

PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting – March 20, 2017
12:00 – 1:00 PM – City Hall Assembly Chambers
MINUTES

I. ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

Members Present: Ms. Gladyszewski (Chair), Ms. Becker (By Phone), Mr. Nankervis, Ms. Weldon

Assembly Members: Loren Jones

Staff Present: Roger Healy, Tina Brown, John Bohan, Rich Ritter, Michele Elfers, Rob Steedle, Beth McKibben, Samantha Stoughtenger, Bob Bartholomew, Brent Fischer, Lori Sowa, Greg Smith

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda Change: There will be a verbal update on the construction project on South Franklin St. Ms. Gladyszewski stated this would be added at Item C. Under Information Items.

Red Folder Items: There is a replacement of John Bohan's LID memo under Information Items, Item A. Local Improvement Districts (LIDs). There is are two letters from Liam Carnahan from DOT to be added to Items for Action, Item A. Appropriation – Gruening Park Sewer Pump Station Generator Building.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes. None

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Jerry Godkin representing Jerry M. Godkin, Inc. gave a historic background on public and private snow hauling and disposal. Mr. Godkin hauls snow for private entities. Snow haulers have been dumping snow in the channel and they knew there would only be a 5 to 8 year window to continue to dump snow in the water as ADEC does not like the snow to be dumped in the water. With this knowledge Mr. Godkin said they had worked out with a previous Assembly that the City would build a site at Thane that was supposed to be all inclusive for public and private snow dumping. Mr. Godkin stated that the City is now saying site is not big enough to include private haulers. He recently was cut off from dumping snow in the water without any notification. He has had to find private sites to dump snow. He is willing to pay a per load cost and is asking the City to help if possible.

Karl Leis, who owns Karl's Auto & Marine Repair, spoke in support of using the site at Thane for snow storage as was promised by previous Assembly.

Mr. Nankervis spoke to the committee and to the members of the public stating that when discussion of building the Thane Road Facility came before the Assembly there was no discussion about the Thane snow dump becoming a public snow dump.

No further discussion.

V. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Appropriation – Gruening Park Sewer Pump Station Generator Building

Mr. Healy and Mr. Bohan addressed ADOT's request for CBJ to move a generator building at the Gruening Park Sewer Pump Station on Glacier Highway, which is in the way of new road construction plans that are currently in the design phase. ADOT will reimburse the City for the cost of relocation estimated to be \$120,000. Mr. Nankervis moved to forward the Appropriation Ordinance of \$120,000 for reimbursement for the movement of the Gruening Park Sewer Pump Station Generator Building.

No objections. Motion passed.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Local Improvement Districts (LIDs)

Mr. Healy referred to the revised memo regarding Local Improvement Districts. This memo provides information on the past practice and future recommendations are on Local Improvement Districts. There have been examples of exceptions that have come up recently on the Local Improvement Districts. Mr. Healy would like to provide clarification to both the Assembly and the public on what is CBJ's cost share and the residents cost share and establish precedence as we move forward. Mr. Healy said that Local Improvement Districts are always different respective to the type of improvement CBJ is doing or the peculiarities of the neighborhood that requires some form of flexibility to adjust to the needs of the project. There is a need to establish the best precedence we can so that it is clear to the members of the public, the Assembly and to City Staff, that when a request for a Public Improvement is requested, an improvement that will be maintained and operated by the CBJ, that as the discussion begins we can predict the rule of the game. Mr. Healy gave an overview of the different types of LID's and proposed recommendations as shown in the updated memo.

Mr. Nankervis asked if there was a policy written on LID's.

Mr. Bohan stated that there is a very prescriptive code section that lists of types of LID's and is referenced in the packet memo and that there are researchable past practices. Moving forward a policy document would be good but at the same time be aware it is a guide and not a prescriptive piece because LID's are so variable.

Mr. Nankervis asked Staff what they are looking for from the PWFC today.

Mr. Healy felt providing the information in the memo, then with the Committee's discussion, it will provide feedback to revise and narrow the language to make it clearer and bring it back to the PWFC as a general recondition of policy. So when residents come to the CBJ and ask about particular improvements, CBJ will be able to provide a more consistent response. We will now have a written policy to look back on instead an institutional knowledge of past practices.

Discussion ensued.

B. Frozen Water Services

Mr. Healy said that with the recent cold weather, frozen water lines have come to light again. In the past, about 6 or 8 years ago, the CBJ could provide water line thawing service using a machine called the Hovey. With copper line water service between the main and the house, the Hovey would hook up a lead near to where the water main is located and another lead would go as far down the water service as possible to the house and they would fire up the Hovey which acted like a light bulb with a fulfillment. It would heat it up and hopefully melt the ice and then water service would be restored. This was a highly risky operation and we lit up a few house in the past and then had significant claim against the CBJ so the utility has stopped providing this service. The equipment had also served its useful life and is no longer operational. There is new technology that a private company is providing. It has worked for some and not for others. Mr. Healy said that CBJ no longer provides thawing services and this has become a point of contention.

Mr. Bohan said that the water utility will start an information campaign early next year to notify the public earlier in the season that they are in an area that is highly susceptible for their pipe to freeze and advise them to run their water so it does not freeze the line. Currently if a resident calls we are making sure the main line is not frozen and then letting the residents know they should call a plumber.

C. South Franklin St. Construction Update

Ms. Sowa provided an update on the South Franklin St. reconstruction project. She told the committee that this is year one of a three year project. Exploratory work was conducted early on and showed that the waterline was in good shape so the bulk of the work is going to be replacing deteriorated sidewalks and the roadway along with lighting improvements. Phase I of the project goes from Manila Square intersection by the Red Dog to just shy of the Front St. intersection. Arete Construction is the contractor and DOWL is the design firm. DOWL will also be doing the inspection services. There is a substantial completion date of April 15th for the first block of the project going from Manila Square up to the Ferry Way intersection and a substantial completion date of May 15th from Ferry Way to up to the Front Street intersection. Ms. Sowa advised the committee that we lost about three weeks of construction due to weather but CBJ is still hopeful that we can meet the schedule.

VII. **CONTRACTS DIVISION ACTIVITY REPORT**

Discussion ensued.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting adjourned at 1:09 PM.

The next PWFC meeting will be April 10, 2017.