PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting – May 16, 2016
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. Gladziszewski (Chair), Mr. Jones, Ms. Bursell
Member Absent: Ms. Becker

Assembly Members: Mr. Nankervis, Mr. Bell

Staff Present: Rorie Watt, City Manager, Mila Cosgrove, Greg Smith, Tina Brown, Rich Ritter, John Bohan, Michele Elfers Rob Steedle, Beth McKibben, Samantha Stoughtenger, Janella Lewis

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved.

Mr. Watt, City Manager welcomed Roger Healy as the new Engineering Director.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes for April 25, 2016, approved with edits.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

V. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. ADEC Loan Application Request

Mr. Healy briefly discussed the request for the City to accept the loan from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. CBJ staff applied to the Alaska Clean Water Fund State Revolving Fund in the amount of $10 million dollars, to be used to finance the FY17 construction of the biosolids dryer facility as part of the Long Term Biosolids Treatment and Disposal project to mitigate the cost of barging CBJ's biosolid hazardous waste to Arlington, Oregon.

Mr. Jones moved to forward the resolution.

No objections. Motion passed.

B. Salmon Creek Tri Party Agreement

Mr. Healy explained that the Tri Party agreement between AEL&P, CBJ and DIPAC Hatchery has expired and needs to be renewed. This 30 year agreement provides the terms for the distribution of the water and operations and maintenance of the facilities that convey the water from the Salmon Creek Reservoir for use by all three parties.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Bursell moved to forward the City's recommendation of a 30 year agreement that provides the terms for the distribution of the water and operations, and maintenance of the facilities that convey the water from the Salmon Creek Reservoir between three parties, AEL&P, CBJ and DIPAC Hatchery to the full Assembly for action.

No objections. Motion passed.

C. Dunn Street

Mr. Healy discussed the meeting that took place between John Bohan, Ed Foster, Street Maintenance Supervisor and Dunn Street property owners. The Dunn Street issue dates back a considerable time and involves Planning Commission determinations that took place over 10 years ago.

Mr. Bohan addressed the property owners desire to have CBJ completely take over the right-a-way, pave it, maintain it and assume all responsibility. Mr. Bohan provided information on the possible configurations for Dunn Street. Mr. Bohan believes the City cannot accept liability with any of the configurations presented because of the risks and maintenance limitations.

Mr. Schultz a business and land owner on Dunn Street spoke on the need for a willingness to do this; Mr. Schultz is willing to make the proposed back in area illustrated by Mr. Bohan, for compact vehicles only. He believes that instead of using a grader, a one ton truck could do the job which is equipment already in the City's fleet. He stated that the developers and property owners have offered an easement, storage, and a willingness to widen the right-a-way. He doesn't know what else they can do to make this work. He feels there is an unwillingness to cooperate with them at this point.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Jones moved to forward Mr. Watt's memorandum concerning Dunn Street from the April 21, 2016 PWFC to the full Assembly for action.

No objections. Motion passed.

D. Industrial Boulevard Reconstruction MOA

Mr. Healy discussed the Industrial Boulevard Widening and Sidewalks project nominated by CBJ for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan in 2009, and action that took place to increase the scoring potential. CBJ proposed to provide a 25% match instead of the minimum 9.03% required by ADOT policy and procedures. CBJ received funding in ADOT's 2010-2015 STIP. ADOT has a requirement that CBJ, by resolution, show they will follow the terms of the ADOT's Memorandum of Agreement for the Industrial Boulevard Widening and Sidewalks project.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Jones moved to forward a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into the ADOT's Memorandum of Agreement for funding of the Industrial Boulevard Widening and Sidewalks project and abide by the terms to the full Assembly for action.

No objections. Motion passed.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Water Production & Cruise Industry Water Use

PWFC members noted that there appears to be a declining use of CBJ water by the cruise ship industry. CBJ Utilities Superintendent, Samantha Stoughtenger provided insight to the decline as a result of CBJ restricting water due to limited availability. Ms. Stoughtenger stated that it is anticipated that this will change over time. Ms. Stoughtenger explained that Last Chance Basin is coming on line with two new wells and that we will be able to provide more water to the new dock connections. Mr. Watt addressed the Committee saying that the cruise ship industry did support the use of Marine Passenger fees for the Last Chance Basin project in order to improve water production. It would be assumed that use would increase over time.

