PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar
August 9, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 PM.

Members Present: Ms. Hale, Ms. Triem, Christine Woll, Ms. Hughes-Skandijs joined the meeting at 12:03 PM. Assembly Member Loren Jones was also in attendance.

Staff Members Present: Katie Koester, Denise Koch, John Bohan, City Clerk Beth McEwen, Deputy City Clerk Di Cathcart, Greg Smith, Robert Barr, Janet Sanbei, Paula Osborn.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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No objection, minutes passed.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

IV. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Solid Waste Plan Recommendations to the Assembly

Ms. Koester briefed the Committee stating the goal is to adopt a draft recommendation to present to the Assembly at a Committee of the Whole Meeting from the PWFC. She would like the Committee to look over the draft and make any changes to the memo. She would also like the Committee to comment on why the need for presenting to the Assembly.

Discussion ensued.

Why should be the “problem Statement”. We are an isolated community with a complex way to deal with solid waste.

Ms. Hale asked Staff to request DEC come and speak to the Committee regarding the regulations of owning and running a landfill in a community of our size.

Ms. Triem moved the committee submit the recommendations of the solid waste to the Assembly for further discussion at the COW, and asked for unanimous consent.

No objection, motion passed.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Valley Transit Center Update

Ms. Koester gave a short presentation stating the current schedule is to open the facility in summer of 2022. With that opening it will be necessary complete rerouting of the buses including the new Glory Hall, and other changes to routing within the Valley due to the new transit location.

Discussion ensued.

The Committee mentioned they would like to be sure the City includes public restrooms in the facility.

B. New City Hall

Ms. Koester stated this is to take a fresh look at creating a new city hall. The City spends $750,000 each year on rent for City offices. It is evident a facility that will house everyone is necessary. Staff would like to put out an online survey for community members to participate in. This would be designed as an opinion toward guiding staff based on those community members who use City services. Ms. Koester asked for input on the ideas the Committee has.

Discussion ensued.

The Committee suggested discussion on this be brought before the COW earlier, so they hear about it earlier. They are also concerned about how moving City offices will effect downtown businesses. There is also concern of including this project at the same time as discussion for increasing the size of Centennial Hall. With the current economic conditions. It was discussed for possibly putting this on the October 2023 ballot instead of the October 2022 ballot. If the ballot issue is moved out, the request was made to keep it on future Agendas regularly, so it doesn't get put out there and forgotten.

Staff was asked to bring to the Committee side-by-side timelines for the different scenarios. Keeping this on the Agenda will also help the public know this is continuing to be discussed.

VI. UPDATE on PWFC ACTION ITEMS to ADVANCE 2021 ASSEMBLY GOALS

A. Goal Update Table

Ms. Koester stated this is just an update as to how the Committee is working toward meeting the Assembly goals set at their annual retreat.

VII. CONTRACTS DIVISION ACTIVITY REPORT

A. July 14, 2021 to August 3, 2021

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

A. Next Regular Meeting will be August 30, 2021 – 12:00 Noon

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:44 PM.