

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**Public Works and Facilities Committee Meeting**  
Monday – January 3, 2011 – 12:00 p.m.  
Assembly Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

**PWFC Members:** Bob Doll, Merrill Sanford, Karen Crane, Jonathan Anderson (by phone)

**Assembly Members:** Ruth Danner (by phone)

**City Manager:** Rod Swope

**Planning Commission Liaison:** Dennis Watson

**Staff:** Kim Kiefer, Rorie Watt, Rich Ritter, Jennifer Mannix, Tina Brown, John Bohan, Ron King, Paul Beck, Jeannie Johnson, Catherine Fritz, Joe Buck, Dale Pernula, Scott Jeffers, Jim Heumann, Shawn Morrow, and Garth Hamblin

**Others:** Dave Nugent

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 22, 2010 – Regular Meeting Minutes – Approved

B. December 13, 2010 – Regular Meeting Minutes - Approved

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

IV. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Wood Duck Reconstruction, Phase II

Mr. Watt - meeting with the residents and hearing their concerns, we feel that the best resolution is to build the road as proposed and repave the cul-de-sac as it is currently built. The paved “ear” will be a low maintenance priority for the Streets Maintenance staff.

Dave Nugent, 3050 Wood Duck Ave spoke briefly and asked for clarification on the issue.

Mr. Watt stated that the road would be rebuilt with the ear but there would be a concrete strip to delineate the driving lanes.

Mr. Sanford moves the Staff recommendation as shown in the memo from Mr. Watt dated November 16, 2010, to build the road to current standards and try to tailor the design as best as possible to mitigate concerns.

No objection – motion carries.

B. STIP Resolution

Mr. Watt - DOT has indicated that providing them with a resolution that includes a list of projects and levels of support would be helpful in the scoring of some of the projects. There are differing levels of support that a community can offer, as show in the memo from Rorie Watt dated January 3, 2011.

Ms. Crane - is concerned about funding of the Glacier Highway Pedestrian Improvements in regards to providing a safe Wal-Mart crossing.

Mr. Watt – feels that this resolution will help prioritize this project area; it is a great concern to the community. At this point we are unsure if the Wal-Mart crossing will be a part of this project.

Mr. Doll – asked if this was their only chance to comment on these projects before it went before the Project Evaluation Board (PEB), and wondered if there was a way to highlight the valley transit center. He also wondered about possible maintenance and funding costs related to these projects.

Mr. Watt – this list will go to the PEB. The valley transit center was a higher priority than the downtown transit center but it just ended up that the type of funding available was for a downtown transit center. There will be related funding and maintenance costs to these projects.

Mr. Sanford moved the January 3, 2011, memo Staff recommendations in support of the STIP Resolution be forward to the full Assembly for approval.

No objection – motion carries.

C. CIP Projects Closeouts/Transfers

Mr. Watt – we are looking for a positive recommendation to forward the identified closeout CIP's and transfer them to related projects to the full Assembly. Transferring funds from closed projects to related projects is an ongoing process.

In response to a question by Mr. Anderson Mr. Watt stated that the Basin Road Trestle project is being done by the State and the State is continuing to work on the Trout Street Bridge.

Mr. Sanford recommends forwarding a resolution to the full Assembly supporting the appropriations, transfers and closeouts as shown in the memo from Rorie Watt, dated December 29, 2010.

No objection – motion carries

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. JNU Snow Removal Equipment Facility (SREF) Project

Jeannie Johnson, Airport Manager and Catherine Fritz, Airport Architect presented the need for help in finding funding for the local required match to a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant for this project. Snow removal equipment facilities are amongst the lowest in FAA priorities in how they are funded. JNU has the FAA Alaska Region's support, but only for 73% of the project and this leaves about a \$3.5 million hole to fill.

Airports requested from the Committee and the Assembly permission to go forward and solicit funds from the federal, state, and local governments to help complete this project. Also the water and sewer at JNU are aging; Ms. Johnson will bring this issue before the Committee at a later date.

Mr. Sanford - asked if we have other JNU projects that have funding issues.

Ms. Johnson - we have the next phase of the terminal renovation which is the north end of the terminal, water and sewer issues and a sand chemical building. We need action now from the legislation for funding of the Snow Removal Equipment facility. The bid documents will be ready this spring and it can be put out to bid once we have the funding.

Mr. Sanford - requested a needs list for the Committee. He requested that all departments provide lists to the City Manager. This list would help us do this as a coordinated effort.

Mr. Doll - this on our to-do list and I look forward to hearing on how things evolve further.

B. BRH Child and Adolescent Care Facility

Shawn Morrow, BRH Chief Executive Officer and Garth Hamblin, BRH Chief Financial Officer presented the need for a child and adolescent mental health unit in Juneau. The estimated cost for this facility is \$20 million. BRH will be putting \$5 million in a reserve for this facility in both FY11 and FY12; they can not

commit further funds because they are allocated to other items. They are presenting to this Committee in hopes that the Assembly will add it to the CBJ legislation priorities list for the \$10 million short fall and if necessary solicit other types of funding listed in the BRH packet. Once the facility is built it will be self sustaining and create about 25 additional jobs. A master facility plan is being created and is anticipated to be done April. This plan will help decide the location of the facility.

Ms. Danner - requested a copy of the feasibility study conducted by Diamond Healthcare in 2005 and the updated study in 2009.

Mr. Sanford - requested a memorandum to be addressed to the City Manager and the Mayor showing what they need in terms of lobbying efforts and the funding they want to ask for, so they can make an informed effort. This will help us to be on the same page when they talk to the legislators and lobbyists in Washington DC.

Mr. Doll - BRH is invited to come back with updates when necessary.

#### C. Wastewater Bio-Solids Re-Use/Disposal Update

Mr. Watt - the timing is good to consider what we are doing and where we're headed in regards to the handling of wastewater bio-solids. We have been looking very hard at this issue and there seems to be an opportunity to explore it further, it is a very complicated issue.

Mr. Buck- the final product of composting will be top soil which will be an asset to the city. If we could develop a public-private partnership in the processing and the marketing of this product, it will create a new business in the community. If needed we could stock pile the compost in the quarries. This would be a ten year program until we can develop a plasma facility or an incinerator. Then we would be burning our bio solids, with the possibility of continuing the composting with 25 to 30 percent of our bio stream for our local needs. It will take time to gear up for composting. The risk would be low for the City, if a private partner can be involved in the pilot project. The cost in technical issues and fuel costs with an incinerator would outweigh the costs and risks of a composting project. Composting will simplify the wastewater operations. What once was a certified level three drops down to a level 2. Staff scheduling will also become more simplified and there will be a less need for manpower.

Ms. Danner - asked about the man power costs savings and cost savings of possibly storing the product on CBJ property.

Mr. Buck - we will be developing detailed cost savings and storage possibilities over the next month.

## VI. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

### A. Contracts Division Activity Report

Mr. Anderson - asked about the project under \$5,000, test holes at CPWF, PH III.

Mr. Watt - this is to check soil conditions so we see how much overburden needs to be removed.

Mr. Watson - the Planning Commission approved Mr. Watt's recommendation for the LEED's project ordinance but suggested a lowered threshold to 3 million, based on the Sustainability Committee's interpretation. The Planning Commission would like to have a presentation on the snow removal storage when the time is appropriate.

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 31, 2011, in the Assembly Chambers.