PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting – February 22, 2016
12:00 – 1:00 PM – Assembly Chambers
MINUTES

I. ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 12:02 noon.

Members Present: Mayor Becker, Mr. Jones, Chair

Assembly Members: Mr. Nankervis, Ms. Sheinberg

Staff Present: Kim Kiefer, Bob Bartholomew, Rorie Watt, Tina Brown, Greg Smith, Skye Stekoll, Greg Chaney, Laura Boyce, Rich Ritter, Rob Steedle, John Bohan, Samantha Stoughtenger, Brent Fischer

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda Approved.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes for February 1, 2016, approved with changes.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

V. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. DRAFT – FY2017-FY2022 Capital Improvement Program

Mr. Watt gave an overview of the annual CIP process and the 6 year planning goal for City Department projects. Mr. Watt briefly spoke on the projects for FY17, which are separated into various funding categories. Mr. Watt clarified projects in the "unscheduled" category as projects where CBJ has not identified the funding source, as is the case with some Airport projects. Mr. Watt stated that we may not know if we are going to be successful in our prioritization of State Grant requests, so again we will list those as unscheduled. Mr. Watt reviewed each funding category and advised the PWFC members to ask questions as needed. Highlights on the list of projects to be funded with this year's CIP are listed below:

- State ADOT has awarded grant $800,000 for a Valley Transit Center, CBJ will need to provide a 20% match; land purchased will need to be funded separately. The plan is to purchase land at the Mendenhall Mall.
- City Manager Kiefer provided information on Marine Passenger Funding (MPF) stating that it is a Draft version. $500,000 will be removed from the MPF final request for the Downtown Corrosion Protection for Marine Park Sheet Pile Wall project. It will be funded by the 16 B project.
- (SCADA) System Control in Data Acquisition, is the technology that allows an individual to use a laptop computer to see if the pumping stations are functioning the way they should be and it logs data flow rates and similar data allowing Water Utility staff to view system operations in real time.
- Wastewater Utility - Biosolids and Treatment Plant Headworks – ADEC had approved a loan that was reviewed by the PWFC in FY16 for $10 million. The $10 million shown is for both the Biosolids and the Treatment Plant Headworks projects.
- Under the Hospital Reserve Fund, the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Unit is still an active project. The Assembly needs an update from BRH on the plans for this project. BRH has indicated that they would like to move $1 million of reserves money to fund that project. There is also the open question of the project sales tax in the cue, in FY18 and FY19.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Becker moved to forward the Draft FY17 CIP to the Finance Committee for review.

No objections. Motion passed.

B. Salmon Creek Loan De-appropriation

Mr. Watt gave a short explanation of the de-appropriation of $4.7 million of ADEC Drinking Water Loan funds from the Salmon Creek Secondary Disinfection project. Mr. Watt stated that we applied and received this loan but did not end up needing the loan because of a $4 Million grant from ADEC. In addition, we received $650K from a Legislative Grant through the Alaska Department of Commerce, the bid came in $700K below the Engineers Estimate and the project costs including change orders are within what was anticipated.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Becker moved to forward the de-appropriation of $47 million of ADEC Drinking Water Loan for the Salmon Creek Secondary Disinfection project to the full Assembly for action.

No objections. Motion passed.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Waste Management Program Volumes and Cost Update

Mr. Watt and Ms. Elfers gave a short presentation on how we should look at our enterprise operations in a uniform way (the business operation, revenues and expenses). Mr. Watt referred to a memo in the agenda packet and a report on the program volumes and current activity. Mr. Watt and Ms. Elfers explained that the public likes and supports these types of programs. With the recent changes to hours and availably to the user, we have had increased participation, which has increased the volume of material. CBJ has been able to manage this in a cost effective manner. Mr. Watt gave credit to Mr. Penor who has done a really nice job watching our money on these programs. The commodity prices on recycling are down, and so the offset that we have historically enjoyed is going away. The big picture is the volume of material diverted from that landfill is going up but offset revenue collection is going down, which is putting pressure on the finances of the waste program. Mr. Watt then gave a review of each program. Mr. Watt said that he intends to provide the PWFC more information on a regular basis on the Hazards Waste program including a summary financial dashboard. Information on other program efforts that CBJ intends to implement will be included. Ms. Elfers mentioned that late last Fall a presentation was made to the PWFC about the Solid Waste Action Plan. Ms. Elfers said that more information will be presented to this Committee with updates to the plan at a future meeting. Ms. Elfers told the PWFC that CBJ will be ramping up public outreach to help the community understand the Waste Management Programs.

Discussion ensued.

B. Gastineau Apartment Demolition

Mr. Watt spoke about the Gastineau Apartment Demolition, stating that the dangerous work is complete and the building is down. The community is just seeing the final cleanup details. Mr. Watt explained that the hillside will be seeded and there will be a fence at the back of the sidewalk once it is repaired. There were minor change orders, there were no cost over runs, and the building came down a lot easier than we predicted. Mr. Watt gave credit to the General Contractor for a successful effort in a difficult project area.

C. Downtown Spring Clean-up

Mr. Watt pointed out that as the weather gets nicer, the community gets excited about cleaning up downtown. Mr. Watt said that CBJ is paying attention to the garbage and trash issues downtown which normally would be concealed by snow at this time of year. Mr. Watt feels that public expectations in regard to trash pickup, because of the warm winter, are ahead of a conversion to springtime procedures. Operating the street sweeper when it freezes at night creates more issues than it addresses. Mr. Watt advised the PWFC that the Downtown Improvement Group has scheduled their cleanup for April 18th.

VII. CONTRACTS DIVISION ACTIVITY REPORT

Mayor Becker asked about the BRH OR Ventilation Upgrades Bid's estimate of $165,000 and the much higher bids submitted.. Mr. Watt addressed the discrepancy by explaining that work at the hospital is difficult due to a variety of work conditions imposed in the contract. For this project, there was a short time window, very stringent requirements and the Contractors gave pricing according to those requirements.

Mr. Nankervis asked which Parks Restrooms were included in the Design for Parks Restroom and Concessions Improvements bid. Mr. Watt clarified that these would be improvements at Adair Kennedy, Dimond Park and Melvin Park.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR:

Next meeting will be March 14, 2016. Meeting adjourned at 1:08 PM.