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

I. ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon.

Members Present: Mayor Becker, Chair - Ms. Gladziszewski, Mr. Bell, Mr. Jones

Assembly Members Present: Mr. Nankervis

Staff Present: Kim Kiefer, Mila Cosgrove, Kirk Duncan, Bob Bartholomew, Rorie Watt, Gary Gillette, Janet Sanbei, Greg Smith, Carl Uchytil, Skye Stekoll, Greg Chaney, Laura Boyce, Rich Ritter, Rob Steedle, John Bohan, Samantha Stoughtenger, Brent Fischer, Bob Dilley, Myiia Wahto

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda Approved

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Nankervis asked that "Ms. Becker" be changed to "Mayor Becker." He also asked for changes to be made to Items for Action, Item "C". He would like a break-down of the different projects and grants pertaining to this discussion.

Minutes approved with changes.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

V. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Capital Transit Bus Barn Renovation Funding

Mr. Watt explained the reason the Engineering Department is asking for early funding of this project in order to start earlier. This will allow more favorable bids. He also explained the process for paying back this early funding.

Discussion.

Mayor Becker moved to forward an ordinance authorizing a Central Treasury Loan of $2.75M for this project to the full Assembly for consideration.

No objections. Motion passed.

B. Transfer Request – Whittier Street Reconstruction

Mr. Watt gave a short explanation of the purpose for the transfer request, to accelerate the construction schedule to try and get the roadwork completed near the opening of the SLAM project. He noted that waiting for the budget cycle would delay the start of the project until the middle of the summer.

Discussion.

Mr. Jones moved to approve the requested transfer be forwarded to the full Assembly with a recommendation to approve the transfer.

No objections. Motion passed.

C. Old Douglas Harbor Phase III Funding

Mr. Watt gave a short description of the grant request by the Port Office.

Discussion.

Mayor Becker moved to forward to the full Assembly the approval of the appropriation ordinance to accept the ADOT Municipal Harbor Grant in the amount of $2,044,230, and ask for unanimous consent.

Mr. Jones asked to correct the motion to include the $1.3M Harbor Funds Fund Balance Appropriation as well.

Mayor Becker asked that this be added to the motion in order to consider the entire request.

Corrected Motion: Mayor Becker moved to forward to the full Assembly the approval of the appropriation ordinance to accept the ADOT Municipal Harbor Grant in the amount of $2,044,230 and appropriate $1.3M from the Harbor Fund Balance for the same purpose, and ask for unanimous consent.

No objections. Motion passed.

D. Appropriation Ordinance – Cruise Ship Berths

Mr. Watt gave a short explanation for the need of the appropriation.

Mr. Gillette gave some history about this appropriation and discussion about project contingencies.

Discussion.

Mr. Jones moved to forward the proposed ordinance to the Assembly for appropriation of Port Development Fees of $2.5M and Dock Funds Fund Balance of $1.5M, and ask for unanimous consent.

No objections. Motion passed.

E. Parking Management

Mr. Watt gave a short description of the inefficiencies of the current parking management system. He explained that he would like to go before the Assembly COW in order to hear how the Assembly feels the City should move forward in obtaining a better management system.

Discussion.

Mr. Jones moved to ask Mr. Watt to flush out a little bit better concept to bring to the Committee of the Whole, with the idea that after and if the COW gives direction, then follow the other parts of his recommendation soliciting comments from affected groups like the DBA, the DIG, the Planning Commission and affected CBJ Departments.

Discussion ensued; the Committee was not generally convinced that the framework laid out was a good idea. Mr. Watt suggested that the approach was proposed to create a less complicated, more flexible management structure that would be able to adapt to CBJ's management goals. The Assembly discussed the idea that the first step should be defining the parking policies. Mr. Watt suggested that policy definition could lead to purchase of new parking kiosks that may or not be widely popular once in place.

Mayor Becker prefers the comments not be solicited from the groups first, but to bring this back to the Assembly first. But she does not object to the motion.

No objections. Motion passed.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Planning Commission Review for Proposals to go on the FY2017 CIP

B. Draft – FY2017-FY2022 Capital Improvement Program

Mr. Watt asked to address A and B together. He is bringing this before the Committee just as information at this time. It is the Draft CIP for the next year, and also the 6-year plan. There is no action needed today. This will be discussed at the next PWFC meeting…where action will be requested.

C. Front & Franklin Street Reconstruction Update

Mr. Watt explained the extensive participation of this project with the public. An update was requested by the Committee at the last PWFC meeting. Minimal work & lighting required. A small amount of water and sewer piping work.

D. Roll Off Trucks

Mr. Watt explained the PWFC asked for information on the roll off trucks. These trucks are being used for several uses and possibly will be used more once the recycling drop-off boxes begin to appear throughout the borough.

E. Valley Snow Storage

Mr. Watt explained the current snow storage location was supported by the prior Visitor's Center Staff. According to USFS rules, CBJ was guided to a short-term arrangement for storage of snow that could be renewed at a later date. However, the current Visitor's Center Staff is less in favor of using this site for snow storage and the USFS is pursuing a master planning effort. CBJ staff is following that effort and is concerned about the future loss of the use of the snow storage site. Everyone acknowledged that there are few good snow storage opportunities in the Valley.

F. Project Labor Agreement Update

Mr. Watt explained the purpose and need for Project Labor Agreements (PLA). He also explained that there are guidelines for determining which projects will be suited for a PLA. He listed two upcoming projects that will be utilizing a PLA for 2016 – the Gold Creek to Bridge Park Seawalk Phase II and the Capital Transit Renovation project. He also stated that staff did not find reason to place a PLA on the Douglas Harbor Renovation project.

Ms. Becker asked how the Douglas project was different from the Aurora project. Mr. Watt advised that the dollar amount, the amount of labor and the complexity were all much lower in Douglas project.

Mr. Nankervis asked if the Assembly policy was clear direction for staff. Mr. Watt acknowledged that the topic of PLAs could be controversial and subject to long debate. He also advised that in his opinion the current policy provided staff with clear direction.

VII. CONTRACTS DIVISION ACTIVITY REPORT

Mr. Jones needed clarification of where the Corrosion Repair Project is taking place. Mr. Gillette advised that it was combination of the Docks facilities around Steamship Wharf and the Brickyard (aka Marine Park Deckover) as well as the piling under the Marine Park Parking Garage and Library. He advised that it was joint project between Engineering (representing Parks & Rec's CIP needs) and Docks & Harbors.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR:

Next meeting will be February 22, 2016. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.