

Missoula City Council Public Works Committee Minutes

March 15, 2023, 10:00 am

Council Chambers (in person) or TEAMS (virtually)

Attend in person: City Council Chambers, 140 W Pine, Missoula MT

Members present: Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra (chair), Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Heidi West

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes

1.2.1 Minutes from March 8, 2023

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Appointment to the Parking Commission

This is a Mayoral appointment to confirm Tiffanie Brander to the Parking Commission for another term. Ms. Jones added that Ms. Brander worked her way up with the Parking Commission and was the Parking Commissioner for several years before moving on to another endeavor. It is nice to have her guidance and expertise on the board.

Moved by: Gwen Jones

Confirm the Mayor's appointment of Tiffany Brander to the Parking Commission for a term beginning May 1, 2023 and expiring on April 30, 2027.

AYES: (9): Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Amber Sherrill, and Sandra Vasecka

ABSENT: (3): Stacie Anderson, Jennifer Savage, and Heidi West

Vote results: Approved (9 to 0)

3.2 Services Agreement with Sprinkler Maniac for Poplar Farm Maintenance

Gene Connell presenting,

Sprinkler Maniac, LLC has operated and maintained the Poplar Farm for the last several years. The City would like to renew the contract with them for another year. This contract is the largest expense to maintain the Poplar Farm and is to be at most \$110,000 and is paid for with wastewater enterprise funds.

Moved by: Mike Nugent

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the services agreement with Sprinkler Maniac, LLC to provide services to operate and maintain the Wastewater Division Poplar Farm irrigation system for a sum not to exceed \$110,000.

AYES: (10): Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, and Sandra Vasecka

ABSENT: (2): Stacie Anderson, and Heidi West

Vote results: Approved (10 to 0)

3.3 Resolution to confirm the final ordering of Worden Ave- Turner St- N. 5th St W to Scott Street right-of-way improvement project.

Monte Sipe presenting,

Mr. Sipe presented the 3.2 and 3.3 items together. The City opened bids on this project and only received one bid. The bid was considerably higher than the engineers' estimate by about \$365,000. This would increase the assessment costs for residents, with several coming in at the maximum of \$3,500.00. The City has seen bids come in about 15 to 20 percent higher than the engineers estimate in past projects, but this one is even higher. The City recommended rejecting the offer because only one bid was received, and it was considerably higher than the engineers' estimate. The City would like to rebid this project in November or December and hope that the contractor pool is more competitive at that time. This will delay the construction of the project by one year.

Ms. Jones asked if the engineer's estimate would be suitable for a few years. Mr. Sipe said that was correct.

Ms. West said she is disappointed this project will not happen this year because it is needed. She asked if any improvements would be made to the street surface. Mr. Sipe said the street is in bad shape but will hold up until next year. Ms. West asked how many contractors could do this type of project. Mr. Sipe said that the utility projects are seeing about five or six bids, but that surface contractors are more limited to only receiving two or three.

Ms. Anderson asked about the anticipation of the bid going up next year. Mr. Sipe said that is possible, but he hopes that contractors will be more available if the City gets a bid out sooner.

Ms. Savage is also disappointed that this project is going to be pushed back and is glad to see the City is still committing to doing the project.

Moved by: Heidi West

Reject the resolution to confirm the final ordering of Worden Ave/Turner St – N 5th St W to Scott St right-of-way improvements project.

AYES: (11): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (1): Kristen Jordan

Vote results: Approved (11 to 0)

3.4 Bid Award for Worden Ave- Turner St- N 5th St W to Scott St right-of-way improvement projects

This item was presented with the previous item.

Moved by: Mike Nugent

Reject the bid for Worden Ave/Turner St right-of-way improvements project base bid and bid alternate one for the sum of \$1,372,642.81 and authorize return of bid bonds.

AYES: (11): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (1): Kristen Jordan

Vote results: Approved (11 to 0)

3.5 Amendment #2 Lower Miller Creek Rd. Reconstruction

Monte Sipe presenting,

This is the second amendment to the Lower Miller Creek Professional Services Agreement with WGM. This amendment would include additional lighting and design, relocated round-a-bout analysis and design, utility relocation, and increased consultant fee rates. The round-a-bout is being shifted to the West and South. The new location of the round-a-bout will reduce the easement necessary for properties to the North. Ms. Anderson asked if sidewalks would be on both sides of the street. Mr. Sipe said the City would only do the sidewalks on the East side, and the developer would be responsible for the sidewalk on the West side. Ms. Anderson asked if there would be an opportunity for more public comment on this project. Several of her constituents on the South end would be losing a lot of property to the sidewalk. Mr. Sipe said the City would have more public meetings. Ms. Anderson asked that she and Mr. Contos get an invitation to the meetings.

Moved by: Stacie Anderson

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment 2 to the Lower Miller Creek Professional Services Agreement with WGM Group Inc. for the scope of services at a cost not to exceed Sixty-Three Thousand One Hundred Forty-Seven and 50/100 dollars (\$63,147.50)

AYES: (11): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (1): Kristen Jordan

Vote results: Approved (11 to 0)

3.6 Bid Award to RLC Enterprises for the South 5th St. water main replacement

Triston Firth presenting,

The South 5th Street water main replacement would be from Russell Street to Garfield Street. This replacement is on the priority list due to the age of the pipe and the history of leaks. The work also includes boring under the irrigation ditch and abandoning some two-inch water mains. The City Street Department is planning to repave 5th Street once the work is complete. Only one bid was received from RLC Enterprises on this project but it was under the engineer's estimate.

Moved by: Stacie Anderson

Award the bid to RLC Enterprises for the South 5th St. water main replacement at a cost not to exceed \$810,257.48 and authorize the return of bid bonds.

AYES: (11): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (1): Kristen Jordan

Vote results: Approved (11 to 0)

4. ADJOURNMENT