

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT
March 24, 2010, 2:20 PM
City Council Chambers

Members Present: Jason Wiener (chair), Ed Childers, Dick Haines, Lyn Hellegaard, Roy Houseman, Marilyn Marler, Renee Mitchell, Dave Strohmaier, Pam Walzer, Jon Wilkins

Members Absent: Bob Jaffe,

Others Present: Steve King,

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- A. Approval of the minutes of [March 17, 2010](#) – Approved as submitted.
- B. Announcements – None.
- C. Public Comment on Non-Agenda items – None.

II. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Confirm the reappointment of Rodney Austin to the Parking Commission term commencing May 1, 2010 and ending April 30, 2014 ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Mayor Engen) (Referred to committee: 03/15/10) **REMOVE FROM AGENDA**

Motion: The committee recommends the City Council confirm the reappointment of Rodney Austin to the Parking Commission term commencing May 1, 2010 and ending April 30, 2014.

Mr. Wilkins made the motion to reappoint Rodney Austin.

The motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Consider a memorandum of understanding proposing to extend municipal sanitary sewer service via a Missoula County Rural Special Improvement District (RSID) to 62 existing homes in the Spring Meadows Addition of the Wye Area of Missoula ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Steve King) (Referred to committee: 03/22/10) **REMOVE FROM AGENDA**

Motion: The committee recommends the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Spring Meadows Addition Municipal Sanitary Sewer Service Memorandum of Understanding between the City and County of Missoula.

Steve King, Public Works Director, stated that the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the County was for an existing residential neighborhood in the Wye area. Missoula County initiated the MOU and the project. The MOU states that if the RSID is created, the City will accept the sewer, if certain conditions are met. There are 60 lots in the subdivision on individual drain fields, not 62 as the memo stated. The drain fields have been identified as a probable source of water pollution for wells in the area. Nitrate levels in the water are high and it is a public health issue. The County presented it to the neighborhood and they are receptive to forming the RSID. MOU says if county builds it, city will maintain, no money out from city, will get 60 new sewer customers. Public Works recommends approval of the interlocal agreement. The Wye has a large sewer project going now, and this will be hooking in with a new, smaller RSID.

Mr. Wilkins asked if they expanded sewer boundary lines before and this area was not included. Mr. King stated that the sewer service area had been fixed in this area for more than a decade. The County started the original Wye sewer RSID and wanted to do it for green fields and commercial areas primarily. The Wye area RSID is done, and they are looking at neighborhoods on a case by case basis for RSIDs.

Mr. Wilkins made the motion.

Ms. Walzer stated there was a sewer agreement requiring infrastructure to be built to City standards for things that will be annexed. She asked how large the lots were and if they would have to be developed to City or County standards if they were split. Mr. King stated that they were one acre lots and that if there was subsequent subdivision, the City could require it be built to City standards, such as having sidewalks and boulevards, as a condition of sewer. Most houses are currently occupying the lot and the lots are not conducive to further development.

Mr. Wilkins asked if it was possible to have it written into the agreement that they have to follow county subdivision regulations until they are annexed and if there is potential to subdivide now that they have sewer. Mr. King stated that anyone connecting to sewer enters into a contract with the City, stating that any new development will be to City standards. The City would not be the entity approving subdivision until the property was annexed, but if they use City sewer, it must build to City standards. He stated that the lots were actually half-acre lots. Jim Carlson, Director of Environmental Health, stated that the property was subdivided in 1992, and that the geometry of lots makes it difficult to subdivide, because the houses are centered on the lots.

Mr. Childers asked why the entire subdivision was not getting sewer. John Gass of WGM stated that there were 67 lots in the subdivision, and five of them were connected to the Williams Addition sewer. Two more lots did not allow structures and can't be built on for residential use.

Mr. Carlson stated that the subdivision is on the upper end of the drainage area and has excellent water quality. If the project goes through, the residents will be spending money to improve the water quality for other people down gradient. The subdivision has 50% of the sewage outflow in the area.

Ms. Mitchell supported the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

III. HELD AND ONGOING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discussion on the sizes of grease interceptors for the restaurant industry ([Grease Interceptor PowerPoint](#)) ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Stacy Rye and Bob Jaffe) (Referred to committee: 04/21/08)
2. Consider restructuring the city's Sewer Loan Program along the lines of the recently approved change to the Sidewalk & Curb Loan Fund.—Regular Agenda ([Chapter 3.16 – Sidewalk & Curb Loan](#)) ([Chapter 3.18 Sewer Loan](#)) ([Ordinance 3344](#)) (Ed Childers) (Referred to committee: 06/26/06)
3. Interlocal Agreement between the City of Missoula and the County of Missoula related to the Reserve Street / Mullan Road Intersection Improvements Project. ([memo](#)) Regular Agenda (Gregg Wood) (Referred to committee: 01/11/10)
4. Review infrastructure conditions at the locations of serious and fatal traffic accidents: 2007-2009 ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Jason Wiener) (Referred to committee: 01/25/10)
5. Consider a resolution to expand boundaries of the Farmers Market ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Dan Jordan) (Referred to committee: 03/22/10)

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

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