

PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar
April 3, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:11 PM.

Members Present In-Person: Chair Bryson; Ms. Triem; and Mr. Smith.

Members Present Via Zoom: Ms. Hale.

Staff Members Present: Katie Koester, EPW Director; Denise Koch, EPW Deputy Director; Greg Smith, Contract Administrator; George Schaaf, Parks & Recreation Director; John Bohan, Chief CIP Engineer; Patty Wahto, Airport Manager; and Breckan Hendricks, EPW Admin Officer.

II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mr. Smith read the City & Borough of Juneau Land Acknowledgement.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - No changes or comments.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - No changes, minutes approved.

V. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Funds Transfer to Wastewater SCADA Improvements Project (CIP U76-124)

Ms. Koester briefly summarized the requested transfer to the Wastewater Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Improvements project. She explained that SCADA system is ultimately the brain of the treatment plants and that it is being upgraded while the system is operational. The original budget was \$4.1 Million. Due to the complexity of the work and risk, an Alternative Procurement process for construction was approved by Assembly Ordinance Ord #2022-35, capping the construction costs at \$3.9M. At this time, we anticipate the construction to come in at just under \$3.9 Million. Additional design elements, contingency, and inspection, will bring the total project cost to \$5.9M.

Ms. Koester explained that CBJ is requesting about 30% of the total project costs. Ms. Koester reminded the Committee that this transfer would run parallel to the Assembly approving the final contract for construction services.

Mr. Smith asked for further clarification on the amount requested. Ms. Koester confirmed that \$4.1M was appropriated to the SCADA CIP. The ordinance did not appropriate anything, but capped the construction cost to \$3.9M. Ms. Koester confirmed that CBJ is requesting an additional \$1.8M in addition to the \$4.1M already appropriated. The contract with the CMAR contractor will be a little over \$3.8 M.

Ms. Smith inquired if the CIP that funds are transferred from would require more money.

Ms. Koester explained that the Mendenhall Wastewater Treatment Plan (MWWTP) Improvements CIP has funding added each year for funding multiple ongoing projects at MWWTP. She confirmed there's no specific project right now for which the Utility needs to ask for additional funds.

Mr. Smith Moved that Public Works and Facilities Committee recommend for approval at the full Assembly a transfer of \$1.8M TO the Wastewater WW SCADA Improvements CIP from the MWWTP Improvements CIP and asked for unanimous consent.

No objection, motion passed.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Juneau International Airport (JIA) Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations Update

Ms. Wahto presented on the Juneau International Airport's EV Charging Station update and their plans to apply for grants by the middle of 2024. Currently the JIA is looking at installing two (2) stations in the long term parking lot and two (2) stations in short term parking lot to provide Level 3 ability. The employee lot would likely be a Level 2 station, and the group continues looking into additional charging needs in the cellphone waiting lot. Ms. Wahto explained that other airports are have individual tenants put chargers into their leased areas. The JIA plans to work with rental car agencies to determine their needs.

Ms. Wahto shared that the JIA is not looking at doing fees at this time. JIA would not be charging while in the short and long term lots.

Ms. Wahto explained that during this process, the JIA evaluated the needs of the JIA Fleet equipment and determined that it is currently not feasible for their operations.

Ms. Triem asked if there's funding available now or if this is something they are pursuing.

Ms. Wahto confirmed they are looking at a separate grant for the units themselves. The parking lot bids are not in yet. They may need to adjust their scope to reduce their costs. They are prioritizing the infrastructure at this time.

Ms. Hale expressed concern that the need for EV charging will only continue to increase. She inquired if the infrastructure could accommodate additional charging stations in the future.

Ms. Wahto explained that additional spaces will be able to be added in the future as long as we are running the Level 3 electrical conduit.

Ms. Hale asked Ms. Wahto to follow up with the Juneau Commission on Sustainability Committee (JCOS) on the LEED exemption decision. She wanted to ensure that JCOS understands where we are on the items required in the LEED exemption.

Ms. Wahto confirmed that one of the JCOS members had been involved in some of the early discussions and that she's been in communication with Mr. Behnke. She acknowledged some conflicting opinions on the JCOS Committee and that they've worked closely with the Juneau Electric Vehicle Association (JEVA) on this project. Ms.

