend a 12-inch waterline along the west side of the Guide Meridian with the WSDOT culvert replacement proposed this summer, noting that this concurrent work will minimize delays and detours. This waterline will include crossings to serve the east side.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** May 4, 2022