



PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES STANDING COMMITTEE
Thursday, August 12, 2010, 7:00 a.m.
Public Works Facility Conference Room

MEETING NOTES

1. Danny Paggao called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. Public Works Standing Committee Members in attendance were Danny, Rick Almberg, and Scott Dudley. City staff in attendance was Mayor Slowik, Paul Schmidt, Eric Johnston, Cathy Rosen, and Kathy Wagoner.
2. **Review Meeting Notes – July 1, 2010** – No comments or questions.
3. **Bid Award for the Fuel Island Upgrade** – Eric said reminded those in attendance the purpose and intent of the fuel island upgrade project is to add additional fuel storage for diesel and unleaded fuel, upgrade the monitoring and control systems, and to add the required lead monitors and alarms.

Four bids were received. When Eric was asked why no local companies, he said no local companies applied. Rick said it is a specialized field. When asked where the funding is coming from, Eric said it's coming from funds set aside in the Equipment Rental Replacement Fund.

4. **West Meadows Easement** – Eric said on June 1, 2010, the City Council approved the reimbursement agreement with West Meadows Partners, Inc. for offsite sewer improvements associated with the Plat of West Meadows. With the lift station currently in place constructed by the West Meadows Partners, the property owners have requested the City to extinguish the easement no longer needed for City utility purposes. Eric was asked of extinguishing the easement would affect the City's utilities and he said no.
5. **North Oak Harbor Street** – The memo handed out is for informational purposes only ... not an agenda item. The project is moving slowly. The original completion date was July 7, 2010. Then the completion date was moved to July 28. The contractor is now being charged a little under \$3,000 per day. The project has been handicapped by ineffective site management. Contractor thinks the project will be done in two weeks; however, Eric doesn't feel that will happen.

The medians on 7th & Oak Harbor Street and Crosby & Oak Harbor were shortened for larger vehicles. The median changes being made on Oak Harbor Street are similar to what was done on Ft. Nugent. There are no medians on Columbia. There will be dedicated left turn lanes on Oak Harbor Street. The street is actually wider – optical illusion from curbing makes the lanes look narrower. When asked about traffic signals, Eric said signals are not warranted today but could be in the future. Signals will cost

approximately \$300,000 versus stop signs at approximately \$1,000. The crosswalks are located where it's the safest to cross.

Mayor Slowik complimented Eric on his quick response to fixing the problems on the Oak Harbor Street medians.

6. **Pioneer Way Update** – Discussed the Design Plan. Trees went from 60 to 27 and will be 10 feet shorter. A drop-in session was held August 11 at Angelo's. There were positive remarks from those who came. Next drop-in session will be August 14 from 10:00-12:00 at Angelo's.

Street will be open during the upgrade. Only closures would be for utilities but for short periods of time only. Looking at black-out periods which won't hurt businesses. Night work is not easy to do; more stressful on the workers.

Bid will go out November/December/January timeframe and will be issued as one bid package.

The ADA parking meets ADA standards in width and amount of spaces. Additional parking should be decided by October/November. Public restrooms were not addressed on Pioneer Way but on Bayshore Drive (Flintstone Freeway).

Mayor Slowik asked about the plan for the entrance to Pioneer. Eric said an entrance is not incorporated in the plans right now, but the Arts Commission has discussed it.

7. **Public Works Director's Comments** – In the process of putting together budgets. Russ Pabarcus is retiring; have 12 applicants who look qualified and hope to have a replacement quickly.
8. **Next Meeting** – September 2, 2010, 7:00 a.m.
9. **Meeting Adjourned** – 7:52 a.m.