PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES COMMITTEE
FINAL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Zoom Webinar
April 12, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 PM.

Members Present: Ms. Hale, Ms. Triem, Ms. Hughes-Skandijs, Christine Woll, and Paul Voelckers, Planning Commission Liaison. Assembly Members Loren Jones and Maria Gladziszewski were in attendance.

Staff Members Present: Katie Koester, Janet Sanbei, Nathan Coffee, Alexandra Pierce, Deputy City Clerk Di Cathcart, Greg Smith, Dan Bleidorn, George Schaaf, Irene Gallion, Jeff Rogers, Michele Elfers, Nate Abbott, Brian McGuire, and Robert Barr.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 15, 2021 – Regular Virtual Meeting

Ms. Hale moved the minutes to the next meeting, since they were not included in the packet.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

IV. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Calhoun Reconstruction – Planning Commission Notice of Recommendation

Ms. Koester turned to the presentation to John Bohan.

Mr. Bohan briefed the Committee on the recommendations of the Planning Commission. He gave brief explanations of the design engineer's recommendations which counter the recommendations of the Planning Commission.

Ms. Ferry stated she feels the changes that have been made to the construction documents to this point are a good compromise. She would like to make a few more suggestions. On the uphill side of the road, she would like to know if the curb could be made into a rolling curb instead of a hard sharp curb. In order for cars to park briefly and get out of the way of traffic. She would really like to see the power poles be removed as well. This will enable pedestrians to move more freely along the corridor. She feels the space is too valuable to have power lines taking up space. She feels very strongly about putting the power lines underground for this construction. She would really like to know what the actual costs for putting the power underground and removing the poles along this corridor.

Discussion ensued.

Follow planning commission's action on 1st and 2nd recommendations. Bring the underground utilities back before the committee for further explanation.

Ms. Woll moved the Committee confirm the design alternatives as recommended by the Planning Commission as well as the recommendation to allow the blind corner right turn from Gold Belt, and to ask Engineering & Public Works Department to come back to the committee with more information on the feasibility of burying utilities underground and asked for unanimous consent.

No objection, motion passed.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Solid Waste Follow-up from 3-15-21 Meeting

Ms. Koester stated this memo is to continue the conversation from the previous meeting. She asked the Committee to start with the JCOS presentation.

Ms. Hale turned the meeting over to JCOS to present their "Zero-Waste" action they propose.

Ms. Lisa Dougherty with JCOS gave a presentation on the possible items that can be eliminated from the landfill increasing its expected life span and reducing the methane emissions which are emitted.

Ms. Keiser stated the presentation by Ms. Dougherty highlighted the longer-term vision and the near-term work in order to define how the City moves forward. She would like to get feedback from the Committee as to what they hear from constituents on how to deal with the waste and how we can get the word out to the community.

Discussion ensued.

B. Juneau International Airport Float Pond Improvements, Phase 2 Project

Ms. Koester turned the presentation over to Patty Wahto, Airport Manager.

Ms. Wahto stated projects at the airport will be limited this year, due to already managing multiple projects already in process. AIP Funded projects will be moved to future years. AIP has agreed to this process. She stated the design of the Float Pond Improvements is finishing up design and scheduled for construction this summer.

C. Public Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure CIP – Strategy Update

Ms. Koester gave a brief explanation of the purpose of this topic. She referred the Committee to the memo in the packet, asking for direction on the next best step. She feels the next best step would be to determine possible sites for installing EV charging station infrastructure.

Discussion ensued.

Staff will develop an inventory and keep it updated. This will keep us in a good position for grant opportunities that may come forward. Staff will also continue to continue discussion with JCOS in order to insure this topic is consistent with their plan.

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

A. Energy Reduction and Sustainability

Ms. Koester turned the presentation over to Nate Abbott, CBJ Building Maintenance.

Mr. Abbott spoke to the memo included in the packet. He also talked about expanding recommendations for increased effectiveness to achieve the goals for energy reduction.

Discussion ensued.

B. 4-12-21 Update on PWFC Action Items for 2021 Assembly Goals

Ms. Koester stated the updates listed in the table are the items discussed today.

VII. CONTRACTS DIVISION ACTIVITY REPORT

A. March 11, 2021 to April 6, 2021

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

A. Next Regular Meeting will be May 10, 2021

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:11 PM.