PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting – March 14, 2016
12:00 – 1:00 PM – City Hall Conference Rm. 224
MINUTES

I. ROLL CALL

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

Members Present: Mayor Becker, Maria Gladziszewski, Chair, Mr. Jones, Jamie Bursell

Assembly Members: Mr. Nankervis

Staff Present: Kim Kiefer, Bob Bartholomew, Rorie Watt, Greg Smith, Tina Brown, Greg Chaney, Rich Ritter, Rob Steedle, Brent Fischer, Beth McKibben, Jim Penor, Janella Lewis

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda Approved

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes for February 22, 2016, approved with changes.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

V. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. BRH CIP De-Appropriations

Mr. Watt explained that there are 3 BRH CIP's that are complete. The projects are BRH Orthopedic Unit (B55-046), BRH CT Scanner Room Renovations (B55-061) and BRH Roof Project (B55-062). The BRH Board has recommended closing the CIP's and de-appropriating the monies to the BRH fund balance.

Mayor Becker moved to forward the request to de-appropriate BRH CIP's, BRH Orthopedic Unit (B55-046), BRH CT Scanner Room Renovations (B55-061) and BRH Roof Project (B55-062) into the BRH fund balance and send to the full Assembly for approval.

No objections. Motion passed.

B. CIP Closeouts, Transfers and De-Appropriations

Mr. Watt gave an explanation on the closeouts, transfers and de-appropriations of 16 CIP's. Some of these projects are closed or will be closed; some we are moving money to projects in need of funding. Four of the CIPs to be closed are Grant and Loan funding. When we close and transfer monies, we try to keep the funding to like program. With some of them the funding source will have restrictions, so you are limited on what you can do with the funding. This is a big administrative move of funds and a house keeping effort that will keep our auditors and accountants happy also fueling our next wave of projects.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Jones moved to forward the transfers, de-appropriation and closeouts as shown on the attached list provided in the memo dated March 9, 2016 to the full Assembly for action.

No objections. Motion passed.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Court Plaza Building – Possible Canopy

Mr. Watt explained the State of Alaska Department of Administration's (DOA) request to the City to help with funding of a new canopy on the Main Street side of the Court Plaza Building that would be constructed within their siding project. The estimate for the canopy is $340,000. DOA does not have sufficient funds for a canopy, and is requesting $120,000 from CBJ and is planning to request $100,000 from the Juneau Community Foundation, with DOA providing for the remaining cost. CBJ planned the Downtown Transportation Parking Garage and Main Street Reconstruction projects in conjunction with the State. Mr. Watt explained that CBJ built the parking garage with a canopy and when Main Street construction took place, we built a free standing canopy in front of the Alaska Office Building. At that time DOA was also planning the siding project for the Court Plaza Building. The City suggested that they include a canopy to better serve the public as they walk from the parking garage to the Capital Building. This is not a typical request Staff would like direction from the PWFC on how to proceed. If the City did decide to contribute, it is recommended that it be routed through the Better Capital City fund. The siding project is to take place next year, so if CBJ were to contribute, it would be timely to include it in this year's budget cycle.

Discussion ensued.

B. Marine Park Sheet Pile Wall Corrosion Protection

Mr. Watt presented the requested information on the Marine Park Sheet Pile Wall Corrosion Protection project in that this project has been split into two phases. Phase I is a joint maintenance project with Docks and Harbors and Parks and Recreation (Building Maintenance) to protect the piling around the Library, the brickyard area where the buses park and the outside seaward side under Marine Park. Bids were recently opened on Phase I. Phase II has been proposed for the use of Marine Passenger Fees in FY17 and would include work on the sheet pile in Marine Park. None of the work is a part of the 16 B project and will remain in the Marine Passenger Fee request for FY17, which will be presented to the Assembly in April for recommendation.

Discussion ensued.

C. Waste Management Update

Mr. Watt, spoke on the CBJ Waste Management Program, introducing Jim Penor and Michele Elfers as experts on this topic. In the packet, Staff provided a brief memo and a dashboard that shows the small business waste entities. An overview of the fund balances, revenues, spending, yearend funding and expense to revenue projections was provided. What should pop out on the dashboard is that over time we are going to run a negative fund balance. Mr. Watt emphasized that as we look to improve and expand our waste management programs, we need to realize that we suffer the effects of inflation, the ups and downs of the commodities market and the value we get back from our recycling program. Generally we are on a path to improve, enhance and expand programs and to find better ways to communicate to the public as to what the programs are. We need to support additional diversion from the landfill and thereby enhance the life of the landfill. This will come at a cost, we are trying to model and predict these costs the best we can, but ultimately, we are going to need to structurally look at the programs, and consciously decide to provide more funding or restrict the programs.

Discussion ensued.

D. Distin Avenue Reconstruction

Mr. Watt spoke on the recommendations from the Planning Commission on the Distin Ave. project. The Douglas Indian Association notified CBJ to be on the lookout for burials/artifacts, Fire hydrant location issues, and have Staff work with a property owners request to relocate a power pole owned by AEL&P. The property is a vacant lot between 303 and 310 Distin Ave. Moving the power pole would improve access to the property for development. Mr. Watt explained that the City does not typically relocate private utilities in our road reconstruction projects, although from time to time we do in the downtown core. Following up on the Planning Commission's recommendation CBJ contacted AEL&P to ask them about relocation costs. The initial cost is about $60,000.

Mr. Watt cautioned the PWFC that there are a lot of people in the borough that would like private electric utilities moved. All of the utility companies who have private facilities in the rights of ways would like the City to pay for relocation.

Jean Ann Alter spoke to the Committee saying that this particular property is part of an estate for which her husband is the personal representative. Ms. Alter described the property as a good buildable lot in downtown Juneau. It is a lot that would provide off street parking for more than one resident. She asked the Committee to please read the memo that she provided and drive by this area to better understand the situation. Ms. Alter explained that this pole feeds electricity to 303 Distin. If the wires were buried to that point they would be willing to pay to hook 303 Distin to electrical service from the buried wires. Ms. Alter also stated that she believes this pole has been a hazard to the public.

Discussion ensued.

VII. CONTRACTS DIVISION ACTIVITY REPORT

No Discussion.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR:

Next meeting will be April 4, 2016. Meeting adjourned at 12:57 PM.