

PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES COMMITTEE
FINAL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Zoom Webinar
February 22, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Members Present: Ms. Hale, Ms. Triem, Ms. Woll, and Paul Voelckers, Planning Commission Liaison. Ms. Hughes-Skandijs joined the meeting at 12:08 pm. Assembly Members Loren Jones and Greg Smith were also in attendance.

Staff Members Present: Katie Koester, Janet Sanbei, Rorie Watt, John Bohan, Alexandra Pierce, Greg Smith, Jeff Rogers, Alan Steffert, Dan Bleidorn, Di Cathcart, Jeanne Rynne, Nate Abbott, and Teri Camery.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 1, 2021 – Regular Virtual Meeting

Ms. Hale submitted her changes prior to the meeting.

B. February 8, 2021 – Work Session – Virtual

All Minutes approved.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

IV. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Potential State Bond – 2021 Legislative Capital Priorities

Ms. Koester gave a brief explanation as to the list of priorities to put before the Legislature for inclusion in a Capital Projects List or bond funding.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Triem moved the Committee forward this list to the full Assembly for consideration at the March 1, 2021, meeting and asked for unanimous consent.

No objection, motion passed.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Jordan Creek Flooding

Ms. Koester turned the presentation over to Ms. Pierce to present the flood plain of the Jordan Creek area.

Ms. Pierce gave a short presentation on the current FEMA flood maps for the area of Jordan Creek flood zone. She stated most of the buildings were built prior to the City adopting the FEMA flood zones. She stated because of this, most of the buildings are below the flood plain and will take a large investment from the property owner to build up the property to get the building above the flood plain.

Ms. Koester then spoke to the number of culverts and bridges in the area. She then turned the presentation over to Mr. Trousil with Alaska Department of Transportation (ADOT).

Mr. Trousil with ADOT spoke to the Jordan Creek flooding in the area between Trout St. and Lee Smith Dr. along Glacier Hwy. He stated ADOT is planning on replacing a damaged culvert in this area.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Hale thanked Mr. Trousil for his presentation.

B. Update on Information Items from February 1, 2021, Meeting

Ms. Koester stated two information items were not discussed at the last meeting. She stated the Electric Bus Rollout will be happening with a COVID safe celebration. She then spoke about the cooperation with DEC to clean up the effluent discharge from the MWWTP. This is a multi-year process to make the cleanup plan better.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Hale suggested she and Ms. Koester get together to be sure updates on the MWWTP are presented timely and when necessary.

C. JCOS Liaison

Ms. Hale stated there was a suggestion of a Liaison from JCOS be added to the PWFC, similar to the role Mr. Voelckers plays on the Committee.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs suggested in light of the comments of Mr. Jones and Mr. Manager, the Committee revisit this issue again before making a decision.

D. PWFC Action Items to Advance 2021 Assembly Goals

Ms. Koester briefly spoke to the action items discussed at the Work Session and asked the Committee to determine if these items are the items they would like to take to the next Assembly Meeting for discussion.

Discussion ensued.

VI. CONTRACTS DIVISION ACTIVITY REPORT

A. January 29, 2021 to February 16, 2021

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 PM.

A. Next meeting will be, March 15, 2021, 12:00 PM.