

**Public Works & Facilities Committee Meeting
October 27, 2014 – Assembly Chambers
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.**

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

Other Assembly Members: Mayor Sanford, Jesse Kiehl

Planning Commission Representative: Dennis Watson

Staff Present: Kim Kiefer, City Manager; Rob Steedle, Deputy City Manager; Laurie Sica, Rorie Watt, Tina Brown, Greg Smith, John Bohan, Greg Chaney, Kirk Duncan, Samantha Stoughtenger, Gary Gillette

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Minutes

September 22, 2014 – Regular Meeting. Approved with corrections.

III. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

None.

IV. Items for Action

A. Homeland Security Grant

Mr. Watt said that the CBJ received a \$469,221 grant that is scheduled to be used to support the goals and activities of CBJ Emergency Management, such as funding planning, training, exercise, and equipment procurement. This grant has already been introduced to the Assembly.

Discussion ensued.

It was decided that this is an informational item.

B. JD Wastewater Plant Infrastructure Transfer

Mr. Watt is requesting that two completed wastewater CIPs be closed and the leftover monies moved to a new CIP that will be used to fund structural improvements and/or refurbish three JD treatment buildings.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Becker moved that staff's request that two completed wastewater CIP's be closed and the remaining \$200,000 from those CIP's transferred to a new wastewater CIP be forwarded to the full Assembly for approval.

Hearing no objections, motion passes.

C. Appropriation Ordinance-Statter Harbor Improvements

Mr. Watt stated that bids were opened for the Statter Harbor Improvement project which came in over the estimate. Dock and Harbors is requesting the transfer of \$800,000 from the Harbors fund to the Statter Harbor Improvements project and asked to forward the request to the full Assembly for approval, pending approval by the Docks and Harbors Board.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Becker moved to forward a transfer of \$800,000 from the Harbors fund to the Statter Harbor Improvements CIP account to the full Assembly for approval, pending approval by the Docks and Harbors Board.

Hearing no objections, motion passes.

D. Appropriation Ordinance-Steamship Wharf Corrosion Protection

Mr. Watt stated that CBJ Docks and Harbors is requesting approval of an appropriation ordinance that would transfer \$500,000 from the Docks fund to the Cruise Ship Berths Enhancement CIP to be used for corrosion protection of the existing dock at the Steamship wharf.

Ms. Becker moved to forward a transfer of \$500,000 from the Docks fund to the full Assembly for approval, pending approval by the Docks and Harbors Board.

Hearing no objects, motion passes.

V. Information Items

A. Zach Gordon Heating System

Mr. Watt spoke in detail about the Heating System Life Cycle Cost Analysis report for the Zach Gordon Youth Center. He said there is a need to replace the water and oil tank, which would require a new boiler. The recommendation is to replace the existing fuel oil boiler with a new fuel oil boiler.

Discussion ensued.

B. Turf Fields

Mr. Watt spoke regarding the recent NBC news story about possible health concerns of artificial turf fields. Mr. Watt said that after discussing with one of the turf manufacturers

he feels it is a national issue and best left up to national environmental health agencies and officials and that Juneau should not take a leading role in this matter.

Discussion ensued.

C. Centennial Hall/Eaglecrest/Library Project Updates

Mr. Watt and Mr. Smith gave a brief construction update on the Centennial Hall Roof Replacement and Restroom Renovation, Eaglecrest Learning Center, Mendenhall Valley Public Library project, Capitol work, and the Heritage Center.

Discussion ensued.

D. Construction Cost Trends

Mr. Watt spoke on the different variables that relate to the construction cost trends in Juneau. He said that it is kind of like a real estate appraiser where you are looking backwards at projects and trying to predict what the market will do in the future. There is no one theory that explains what is going on. The trends could relate to material costs, fuel and labor costs, cost of bonding and insurance, or the contractors' desire for profit is up or competition is down.

Discussion ensued.

VI. Contracts Division Activity Report

VII. Planning Commission Liaison

Mr. Watson stated that the Subdivision Review Committee completed the Subdivision Code review and it will be going in front of the Planning Commission on November 13, 2014.

VIII. Adjournment – Next Meeting Scheduled.

December 8, 2014