Wahto noted that she'd follow up with the JCOS Committee and would provide them with the memo from the packet.

Mr. Bryson shared concerns about the availability of the chargers when there are only two spots per lots. He also asked how the airport would enforce customers from unplugging other vehicles.

Ms. Wahto shared that the likelihood of an individual unplugging an EV to use the charger for their own vehicle would be unlikely due to the physical placement of the spot and charger. She also explained that the JIA would continue to monitor usage once the stations are in use. Should the data show an increased need, the conduit would allow for additional spaces to be added.

B. Centennial Hall Ballroom Renovation

Ms. Koester explained that this memo is to inform the Committee and Assembly about the additional scope of work to the Centennial Hall Ballroom Renovations. Originally the project budget was tight. However, since then, the Assembly appropriated enough funding for additional scope. These upgrades include the fire alarm system, security cameras, a public announcement system, and a floor scrubber. Ms. Koester explained that these are necessary additions and that incorporating them into this project will eliminate the need to close the facility later. Ms. Koester explained that the estimated additional scope is \$650,000 and that CBJ proposes these funds come from the \$2.85M in Temporary 1% Sales Tax that was appropriated to the projected through the FY23 CIP.

No questions from the PWFC Committee.

C. Talkin' Trash Update

Ms. Koch shared that with the support of PWFC Chair Bryson, a worksession had been scheduled for a designated 2 hours on Talkin' Trash. Panelists, such as Alaska Waste, Waste Management, SOA DEC, and hopefully the Regulatory Commission of Alaska and CBJ Department of Law will be attending. Questions specific to each group will be asked of the panelists. There will be a brief presentation on Waste 101 and then there will be an opportunity for public participation.

Ms. Koch and Mr. Bryson encouraged the public to submit comments in advance and to attend.

Ms. Hale acknowledged her appreciation for Chair Bryson prioritizing this for Juneau's Community.

Mr. Bryson shared that the worksession was scheduled for April 6th at 3:00PM.

D. Basin Road Trestle Closure Update

Ms. Koester provided a brief summary of the damages to the Basin Road trestle due to the rock fall. She explained that the trestle is safe for pedestrians, but it is closed to vehicular traffic. The trestle may be closed through May and possibly in June. She added the trestle will be closed to both pedestrians and vehicular traffic during construction hours. Bids are not in yet, but we estimate \$100,000.

Ms. Triem inquired what construction hours are and asked if there's a vendor that does tours up Basin Road.

Ms. Koester explained that because we haven't hired a contractor yet, we don't have construction hours yet. She shared that the longer the construction day, the faster the repairs will occur. She noted that CBJ would communicate with the public various ways to provide notice of the closure.

Ms. Koester confirmed that CBJ is aware of one tourism company that uses the trail and that they've been kept informed.

Mr. Bryson inquired if there are guided hikes up Basin Road. He also asked if there's an alternative route that CBJ has considered.

Mr. Bohan stated that there's really no alternative route. It's a one-way in one-way out area. He shared that this project should only cause a short term closure, but if additional delays are anticipated they may look further into alternative routes for pedestrian traffic.

Mr. Schaaf confirmed that there are no current commercial uses of the trail for hiking.

VII. PWFC 2022 ASSEMBLY GOALS

Ms. Koester provided updates on item #2 (Pursue and Plan for West Douglas and Channel Crossing). She shared that the DOT project is working on their level 1 screening with DOWL to determine which alternatives will be eliminated with consideration to the public input received. An update at a future PWFC or another community event will be held once they are at the level 2 screening.

Ms. Koester shared that as part of the Assembly's focus on deferred maintenance, Calhoun Ave. is closed today for about two months.

Ms. Koester shared that the greenhouse gas report will come out for public comment in mid-April.

Ms. Koester shared that the PWFC can expect in a future meeting an EV Charging Infrastructure Grant update.

VIII. CONTRACTS DIVISION ACTIVITY REPORT

March 3, 2023, to March 28, 2023

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Regular Meeting will be April 24, 2023 - 12:10 PM

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:47 PM.