

Missoula City Council Public Works Committee Minutes

**May 4, 2022, 11:15 am
ZOOM Webinar**

Members present: Mirtha Becerra (chair), Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Heidi West

Members absent: Stacie Anderson, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes

1.2.1 PW Committee Minutes from April 20, 2022

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Construction Services Agreement with Camp Well Drilling & Pump Service for the Sommer's Street Well Pump Replacement

Jerry Ellis Water Operations Superintendent presenting,

Mr. Ellis explained that Missoula Water had a well on Sommers Street in East Missoula that quit working. The impellers wore out, and the pump will not push any water out of it anymore. This well was installed in 1996 and is one of the few wells out in this area. Mr. Ellis is hoping to get this well replaced before irrigation season starts. The new pump is very efficient and will be funded out of the water enterprise fund.

Moved by: Amber Sherrill

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Construction Services Agreement with Camp Well Drilling & Pump Service for the Sommer's Street Well Pump Replacement for a cost not to exceed \$28,268.00.

AYES: (8): Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Jordan Hess, Kristen Jordan, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (4): Stacie Anderson, Gwen Jones, Mike Nugent, and Jennifer Savage

Vote results: Approved (8 to 0)

3.2 Mullan BUILD Right-of-Way Agreement with Dougherty Ranch, LLC

Jeremy Keene Director for Public Works and Mobility presenting,

This right-of-way agreement is another piece of the Mullan BUILD project. This right-of-way will help for future phases of the project and will make construction more accessible, and allow for private utilities to go in. The right-of-way will be along the new England Blvd, starting at Flynn Lane and going west, and then continuing to connect with George Elmer Drive. The City will acquire an additional five feet of public right-of-way easement on the outside of the already existing eighty-foot right-of-way and a temporary construction easement. The temporary construction easement will allow for grading work and construction to occur.

Moved by: Amber Sherrill

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Right-of-Way Agreement with Dougherty Ranch, LLC for the City to construct public infrastructure for the Mullan BUILD Project.

AYES: (9): Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (3): Stacie Anderson, Mike Nugent, and Jennifer Savage

Vote results: Approved (9 to 0)

3.3 Referral – Professional Services Agreement with DJ&A for the Grant Creek Waterway Realignment Project

Andy Schultz City Engineer for Utilities,

The Grant Creek Realignment Project will relocate a portion of Grant Creek south of West Broadway known as the horseshoe bend. In 2021 the City applied for and received an ARPA Grant for this project. Approximately a mile of Grant Creek will be realigned, and the design will also include a shared-use path. This realignment will remove this area from the flood plain. The budget for the design is \$331,871 and will be funded from the grant. The grant does require a one-to-one match, so the match will be funded by the Grant Creek Trail Restoration.

Ms. Sherrell asked if the design included any planting along the realigned portion of Grant Creek. Mr. Schultz replied that it was definitely in the plans. Ms. Becerra said the Grant Creek Restoration team was working with the City to make sure it was realigned with a healthy ecosystem.

Moved by: Amber Sherrill

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Professional Services Agreement with DJ&A for the Grant Creek Waterway Realignment Project at a cost not to exceed \$331,871.

AYES: (9): Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (3): Stacie Anderson, Mike Nugent, and Jennifer Savage

Vote results: Approved (9 to 0)

3.4 Referral – Informational Presentation on Transportation Planning and Funding

Aaron Wilson Infrastructure and Mobility Planning Manager presenting,

This presentation will cover the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), project prioritization, project development, and project funding. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is federally mandated and has been around since 1983. Urban areas in the United States, over 50,000 people must have a planning organization to ensure that we are coordinating and thinking regionally about transportation issues in those urban areas. The City of Missoula currently administrates the MPO, but that does not mean the city makes all the decisions. The five key goals of the MPO are to improve safety and promote health to enhance the quality of life. To advance sustainability and community resilience to protect natural resources and address climate change. Another goal is to expand mobility choices to improve efficiency and accessibility for people and goods. To connect and strengthen communities to create a more equitable region. Lastly, to maintain assets and invest strategically to boost economic vitality. The next step after the planning is to look at project prioritization. There are several criteria used to prioritize projects, including plan conformity, connectivity, access, safety, and equity. Once the projects are identified, then it's time to develop and design them. The next step is project funding. Funding sources consist of Federal/State and local. More information on funding can be found in the presentation.

N/A

4. ADJOURNMENT