

Missoula City Council Public Works Committee Minutes

Date: August 7, 2019
Time: 11:30 am
Location: City Council Chambers
140 W. Pine Street, Missoula , MT

Members present: Mirtha Becerra, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Jesse Ramos, Bryan von Lossberg, Heidi West

Members absent: Stacie Anderson, Julie Armstrong, John DiBari

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

The minutes were approved as submitted.

1.2 Approval of Minutes from July 31, 2019

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Agreement with Montana Dept. of Transportation for Sanitary Sewer Manhole Adjustment on the I-90 Ramps – Grant Creek Road Project

Ross Mollenhauer, Utility Project Manager, reviewed the agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation, which will allow for minor adjustments to two City sanitary sewer manholes. The manholes are in conflict with the anticipated work being done as part of the I-90 Ramps-Grant Creek Road Project.

Under this contract, there will be no cost to the City for this work to be performed.

Moved By Bryan von Lossberg

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation for sanitary sewer manhole adjustment as part of the I-90 Ramps – Grant Creek Road Project at no cost to the City.

For (8): Mirtha Becerra, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Jesse Ramos, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West

Absent (3): Stacie Anderson, Julie Armstrong, and John DiBari

Approved (8 to 0)

3.2 HVAC Maintenance Fiscal Year 2020 To 2024

Matt Lawson, Facilities Department, spoke on the HVAC maintenance contract with Johnson Controls for Fiscal Year 2020. Seven City facilities are contained within the agreement. Due to the age of the building, City Hall needs greater funds for maintenance than some of the others.

The Fiscal Year 2020 HVAC maintenance contract is in the amount of \$111,981.00. Afterwards, there will be an annual increase of three percent.

Moved By Jesse Ramos

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign HVAC maintenance contract with Johnson Controls in the amount of \$111,981.00 for fiscal year 2020 with 3% increase each year.

For (8): Mirtha Becerra, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Jesse Ramos, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West

Absent (3): Stacie Anderson, Julie Armstrong, and John DiBari

Approved (8 to 0)

3.3 Higgins Ave. Bridge Rehabilitation—Hip Strip Plaza & West Stair Feasibility Studies and Design Modifications Project

Jeremy Keene, Public Works, spoke on the professional services agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is responsible for the Higgins Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Project. The Hip Strip Plaza and West Stair are two proposed design modifications associated with the MDT project.

The City wants to hire HDR Engineering to perform two feasibility studies, which may result in plan/design changes. The modification to the Third Street Plaza would include grading, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, avoidance of utility conflict, and cost. The West Stair from the bridge to Caras Park would be modified and relocated.

If one or both studies are deemed feasible, this agreement would also allow the City to move forward with HDR to incorporate the modifications

in a revised Higgins Street Bridge Project plan/design. The determination of feasibility will take approximately one month. Work on the Higgins Street Bridge Rehabilitation project is expected to begin in the fall of 2019.

Citizen Goeff Badenoch spoke on the stair issue, which he has been studying for over twenty years. When a facility has two grades, he said, the challenge is to provide access which is not diminished.

Citizen advocacy has prompted robust conversations around the Hip Strip Plaza and the West Stair issues. The public is eager to see the outcome of those feasibility studies.

Moved By Gwen Jones

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a professional services agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for the Higgins Ave. Bridge Rehabilitation—Hip Strip Plaza & West Stair Feasibility Studies and Design Modifications Project at a cost not to exceed \$39,625.60.

For (8): Mirtha Becerra, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Jesse Ramos, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West

Absent (3): Stacie Anderson, Julie Armstrong, and John DiBari

Approved (8 to 0)

4. ADJOURNMENT