



## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

4:15 PM February 6, 2019

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

### 1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Councilors Gary Bode and Ron De Valois

Members Absent: Jerry Kuiken, with notice

Staff Present: Public Works Director Steve Banham; Programs Manager Mark Sandal; and Sr. Admin. Assistant Heather Sytsma

Public Present: Gary Vis, Dick Vandenberg

### 2. ACTION ITEMS

#### A. **Approve Minutes from January 9, 2019**

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

**Action**

***The minutes from January 9, 2019 were approved.***

#### B. **Latecomer's Sanitary Sewer Extension Agreement – North Prairie Phase 7**

Banham explained that Council authorized staff to draft the latecomer agreement. He noted that a draft agreement is included in the Public Works Committee packet. He also noted that page 3 item 2 will be revised to state "...on a per acre basis..." rather than "...on a per parcel basis..." This will be given to the City attorney for further review. The final agreement will be presented at the next (February 19<sup>th</sup>) City Council meeting for approval.

**Action**

***The Public Works Committee concurred to recommend approval of the Latecomer's Sanitary Sewer Extension Agreement for North Prairie Phase 7.***

### 3. INFORMATION ITEMS

#### A. **Future Designated Parking in Downtown Lynden – Letter from Ken Stap, President of Downtown Business Association**

Banham stated that staff received a letter from Ken Stap, President of the Downtown Lynden Business Association (DBA), requesting that the City convert the Water Treatment Plant property, once demolished, into a designated parking area for downtown business employees. Sandal stated the DBA has inquired about this for a while.

## **B. Projects**

### **1. Pepin Creek Value Engineering Follow-Up Work – Reichhardt & Ebe Engineering**

Sandal stated that a review of value engineering team recommendations by the Reichhardt & Ebe consultant team has been completed and staff has been presented with some Pepin Creek alternatives and the follow-up work that will be necessary to fully vet them. This proposed work by R & E would include pursuing technical research into two of the alternatives. Sandal stated that one alternative is to look at a bypass system south on Double Ditch Creek and then discharging into Fishtrap Creek using a combination of open ditch and underground pipe for transporting water south from Badger Road. Banham reiterated that some of this effort would be to determine the feasibility and to develop better cost estimates for these alternatives to be used in the process of determining the amount of mitigation that will be required as part of development. The committee concurred this work is a needed step.

### **2. Industrial Condensate (Riverview Road to River Outfall)**

Banham stated that staff has received updated cost estimates for constructing the industrial condensate line from Riverview Road to the river outfall. The new estimate of \$2.5 million is substantially higher than anticipated. Banham stated that, because construction is coming into the river on the shallow side, the pipe must extend into the deepest part of the channel for thorough mixing.

Banham stated that funding for this project is coming from the State Commerce Funds provided in the past but that additional funds (as much as \$1.5 million) would need to come from the water source fund. Staff had hoped to get the project fully funded by Commerce, but there aren't sufficient funds available.

The City is also working closely with Darigold on the construction of a new larger stormwater pipe that will be constructed on the east side of Depot Road to the entrance of the City Park. The plan is to have that project bid in March.

### **3. 7<sup>th</sup> Street Revised Plans**

Banham presented the 7<sup>th</sup> Street parking revisions. Bode noted that additional parking was retained by changes made to the configuration of the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Public Parking Lot. Banham stated that staff and Reichhardt and Ebe Engineering worked very close and think that they have done absolutely as good as they can: some spaces were eliminated due to safety hazards and to facilitate street cleaning, but as many angled parking spaces as possible were retained.

Vis expressed concern about changing the alley to two-way travel to provide parking lot access from 7<sup>th</sup> Street, between Front and Grover Streets, but one-way access to the same alley from 6<sup>th</sup> Street (near the post office). Vis suggested bringing this layout to a Downtown Business Association meeting. Banham stated that now that the Committee is generally satisfied with the concept, staff will work with the Downtown Business Association and the Chamber to iron out scheduling details and then begin notifying the public of the proposed project.

Vis re-iterated his requests from previous Public Works Committee meetings that power needs to be supplied to the lot. Bode requested that a meter and power box

be placed in the parking lot. Vis suggested 12, 50-amp outlets for Chamber of Commerce events. Sandal stated that Puget will install the needed vault for the service with their alley project, but they need someone to apply for the service. Vis reminded the Committee that at previous meetings they suggested that the 7<sup>th</sup> Street power could be paid for through the Public Works Department since the Parks Department already pays for power in the 4<sup>th</sup> Street lot. Bode agreed. Sandal stated he will direct Puget Sound Energy to initiate the account and send invoices to the City of Lynden Public Works Department for now.

**4. Old Water Tank Site Remediation**

Sandal stated that the old water tank site remediation at the former Middle School is part of the purchase and sale agreement for the property the City will need along Fishtrap Creek to extend the Kaemingk Trail west from Depot to 8<sup>th</sup> Street. This Small Works Roster project is estimated to cost \$200,000 and will include a lot of concrete and old pipe removal and restoration.

**5. Old Water Treatment Plant Equipment Garage Sale Prior to Demolition**

Banham stated that staff is hoping to have an equipment “garage sale” in early March for the old water treatment plant equipment and other surplus items. The sale will be advertised in the Lynden tribune and on the City website. Any remaining equipment will be removed during the demolition project.

**6. Darigold Stormwater Pipe Relocation (Industrial Condensate Project Phase)**

This was discussed in Item 2.

**7. Downtown Alley Repairs**

Sandal stated that Puget Sound Energy’s work on moving lines underground has been postponed until the weather improves. Work includes the alley between Front and Grover Streets between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Reconstruction will occur between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets. The remainder will be ground and overlaid. De Valois asked whether other utilities are being moved underground. Sandal stated that the poles will remain as it is difficult for businesses to convert to underground service. Cascade Natural Gas will upgrade gas lines in the area. The other utilities will stay overhead. Banham noted that a new LED street light will be added in the alley behind the post office near the post office drop box. Sandal added that the crew is going to camera the sewer line to confirm its integrity.

**8. West Front Street – EDI Grant / Loan Application**

Banham stated that staff is trying to get this project lined up to be able to apply for another EDI grant/loan to widen and improve this street to commercial/industrial all-weather standards for expected truck traffic through this area expected with development.

**C. Next Month**

**1. Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP)**

Banham stated that the preliminary STIP is included in the packet. He asked that the Committee please review it before the March Public Works Committee meeting. He noted that staff wants to include residential street overlays and improvements.

**2. Homestead Sidewalks and Homestead Association Update**

### 3. Wastewater Industrial Treatment Ordinance

#### 4. ITEMS ADDED:

##### A. PeaceHealth – Dick Vandenberg

Vandenberg asked whether the City has heard anything further from PeaceHealth on plans to construct a new medical facility in Lynden. Bode responded, yes there has been some communication with the City, and an announcement from PeaceHealth is coming.

##### B. Accident Data: Birch Bay Lynden Road and Berthusen Road Intersection

The Committee discussed lighting in the vicinity of this intersection. Bode noted that it is very difficult to see the turn from Birch Bay Lynden Road, especially during the evening and in inclement weather. Banham stated that staff can request accident data and potentially ask Whatcom County to consider working with Puget Sound Energy to install an area light at this intersection.

##### C. Tromp Road – Dick Vandenberg

Vandenberg encouraged the City to pursue extending Tromp Road from Front Street to Main Street through Glen Tromp's property. He stated that Glen Tromp might be amenable to granting an easement to the City if his adjacent property remains open space. Banham and Vandenberg discussed the feasibility of obtaining an easement through Tromp's property and talked about the future use of the property and roads.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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