

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT
April 7, 2010, 1:40 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

Members Absent: Jon Wilkins, Bob Jaffe

Others Present: Gregg Wood, Kevin Slovarp, Monte Sipe, Phil Odegard

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

C. Approval of the minutes of [March 24, 2010](#)– Approved as submitted.

B. Announcements – None.

C. Public Comment on Non-Agenda items – None.

II. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider amendment no. 7 to the professional engineering agreement with HKM Engineering, Inc. for the Russell Street / South 3rd Street –Environmental Impact Statement Project ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Gregg Wood) (Referred to committee: 04/05/10) **REMOVE FROM AGENDA**

Motion: The committee recommends the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment No. 7 to the City/HKM Engineering, Inc. agreement for the Russell Street / South 3rd Street – Environmental Impact Statement Project in the amount not to exceed \$83,478 contingent upon City Attorney and Montana Department of Transportation’s concurrence.

Gregg Wood, Project Development Coordinator, stated that in late January they brought an amendment for carbon monoxide analysis for a subconsulting firm, and at that time he informed the committee that there would be an HKM amendment as well. He heard from the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) today and they are drafting the concurrence letter. The amendment is necessary to complete the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) because of additional meetings, the extended schedule, and the carbon monoxide analysis administration. They also had to do an evaluation of 3rd Street after the analysis on Russell Street. There were additional printing costs as well. All the professional engineering services overhead rates are federal acquisition regulation approved rates. Gallatin Public Affairs is a subconsultant of HKM. Gallatin is using its original rate to help save some money.

Mr. Childers asked if the preferred alternative was now a signal rather than roundabouts for 3rd Street. Mr. Wood stated that it was. They moved the horizon year out with updated traffic projections and single-lane roundabouts did not work. It is a local project, and when signals or roundabouts get built is open for discussion. This item will help them get going again and the components left on the schedule are now lengthy review periods.

Ms. Walzer made the motion to approve the amendment.

Mr. Childers asked if the FEIS would be released at Christmas time. Mr. Wood replied that it would be. The schedule for the release of the FEIS has lengthy review periods.

Mr. Haines asked about the cost estimate and asked why there was a huge increase from the original contract. Mr. Wood stated that amendments 4 and 5 were for the peer review for approximately \$190,000, and the carbon monoxide analysis in January was \$10,000. Mr. Odegard stated that a big portion of amendment 3 was the reanalysis of roundabouts, and they had to go through that process to get something that MDT and FHWA would agree to.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Approve the agreement for professional services to DJ&A, P.C., for Lower Miller Creek Road right-of-way acquisition ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Monte Sipe) (Referred to committee: 04/05/10) **REMOVE FROM AGENDA**

Motion: The committee recommends the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement for Professional Services to DJ&A, P.C., for Lower Miller Creek Road right-of-way acquisition in the amount not to exceed \$18,147.50.

Monte Sipe, Construction Project Coordinator, stated that the agreement was for right-of-way (ROW) services on Lower Miller Creek Road. They have an agreement for the design, from where it terminates at the Y to where it meets to Linda Vista Boulevard. They are designing the curb for both sides of the road, and funding for the construction project is from the Western Federal Lands Highway Division, which will also do the environmental assessment. There are three parcels on the south side where the City will need to acquire ROW easements to accommodate the road as it is being proposed. Funding is from traffic impact fee funds. They have budgeted \$30,000, which will include the costs to acquire the ROW easements.

Mr. Wiener asked whether this was part of what was appropriated in the agreement with Twite and Maloney. Mr. Sipe stated that this was in addition to what is being done on Miller Creek from Briggs to Mockingbird. Kevin Slovarp, City Engineer, stated that the reason they need to go outside existing ROW for the project is that the current road is not centered in the ROW.

Mr. Strohmaier asked about the funding components of the project. Mr. Sipe stated that this project was separate from the Briggs to Mockingbird project. The money for construction and design, \$538,000, is coming from Western Federal Lands. Through surveying, they recognized a need for some ROW acquisition. They would have to go through a process to amend the agreement with Western Federal Lands and scale back the project to accommodate that if they tried to use federal funds for the ROW acquisition. Mr. Slovarp stated that the original money was from the 5 million dollar earmark the County received for the study for a secondary access to the Miller Creek area. Through that process, Western Federal returned approximately 1.7 million dollars of the remaining money to the County, which gave the City \$538,000 for work within city limits. The remainder will be spent on Upper Miller Creek Road in a county project next year.

Ms. Mitchell made 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)
6. Discuss CMAQ program activities prior to grant application submittal. ([memo](#)) (Phil Smith) (Referred to committee: 4/5/10)

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

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