B. Wastewater Projects – Update

No Discussion

C. CSP – West Douglas Road

Mr. Bohan highlighted the Assembly objective to move forward with the West Douglas Road project. Mr. Bohan stated that CBJ has made it through many of the permitting hurdles, through the Planning Commission and is currently working with Fish and Game for the stream crossing permits. CBJ is hoping to have the West Douglas Road project out to bid in late summer. Mr. Bohan mentioned that at the last Planning Commission meeting there were several residents against this project and that this will not be the last time they hear from the residents.

Mr. Jones provided details on what took place at the Planning Commission meeting. Key issues were concerns about not taking the preferred route, partially through Gold Belt land and that the West Douglas Plan is not a comprehensive plan. Mr. Jones stated that unless someone on the Assembly specifically brings this issue to the Full Assembly and asks for reconsideration, the next time the Assembly will hear about this is when they are asked to approve a contract to develop the land.

Mr. Bohan addressed the funding for the West Douglas Road and the question of whether or not this is the best use of this money. This funding is part of a very specific State grant that originated with the Murkowski Administration. CBJ had worked to use this funding for the expansion of West Douglas Road; this funding was originally from the channel dredging project. It has had a history of coming through from the channel dredging to the City, through ADOT and then through the Commerce and Economic Development Grant, which was specially written to extend North Douglas Highway. If we were to try to repurpose this funding it would highly be unlikely to happen, so if we don't do anything with the available funds, we will lose it.

Mr. Jones mentioned that he had looked at the Lands Website for more information about this project and found it to be dated and lacking information.
Ms. Gladziszewski asked for an update on the Lands website and by possibly providing project information under the Hot Topics at the City website.

Mr. Healy said they would coordinate with the Lands Department.

D. Salmon Creek Filtration

Mr. Healy said that sometime in June CBJ will host a water tasting party and provide a tour of the new Salmon Creek Water Filtration Facility.

E. McGinnis Subdivision Paving Update

Mr. Healy discussed the McGinnis Subdivision Paving LID. Mr. Healy pointed to information included in the PWFC packet, specifically, a map from Mr. Bohan with a proposed schedule of improvements for this neighborhood. Many of these streets are not in the best condition so there is obvious concern and pressure by residents that would like their street to be improved first. It must be understood that the plan is largely driven by drainage and it would not be efficient to schedule improvements otherwise.

F. Governor's House Area Road Reconstruction Update

Mr. Healy discussed the desire by residents in the area of the Governor's House Road Reconstruction project to have underground utilities.

Ms. Elfers talked briefly about the recent request from the residents in this area for AEL&P to look at undergrounding all electrical utilities throughout the neighborhood. The residents asked AEL&P what the cost would be and how it could happen. Staff has been coordinating this request with the residents and AEL&P. AEL&P has come up with a schematic design and one of the things they are looking at is temporary placement of conduit and returning at a later date to run the wires and the cables. They are looking at a cost for this phase as well as a full project cost to underground all utilities. In the final phase the power poles would be removed. What AEL&P is also considering is some type of a cost sharing with the residents. A neighborhood meeting was planned for that night. AEL&P will provide information on the project to the residents. It would involve things such as easements on private property for transformers. AEL&P will also talk about the agreements that need to be made with residents. Included in the memo is a construction time line, which shows how quickly this has all happened.

G. FTA Bus Grant

Ms. Elfers discussed the opportunity to apply for grant money from the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) for low or no emission buses. It is an 80% to 20% match. CBJ worked with Capital Transit and put together the application. CBJ applied for funding for two electric busses and three charging systems. Two of the charging systems will be located at the Capital Facility in the Valley and it can fit into the plans for the renovation. The third would be at the Downtown Transit Facility. The match that is required can come from the CBJ equipment replacement fund. Right now CBJ is scheduled to purchase four new buses in FY 18. This would include two of the electric buses. Because CBJ is considered a rural community, CBJ submitted the application through ADOT, which supported our application.

Mr. Healy mentioned if we do receive this funding for the electric buses this would be the first electric buses in the State of Alaska.

VII. CONTRACTS DIVISION ACTIVITY REPORT

No discussion.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR

Next meeting will be June 6, 2016. Meeting adjourned at 12:52 PM.