

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT
May 16, 2012, 2:05 PM
City Council Chambers

Members Present: Jason Wiener (chair), Ed Childers, Dick Haines, Bob Jaffe, Marilyn Marler, Dave Strohmaier, Jon Wilkins, Adam Hertz, Alex Taft, Caitlin Copple, Mike O'Herron

Members Absent: Jason Wiener, Alex Taft

Others Present: Steve King, Jack Stucky, Kevin Slovarp, Monte Sipe, Doug Harby, Phil Smith

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- A. Approval of the minutes of - [May 9, 2012](#) - Approved as submitted.
- B. Announcements - None.
- 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 authorize its disposal. ([memo](#)) - Regular Agenda (Jack Stucky) (Referred to committee: 05/07/12) (REMOVE FROM AGENDA)

Motion: The committee recommends the City Council adopt a [resolution](#) declaring certain City of Missoula property as surplus and authorize its disposal.

Jack Stucky, Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent, asked for approval of a resolution declaring certain property as surplus and authorizing its disposal. There will be a surplus sale the first week of June.

Committee discussion was as follows:

- *How are drug forfeiture vehicles acquired? Was someone convicted prior to the award?*

They are awarded to us by the court. There has to be a conviction before they are awarded. At times we hold on to them for a long time then they are given back.

There was no public comment and the motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Approve the purchase of one 2012 Ford Taurus from Bison Motors of Great Falls, Montana, for \$21,704.35. ([memo](#)) - Regular Agenda (Jack Stucky) (Referred to committee: 05/07/12) (REMOVE FROM AGENDA)

Motion: The committee recommends the City Council approve the purchase of one 2012 Ford Taurus from Bison Motors of Great Falls, Montana, for \$21,704.35.

Jack Stucky, Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent, asked for approval of the purchase of the vehicle. Montana Municipal Insurance Agency (MMIA) will pay for \$11, 540 of the cost, the Police Department will pay the \$2,500 deductible, and the rest will be paid by the capital program.

Committee discussion was as follows

- *Did Mr. Stucky receive any local bids for a vehicle? Did Bitterroot motors make a bid?*

The state bid is used. Mr. Stucky went by the state's screening bid release.

Everyone in the State of Montana had an option to bid. The state bids seem to be controlled by four or five vendors that really low ball prices.

There was no public comment and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Review bids for the University of Montana/CTEP crosswalk improvements project, project number 10-020, at the intersections of Arthur/University Avenue and Beckwith/Maurice Avenue, and award bid to the lowest responsible bidder and authorize the return of bid bonds. (memo) - Regular Agenda: (Monte Sipe) (Referred to committee: 05/14/12) (REMOVE FROM AGENDA)

Motion: The committee recommends City Council award the bid for City Project 10-020, University of Montana/CTEP Crosswalk Improvements, to L.S. Jensen for Alternate No. 1 and a total contract sum of \$224,866.85, contingent upon concurrence in the award by the Montana Department of Transportation, and authorize return of bid bonds.

Doug Harby, Construction Project Manager, explained that this project had been previously discussed with the committee. The University of Montana is using Community Transportation Enhancement Program (CTEP) funds to install crosswalk improvements. One crosswalk is at University Avenue and Arthur Avenue, which will be a concrete raised crosswalk through the entire intersection. This will also include textured concrete, lighting, and reconfiguration of ramps. The crosswalk at Maurice Avenue and Beckwith Avenue will also be raised, but done in asphalt. The estimate for the project came in at \$236,106. The low bidder was L.S. Jensen at \$224,866. Public Works recommends awarding the bid to L.S. Jensen.

Committee discussion was as follows:

- How will this project be funded?

With CTEP funds. This was a separate CTEP project that the University applied for, or the City applied for on their behalf, and it was awarded to the University through the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The University is providing the match which is roughly \$42,000, making the match from the University 14% and 86% CTEP funds.

Steve King added that this was a federal aid program that the City was able to administer and the University was not. The University advocated for the project and received the funding through the MPO; however the City is administering the contract and coordination with the University. The City has worked hard with the University to get a design that integrates the road features with campus access features.

There was no public comment and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation for \$39,791 for CMAQ funds for the Bicycle Pedestrian Program in FY2013. (memo) - Regular Agenda (Phil Smith) (Referred to committee: 05/14/12) (REMOVE FROM AGENDA)

Motion: The committee recommends the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation for \$39,791 for CMAQ funds for the Bicycle Pedestrian Program in FY2013.

Steve King, City Public Works Director, explained that this item had come to the committee some time ago to alert them to the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant program. This item funds some of the Bicycle Pedestrian Office's core duties and responsibilities. The proposal to Council is to allow for receipt of the federal grant.

Phil Smith, City Bicycle Pedestrian Program Manager, explained that this was brought to the committee back in April of this year. This grant is strictly used for program activities not salaries. This is an item brought to committee every year for discussion. Mr. Smith requested that the committee authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with the Department of Transportation.

Hearing no public comment, the motion carried unanimously.

III. HELD AND ONGOING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Resolution to change the speed limit on Reserve Street between Brooks and 39th Street. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Wayne Gravatt) (Referred to committee: 01/24/2011)
2. Discuss the timing of various traffic lights around the city. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Bob Jaffe) (Referred to committee: 09/26/2011)
3. Discuss the school speed zones. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Bob Jaffe) (Referred to committee: 09/26/11)
4. Amendment No. 2 to the existing engineering services agreement between the City and WGM Group, Inc. on the Special Improvement District (SID) 548 - 5th / 6th / Arthur / Maurice Intersection, Safety and Circulation Improvement Project. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Gregg Wood) (Referred to committee: 05/07/12)

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heidi J. Bakula, Program Specialist
City Public Works Department