PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
October 10, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Members Present: Mr. Bryson, Ms. Hale via telephone, Ms. Triem, Ms. Gladziszewski and Mr. Arndt – Planning Commission Liaison. Also in attendance: Assembly Member Jones and Mayor Weldon

Staff Members Present: Mike Vigue, Greg Smith, Janet Sanbei, Tim Felstead, John Bohan, Nathan Coffee, Jeff Rogers

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 23, 2019 – Regular Minutes

Ms. Triem moved the approval of the September 23, 2019, minutes and asked for unanimous consent.

Motion Passed.

III. AGENDA CHANGES

Mr. Vigue requested to move Item A – Ordinance 2019-13 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2018-37 Related to the City & Borough's Recycle Works Program, under "Information Items" to Item F under "Items for Action".

The request to move Item A under "Information Items" to Item F under "items for Action" was approved.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Courtney Wilkins, 1760 Evergreen Ave., Juneau, AK. Ms. Wilkins stated her residence on Evergreen Ave. has an historic drainage easement which crosses her property uphill of the house, and is owned by the City. Due to excessive moisture from drainage through the easement area, mud and debris slide down toward Ms. Wilkins' house. Ms. Wilkins is requesting the City repair drainage infrastructure in the City easement on identified property and neighboring properties involved; construct a retaining wall at the lower end of the easement in order to stop the sluffing of material from above her property; replace street level retaining wall; inspect and identify any collateral structural damage to privately owned property; collaborate with affected property owners to establish drainage maintenance schedules and responsibilities;.

Public Works and Facilities Committee acknowledged a planned meeting with the homeowner and staff. They would like a report from Staff regarding the situation after the meeting.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Ord. 2019-43 – Purchasing Code Amendment

Mr. Vigue gave a brief explanation as to the purpose of this ordinance. This ordinance is to clarify the time for filing a protest.

Ms. Triem moved the Committee forward to the full Assembly Ordinance 2019-43 – Purchasing Code Amendment for introduction recommending approval and asked for unanimous consent.

Motion Passed.

B. Ord. 2019-44 – Correcting Rates for Water and Wastewater Utilities Services

Mr. Vigue briefed the Committee on the purpose of this ordinance. This ordinance will correct inadvertent errors to rates.

Mr. Bryson moved the Committee forward Ordinance 2019-44 – Correcting Rates for Certain Customer Classes for Water and Wastewater to the full Assembly for introduction recommending approval and asked for unanimous consent.

Motion Passed.

C. New CIP – South Franklin Street Safety & Capacity Improvements

Mr. Vigue explained the need for this new CIP and transfer.

Ms. Gladziszewski asked what information and comments have been received by the Engineering Department to determine continuing the use and expansion of the stanchions is a good idea?

Mr. Vigue explained that TBMP asked for something to be installed to keep individuals along the sidewalk in order to keep visitors from wondering into the street around Manilla Square. The City worked with DOT to install the stanchions along a small portion of South Franklin St. to test their effectiveness. He stated throughout the summer comments were received indicating they would like to extend the pedestrian stanchions the rest of the way down South Franklin Street. Mr. Vigue indicated the stanchions are removed in the fall to avoid impeding snow plowing efforts. They will be extended down the side of the street they are currently on, and in the future also put them on the other side of the street. This will require a permit from DOT, which staff will be working on this winter, if funding is approved. Staff will come before the committee with the final plans prior to bidding, once the City obtains the permits for construction.

Ms. Triem motioned the Committee forward to the full Assembly recommendation of the transfer of $100,000 from the CIP H51-116 to the new CIP, yet to be established, South Franklin Street Safety & Capacity Improvements, and asked for unanimous consent.

Motion passed.

D. Savikko Park Road Reconstruction – Transfer Request

Mr. Vigue gave a brief description of the work to be covered with this transfer.

Ms. Hale asked Mr. Vigue if Engineering would be including EV charging stations as part of this project.

