

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT
May 18, 2011 2:05 PM
City Council Chambers

Members Present: Pam Walzer (Acting Chair), Ed Childers, Dick Haines, Lyn Hellegaard, Bob Jaffe, Marilyn Marler, Renee Mitchell, Jon Wilkins,

Members Absent: Jason Wiener, Dave Strohmaier, Cynthia Wolken

Others Present: Steve King, Kevin Slovarp, Jack Stucky, Dan Jordan, Doug Harby, Gregg Wood, Jolene Ellerton, Jerry Ballas, Shane Stack, Phil Odegard

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- A. Approval of the minutes of – [May 11, 2011](#) Approved as submitted
- B. Announcements – Gregg Wood announced the 5th/6th/ Arthur Street Project is officially underway and should be completed by the end of this summer.
- C. Public Comment on Non-Agenda items – None

II. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Approve a resolution declaring certain City of Missoula property as surplus and authorizing its disposal. ([memo](#)) - Regular Agenda (Jack Stucky) (Referred to committee 05/16/2011)(REMOVE FROM AGENDA)

Motion: The committee recommends the City Council adopt a resolution declaring certain City of Missoula property as surplus and authorizing its disposal.

Jack Stucky, Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent, requested the committee approve a resolution to dispose of certain City of Missoula property as surplus.

Jon Wilkins made the motion to recommend the City Council adopt a resolution declaring certain City of Missoula property as surplus and authorize its disposal.

The Motion was passed unanimously.

- 2. Approve amendment No. 10 to existing City/HKM Engineering, Inc. agreement for the Russell Street / South 3rd Street - Environmental Impact Statement project. ([memo](#)) - Regular Agenda (Kevin Slovarp) (Referred to committee 05/16/2011)(REMOVE FROM AGENDA)

Motion: The committee recommends the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment No. 10 to the City/HKM Engineering, Inc. agreement for the Russell Street / South 3rd Street - Environmental Impact Statement Project in the amount not to exceed \$22,603 contingent upon City Attorney and Montana Department of Transportation's concurrence.

Gregg Wood, Project Coordinator, introduced representatives Lloyd Rue, from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) department and Mickey Lloyd from the Montana Department of Transportation that were listening to the meeting via telephone from Helena. This amendment is necessary to comply with the Montana Department of Transportation request to update the EIS with the 2010 census data and address some revised information on one of the 4(f) properties. Unless there is any other legal requirement that must be met no more changes would be made. This process has been a team effort with Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), HKM Engineering, and the City working together. He asked the committee to approve Amendment No. 10 to

the City/HKM Engineering, Inc. agreement for the Russell Street/ South 3rd Street Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Project.

Bob Jaffe made the motion to recommend the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment No. 10 to the City/HKM Engineering, Inc. agreement for the Russell Street/South 3rd Street Environmental Impact Statement Project not to exceed \$22,603.00 contingent upon the City Attorney and MDOT' s concurrence.

Stacey Rye asked what would happen if the census data changed the EIS statement.

Gregg Wood said he does not anticipate changes because the census figures are approximately the same as the City's growth pattern projections. Once we get past the legal insufficiency review the remainder of the process is reviews and signatures. The anticipated completion date is October 20, 2011.

The motion was passed unanimously.

3. Approve the agreement for consultant services with Territorial-Landworks on Project 10-020 University of Montana Crosswalk Improvements. (memo) -Regular Agenda (Doug Harby)(Referred to committee 05/16/2011).(REMOVE FROM AGENDA)

Motion: The committee recommends the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement for consultant services with Territorial-Landworks, Inc. in the amount, not to exceed \$49,367.12 on Project 10-020 University of Montana Crosswalk Improvements.

Doug Harby, Project Manager, said this was a Community Transportation Enhancement Program (CTEP) project that would install crosswalk improvements at four locations in the university area, reconstructing the entire intersections of University/Arthur Avenue and Beckwith/Maurice Avenue by creating table top crossings with lighting, stamped concrete and other features. The other two locations, South/Gerald Avenue and Eddy/Arthur Avenue would consist of elevated crosswalks. He requested the committee approve the agreement with Territorial-Landworks on Project 10-020 University Crosswalk Improvements.

Jon Wilkins made the motion to recommend the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement for consultant services with Territorial-Landworks, Inc. for \$49,367.12 for Project 10-020 University of Montana Crosswalk Improvements.

Renee Mitchell asked for clarification on what they are being asked to approve, \$49,367.12 is in the referral but Doug Harby said this was a \$300,000.00 project with the University matching funds. Doug Harby said the \$49,367.12 was part of the whole \$300,000.00 amount.

Renee Mitchell asked for more information on the raised crosswalks. Doug Harby said two of the intersections would actually be raised to sidewalk level; the other two would be 7 to 8 feet across the top with gradual transitions.

Public Comment:

Jerry Ballas, with the University of Montana planning and construction said he has been working for three years on this project and the university has set aside funds for it. Scoping was done by students and professors for ideas with the intent to slow traffic for the safety of the pedestrians. Raised crosswalks will do this, raised crosswalks were installed in front of the Adams Center and it has proven to slow down traffic. The goal is to get everything ready this year so construction could start next year. The university is asking the committee to support this project.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Bob Jaffe stated that these large projects are planned for the times when school is out and Mountain Water started their project that caused the delay, the Higgins Street project was the same and this timing should be taken into consideration when planning these projects.

