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Public Works & Facilities Committee Meeting
November 18, 2013
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm.

Committee Members Present: Randy Wanamaker, Chair, Mary Becker, Karen Crane

Planning Commission: Dennis Watson

Other Assembly Members: Loren Jones

Staff present: John Bohan, Rich Ritter, Ron King, Tina Brown, Dave Crabtree, Maggie Ford, Hal Hart, Eric Feldt, Sarah Bronstein, Carl Uchytel, Donna Pierce

II. Approval of Minutes

A. October 28, 2013, Regular Meeting

Minutes approved

III. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

Chip Toma, President for Responsible Cruising in Alaska – the group that gathered the signatures both local and statewide to get the Marine Passenger Fees which have brought in well over 100 million dollars. There is money every year for tourist related projects from the Legislature. He encourages CBJ to acquire and use these types of State funding, other communities have recently received these types of funding from the State. He feels the best way to proceed would be to propose a 50/50 split.

Mr. Toma also commented on the water rates for the cruise ships. He feels the rates are too low per passenger and they could be higher.

IV. Items for Action

A. Transfer Request & Appropriation – Last Chance Basin

Mr. Bohan – gave a brief update on the declining well field's production of drinking water in the Last Chance Basin in relation to the peak summer season, with the cruise ships filling up with drinking water while in Juneau and the request to transfer Marine Passenger fees into the project as described in the memo.

Ms. Crane asked about the State grant funds that have been applied for Last Chance Basin. It was our highest State priority for funding this year. Is this funding needed in addition to the State funds?

Mr. Bohan – this is in addition to the requested million and a half dollars from the State. This amount was based on a multi-phased strategy. This money would be for the first phase which would create one to two wells to give us the opportunity to rehabilitate the

existing wells. The \$300,000 is starting the design process so we can proceed efficiently if we are to receive the State grant funds. We will also be pursuing new loan funding in the spring. We are pursuing every avenue of funding to continue to move forward on our priority.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Becker moved Staff's recommendation to forward a request to transfer \$150,000 Marine Passenger fees from the Waterfront Seawalk project and appropriate \$150,000 of Utility Reserves to a Last Chance Basin Rehabilitation project to the full Assembly for approval.

Hearing no objection, the motion was approved.

B. JCTC Funding Priority Resolution

Ms. Bronstein spoke on the Juneau Coordinated Transportation Coalition and related community organizations vote to endorse the following prioritized four projects for this round of DOT&PF grants: 1. Dialysis transportation, 2. Lift-equipped taxi, 3. Taxi voucher, 4. Care-A-Van. To be considered for grant funding, each community must prioritize their projects and the list must be endorsed by motion or resolution by the local municipal government. By doing this it also allows more points, which positions the projects with a higher priority. Depending on the grant funding available one or all of these projects will be funded.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Crane moved Staff's recommendation to forward a resolution of support for the grant applications to the full Assembly for approval.

Hearing no objection, the motion was approved.

C. ADEC Drinking Water Loan funding Resolutions

Mr. Bohan spoke on Public Works Department's request to apply for two loans: One through the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Alaska Clean Water Fund State Revolving Fund, and the other through Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Alaska Drinking Water Fund State Revolving Fund. Both require a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for the loans and, if approved, to enter into loan agreements. These loans will provide funding for two projects to be constructed in conjunction with ADOT projects in these areas, the Glacier Hwy. Bike and Pedestrian Project Sewer Improvements and Egan Drive, 10th to Main Street as described in the memo. The loans would be repaid with a 20-year, 1.5 percent interest loan program being paid by Waste Water and Water Utility customer revenues. By having these loans we would receive higher point values for the DEC grant applications that we will also be submitting in the future for these projects.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Becker moved Staff's recommendation to forward a resolution, authorizing the City Manager to apply for and receive the DEC loans, be forwarded to the full Assembly for approval.

Hearing no objection, the motion was approved.

D. Transfer Request – FEMA Flood Plain Mapping Assistance

Mr. Feldt spoke on the CBJ adopted flood map and study through the National Flood Insurance Program. Property owners are required to pay for flood insurance if their building is located in a high-risk flood zone, if their building is financed through a mortgage or loan. The public was concerned about the accuracy of the coastal mapping due to its new application for Juneau and conservative line drawing of the high-risk flood zones. The CBJ hired a Hydraulic Engineer to examine the methodology and modeling used to map the coastal areas and indicated that there could be flaws in the data, but CBJ did not finish the analysis prior to adopting the flood map and study. FEMA said we could not make any changes to the map. Because of this the Planning Department created a list of priorities to fix the map after the map is adopted and called it the "fix list." We took the list to the Planning Commission. They then forwarded the recommendation to adopt the maps to the Assembly. The Assembly was then educated not only on why there is a need to fix the maps, but also why do we have to adopt the maps. Assembly gave Staff directions to go through the fix list to improve the maps but also to show residents along coastal and inland rivers why exactly they are in a high risk flood zone. CDD has helped owners amend the maps placing them into low-risk flood zones. CDD would like to continue with the hydraulic engineering review of the coastal flood study and provide additional analysis to help property owners with their flood zone issues. We need the work to be done by the private Hydraulic Engineer to be within the parameters of what FEMA accepts, so the outcome is something we can apply onto the National Flood Insurance Rate Map which is governed by FEMA. This funding will also provide surveying services to determine where different base flood elevations lay on certain sections of the coast. This will allow a home owner to know where the high risk flood zone ends and how far up the flood water would rise.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Crane moved Staff's recommendation to forward a transfer of \$100,000 from the Lemon Flats CIP to the Flood Plain Mapping Technical Assistance CIP be forwarded to the full Assembly for approval.

Hearing no objection, the motion was approved.

E. Mendenhall Valley Public Library 1% for Art Committee Proposals

Mr. Barr reported to the PWFC that the Mendenhall Valley Public Library 1% for Art Committee has selected two proposals by artist Dan DeRoux: one titled "Wisdom," which depicts two colored cast bronze pieces placed at the entrance to the library, and the second titled "Flight of Imagination," a swan with book like wings flying over the children's area. The PWFC is being asked to approve the art selections and forward them to the full Assembly for approval.

Mr. Wanamaker requested that Staff give an update on the progress of the Mendenhall Valley Public Library.

Mr. Barr – this is planned for the December COW meeting

Ms. Crane moved Staff's recommendation of the two art selections for the Mendenhall Valley Public Library by Dan DeRoux be forward to the full Assembly for approval.

Hearing no objection, the motion was approved.

V. Information Items

A. Meander Way and Pioneer Avenue CSPs

Mr. Bohan spoke on the Planning Commission's recommendation of approval for the reconstruction of Meander Way. In addition, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the plans for reconstructing Pioneer Ave., Phase III. We are proceeding with the bidding of these projects.

B. OHV Process Update

Mr. Bohan spoke on the recent well-attended OHV Planning meeting held November 5th by the Parks & Rec Advisory Committee and notified them of the link to NOHVCC report. There will be another public meeting held at the PRAC meeting on December 3rd at 6 p.m. in the Assembly Chambers. The PRAC recommendations will then likely be forwarded to the Assembly after that meeting.

Ms. Crane – has requested a report on this meeting.

Mr. Bohan – will pursue this request.

Discussion ensued.

VI. Contracts Division Activity Report

VII. Planning Commission Updates

VIII. Adjournment – Next Meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 12:32 pm.