

**Assembly Standing Committee
Public Works & Facilities Committee Meeting
October 26, 2015, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
City Hall, Assembly Chambers**

Members Present: Jerry Nankervis, Chair, Karen Crane, Mary Becker, Loren Jones

Planning Commission Representative: Dennis Watson

Staff Present: Mayor Greg Fisk, Former Mayor Merrill Sanford, Kim Kiefer, City Manager, Rob Steedle, Deputy City Manager, Rorie Watt, John Bohan, Michele Elfers, Ron King, Greg Smith, Tina Brown, Beth McKibben, Jim Penor, Samantha Stoughtenger, Brent Fischer.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Minutes

September 28, 2015 - approved as corrected.

III. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

None.

IV. Items for Action

A. Auke Lake Sewer CIP Funds Transfer

Mr. Watt discussed the transfer request of \$5,000 from the West Mendenhall Sewer, Pederson Hill Phase, to the Auke Lake Sewer CIP. These funds are necessary to compensate the contractor for final quantity overruns and allow us to close out the project.

Ms. Becker moved to forward the transfer of \$5,000 from the West Mendenhall Sewer, Pederson Hill Phase, to the Auke Lake Sewer CIP to the full Assembly for approval.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

B. West Mendenhall Valley Sewer Expansion – DEC Grand 44591 De-Appropriation

Mr. Watt discussed the de-appropriation of the West Mendenhall Valley Sewer Expansion – ADEC Grant #44591. The project was complete and did not expend the full amount of the grant. The full grant was for \$1.6million. \$1.3million of grant funding remains unspent. Re-appropriation of this grant through ADEC Municipal Grants and Loans and the Legislature were attempted but not successful.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Becker moved to forward the request to de-appropriate the remaining \$1.3 million West Mendenhall Valley Sewer Expansion ADEC Grant #44591 to the full Assembly for approval.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

V. Information Items

A. Franklin and Front Street Reconstruction

Mr. Watt and Ms. Elfers, Project Manager for the Franklin and Front Street project, provided information on the first phase of the Franklin and Front Street Reconstruction project, which has already included public outreach and the conceptual design phase of the project. The results are provided in the attached Franklin and Front Street Concept Design Report dated August 2015. One of the public's concerns is area lighting, public access and not losing parking spaces. Ms. Elfers spoke on canopy issues in relation to lighting and public access by widening walkways. Ms. Elfers also presented an inventory of the Public Restrooms in the downtown area, which was requested by the Assembly. There is a hole in the middle of the downtown area near Front St. and Franklin, where there are no restrooms available to the public. There are areas in the downtown that will need water and sewer work, Staff is working on assessing the areas of need and calculating cost estimates. Art was also a concern in the public outreach, so we have set up a citizen art committee. This group is looking at how to look at art comprehensively in the downtown area.

We are going to develop a phasing strategy for the road improvement work. The next public meeting is planned for December 9th at 6 p.m. at the Baranof Hotel. Information can be found on the project website at www.juneau.org/engineering_ftp/franklinandfrontstreet. The PWFC members had many questions, concerns and comments, which were addressed by Ms. Elfers.

Discussion ensued.

B. Gastineau Apartments Demolition

Mr. Watt gave an update on the Gastineau Apartments Demolition. The Assembly awarded the bid to CBC Construction at the last Assembly meeting. The Contract Office is processing the award. CBC Construction is going to start demolition and abatement in a few weeks. We will notify the public on what to expect as work on the demolition moves forward.

Discussion ensued.

C. Whittier Street Reconstruction

Mr. Watt said that in this year's CIP we funded the start of the Whittier Street Reconstruction project. This is one of our worst roads in the downtown area, we are expediting the design and permitting, and will be coming to the Planning Commission shortly for approval. Our goal is to put this out to bid early to get construction started this

spring, before the next fiscal year. There will be an associated transfer related to this early startup to move funds. The goal is to combine this work with the SLAM project. There will be a public meeting November 12th on the Whittier Street Reconstruction.

Discussion ensued.

VI. Contracts Division Activity Report

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Discussion ensued.

VII. Other Discussion Items

Mr. Watt spoke on parking management. Understanding that the Assembly had previously rejected the request for funding for a parking coordinator in Parks & Recreation and had also rejected privatizing parking management, he asked the committee to consider enhancing our existing contract services as a possible solution. There was a discussion about the need to have both flexibility in enforcement and the retention of municipal control of the level of enforcement. He noted that a blend of the approaches could potentially allow CBJ to better achieve its goals. DBA is planning to survey its members about their opinions on how parking should be managed. Mr. Nankervis asked for an ADOT update at the next meeting.

VIII. Adjournment – Next Meeting Scheduled

Next meeting is scheduled for November 23, 2015.