Jerry Ballas, said his understanding that Mountain Water does not know which projects the City will approve each year and until they are reasonably certain a project will be built and not delayed they do not start their project, once they know that then they try to do the engineering and get the pipe in the ground before the asphalt goes down, it is a catch 22 and is frustrating.

Doug Harby said they do meet with Mountain Water several times a year and they are given a list of the City's projects. Sometimes Mountain Water cannot get funding for a project unless there are some savings involved such as a street that will be torn up in one of our projects. There are some exceptions when complex projects come through and the funding is uncertain. We do work very close with them on City projects.

III. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve the agreement for consultant services with Eli & Associates, Inc. on Project 10-034 England Boulevard right turn lane improvements. (memo) - Regular Agenda (Kevin Slovarp)(Referred to committee 05/16/2011) (HELD IN COMMITTEE)

Kevin Slovarp, City Engineer, gave a presentation with a drawing showing the location of the proposed project. There were some funds (approximately \$109,000.00) left from the SID 540 England Boulevard Street Construction and after hearing from the neighborhood residents it was decided that this project to install a south bound right turn lane on the west side of the England Boulevard/Reserve Street intersection would relieve the congestion that backs up and would have the most benefit to the residents. This referral would be to approve a consultant services agreement for \$14,054.25 with Eli & Associates, Inc. on Project 10-034 England Boulevard Right Turn Lane Improvements. This would leave approximately \$95,000.00 for construction.

In answer to several questions from committee members Kevin Slovarp explained that this project would increase the pedestrian crossing by a few feet, the right turn lane would extend back almost to the second access driveway. It was not included in the original SID and the funds leftover would be utilized to get the best improvements for the residents. He would try to get an idea of how much each household would receive if this money were returned.

Steve King, Public Works Director, said the total SID was over two million dollars and involved over three hundred properties with Hellgate School having the largest assessment. They did not have a Neighborhood Council meeting but have heard from past Neighborhood meetings about the congestion at this intersection but did not discuss a specific solution. The problem is that all of the traffic cannot get through on one light cycle because of the backup especially during the rush hour. Some vehicles are trying to go straight and some are trying to make a right turn, this right turn lane would substantially enhance the access.

Bob Jaffe said he did not support this as presented. The substantial degradation of the pedestrian infrastructure, getting rid of the boulevard, and increasing the crossing distances were some of his concerns and he thinks there should be heavy justification for it. He asked what are the lane widths, what else could be done, and are there studies to support how far back the pocket needs to go.

Kevin Slovarp said part of the problem is there are buried conductor loops that would have to be dug up and relocated and would be a substantial cost.

Steve King said they did the measurements and looked at the ability to see if three lanes would fit in that space and there is not sufficient width curb to curb to have a turning lane.

Pam Walzer asked if an additional traffic light would be required for the turn lane.

Kevin Slovarp said the State would have to approve this design because it is an approach onto their national highway system, if the State required it we would certainly do that. Also several different busses use this intersection frequently.

Pam Walzer said this is a very active Neighborhood Council and Home Owners Association and she would like to hear their input on this project. She asked what the time schedule was on this project.

Kevin Slovarp said the current schedule was to complete this by mid September; but they could hold this and meet with the Neighborhood council. Pam Walzer said they could start with the leadership team and the Pleasantview Home Owners Association.

Steve King said they would certainly meet with the ward representatives and the Neighborhood Council to make sure they are on the right track.

2. Continue presentation of the proposed upgrade from our current Permits Plus and Asset Management Systems to the web based automation application. (memo) - Regular Agenda (Dan Jordan)(Referred to committee 05/13/2011). (HELD IN COMMITTEE)

This item was not discussed. A request was made to move to another date.

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. 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)
3. T4 America partner support ([memo](#)) – Regular Agenda (Stacy Rye) (Referred to committee: (Referred to committee: 08/16/10)
4. Presentation from Public Works staff regarding proposed process for finding contractors and awarding bids for reconstruction of Russell Street. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Bob Jaffe) (Referred to committee: 11/15/2010)
5. Resolution to change the speed limit on Reserve Street between Brooks and 39th Street. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Wayne Gravatt) (Referred to committee: 01/24/11)
6. Confirm the reappointments of Carol Williams and Theresa Cox to the Missoula Parking Commission for a term commencing May 1, 2011 and ending April 30, 2015.
7. Consider an ordinance and emergency ordinance of the Missoula City Council amending Missoula Municipal Code Chapter 3.18 entitled Sewer Connection Expense Relief Loan Program. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Kevin Slovarp) (Referred to committee: 04/18/11)
8. Approve the installation of an indoor shooting range at 1010 North Avenue per MMC 9-62.040. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Doug Harby) (Referred to committee: 04/18/11).
9. Consider an ordinance revising provisions of Title 10 of Missoula Municipal Code related to parking. ([memo](#)) – Regular Agenda (Jason Wiener) (Referred to committee: 05/02/11)
10. Update from the Parking Commission. ([memo](#))([Parking Fines](#)) ([Policy Review](#)) ([Ltr: Iowa](#)) ([Ltr: Hensley](#)) ([Draft Parking Ordinance](#))—Regular Agenda (Bob Jaffe) (Referred to committee: 03/07/11)

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:55

Respectfully Submitted,
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City Public Works Department