Mr. Vigue confirmed the EV charging stations would be part of the project.

Mr. Bryson moved the Public Works & Facilities Committee forward to the full Assembly, with approval, the recommendation for transferring $378,000 to R72-142 Savikko Park Road Improvements, and asked for unanimous consent.

Motion passed.

E. JCTC Resolution

Tim Felstead gave a brief explanation for the need of this resolution. This resolution is required by DOT for approval of grant funding in order to assist with transportation coalition requests. The 3 requests have all been brought forward by SAIL.

Mr. Bryson asked for clarification as to who pays for the upkeep of the vehicles once they have been purchased.

Mr. Felstead indicated that the lift-equipped van and the ramp equipped vehicle are covered by SAIL. The taxi voucher system is slightly different, as the individuals are given a voucher to use a taxi, so the taxi company is responsible for these vehicles. He indicated funds are distributed based on the priorities and how far the funding will go.

Mr. Bryson moved Public Works and Facilities Committee forward the resolution expressing support for the Juneau Coordinated Transportation Coalition Prioritization of Projects, Serial No. 2873 and asked for unanimous consent.

Motion passed.

F. Ordinance 2019-13 – Amending Ordinance 2018-37 Related to the City & Borough's Recycle Works Program

Mr. Vigue explained the purpose of this Ordinance. The recycling program was moved to the Quonset Hut as the old incinerator building has been torn down. A new building has been erected in this location for the purpose of handling the Household Hazardous Waste collection. Water employees have moved to the Valley near the bus barn. The water building near the brewery has been sold to the brewery for their expansion.

Ms. Triem asked about the cost of shipping these goods, and whether this service would discontinue if the City felt the costs ever exceeded what we feel is a fair cost.

Mr. Vigue explained the costs of shipping are reduced by the costs of sale of the material. He also stated that within the contract there is always language that allows the City to discontinue a contract if it is deemed necessary. He indicated the real goal of this agreement is to extend the life of Juneau's landfill. Waste Management is required to let us know if the material goes into a landfill rather than being sold for recycling. To this date that has not happened.

Mr. Triem moved the Committee forward Ordinance 2019-13 to the full Assembly and recommend adoption, and asked for unanimous consent.

Motion Passed.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Centennial Hall Planning Update

Nathan Coffee gave the Committee an update as to the current progress of Centennial Hall after the most recent vote.

Mr. Bryson asked about how much of the 2% increase in bed tax will be going toward the project. He was under the impression a portion of the current bed tax currently goes to Centennial Hall. He would like to know how much of the additional will go to Centennial Hall.

Ms. Gladziszewski indicated the current bed tax amount is for operating Centennial Hall. The additional 2% is approximately $466,000 (offered by the Mayor) for Centennial Hall construction projects.

Ms. Hale asked if the City can find funds for construction through other means, other than the bonds, the City is not required by the vote to purchase bonds. She also asked if obtaining bonds, due to the current favorable cost, would be a good solution, since the tax dollars will not be coming in for a couple of years.

Mr. Vigue stated her assumptions were correct.

Mr. Bryson indicated if the Assembly stays with the current plan, the City could go forward with the exact projects already approved without borrowing any funds.

Mr. Jeff Rogers, Finance Director, stated the bond is about 1.5%. This is really inexpensive debt cost. The current Sales Tax funds will not be available for 2 more years. He said it is possible to borrow funds from the Treasury with the intent to repay as money becomes available at a later date. If this is the desire of the Committee to go forward with the project as previously brought forward, then it is possible to move funds around in order to get this project underway.

Ms. Gladziszewski gave a brief synopsis of the needs of the Committee. She asked if the Committee had any questions or requires more information before sending this to the COW.

VI. CONTRACTS DIVISION ACTIVITY REPORT

A. September 18, 2019 – October 22, 2019

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:02 pm.

A. Next meeting will be December 2, 2019 – Assembly Chambers