



CITY OF ATWATER

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

ACTION MINUTES

January 7, 2010

CALL TO ORDER:

The City Public Works Committee met at 4:03 P.M. in the Council Chambers, 750 Bellevue Road, Atwater, California.

ROLL CALL:

Present: *Committee Member Joe Rivero and Council Member Gary Frago standing in for Committee Member Jeff Rivero*

Staff Present: *Public Works Director David Church, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Stanley Feathers, City Engineer Joe Hollstein, Deputy Director of Engineering Len Guillette, Streets Division Manager Eric Sorensen, Associate Engineer John Rasmussen, Water Division Manager Jeff Mondloch, Economic Development Director Scott McBride and Recording Secretary Tracey Whitaker*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of November 5, 2009 & December 3, 2009

MOTION: *Council Member Gary Frago moved to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2009 and December 3, 2009. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Joe Rivero and unanimously carried.*

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

BUSINESS

Atwater PSR (McBride)

Economic Development Director Scott McBride distributed a hand-out for a Public Workshop on January 21, 2010. Mr. McBride presented plans with 3 alternatives of which the City would choose a plan that will for work. Council Member Gary Frago asked if the plans would completely wipe out Atwater Boulevard. Mr. McBride stated the alternative that CalTrans has in mind would bring the highway over the Dorothy Drive area and behind the new shopping center. It was mentioned that this was the preferred alternative.

MOTION: *Council Member Gary Frago moved to recommend that this item be accepted and approved for a Public Workshop on January 21, 2010. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Joe Rivero and unanimously carried.*

Reports from the City Manager

Update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant – Upgrade/Expansion

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Stan Feathers stated that bonds would be issued next week in competitive sales as a “A” rating was retained. Committee Member Gary Frago asked how the process worked. Mr. Feathers stated that all sales would be complete over the internet. Mr. Frago asked how long the bidding process would take. Mr. Feathers stated that the bond sales would take about 30 minutes.

City Engineer Joe Hollstein reported that the Construction Contract for the Bert Crane Wastewater Treatment Plant Project will be awarded at the January 25, 2010 City Council Meeting.

Mr. Hollstein also reported that the Construction Management Task 2, for the Bert Crane Wastewater Treatment Plant Project, will be awarded at the January 25, 2010 City Council Meeting.

Mr. Hollstein reported that West Yost Associates’ contract will be amended to help review and verify any submittals and to answer any questions. West Yost Associates have the expertise to move the project forward. Council Member Gary Frago asked why the City is using West Yost. Mr. Hollstein replied that it would cost the City more if they moved to another firm. It was also reported that there were a limited number of firms that specialize in this type of construction. The City is anticipating that the construction would be complete within two years. The ground breaking is scheduled for February 8, 2010. The City does not want to start the project without financing. The City along with PG&E is looking at incentives for energy savings. A full report shows that some of the items are already built into the project. The City is currently working with the consultant to come up with the most energy efficient plant.

Reports from the Community Development Department

Project Update (Guillette)

07-09 - Federal Safe Routes to School – This item will be awarded at the City Council Meeting of January 25, 2010 to Teichert Construction.

09-01 - Shaffer Road Overlay/Reconstruction – Rubber overlay on Shaffer Road is ready to go. The City is working with property owners with tree planting.

09-04 – Winton Way Overlay/Reconstruction – First phase will be Bellevue to Fruitland. \$1.1 million of new stimulus money is available and will be awarded within 90 days. The second phase is the rest of Winton Way. Council Member Gary Frago asked if this item would be at the next City Council meeting. Committee Member Joe Rivero stated that if it can be placed on the agenda, it should be. Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Stan Feathers suggested it be placed under the “City Manager’s Report” section of the agenda. Mr. Hollstein stated that his department is gathering information for a list that would show all streets in need of repair.

09-05 - Buhach Road Reconstruction/Bellevue & Buhach Traffic Signal Modifications – Pouring E/S median.

09-07 – Bellevue/Santa Fe RR Crossing Improvements – Plans are almost complete.

Received and Accepted

Reports from the Public Works Director

Wasp Problem at Las Casas

Public Works Director David Church stated that 40-50 traps were set and checked and that there were no wasps trapped. More traps will be installed by summer when the wasps are more active.

Veolia Water Contract

Public Works Director David Church handed out copies of the contract with all amendments. The current contract was negotiated through 2017. Also distributed was a spreadsheet showing what other cities charge for sewer services. All violations are the responsibility of Veolia Water N/A.

Reports from the Water Division Manager

Water Meters

Water Division Manager Jeff Mondloch stated that the project is 80-90% complete installations and upgrades to meters. The City had to order conversion kits for Badger meters in Silva Ranch and should arrive within a couple of weeks. The total number of units entered into the computer is 1300. Mr. Mondloch handed out some sample billing. Only 35 out of 940 homes recorded a possible consumption of over 20,000 gallons per month.

Reports from Streets Division Manager

Imbedded Crosswalks – Bellevue School

The crosswalks should arrived by the end of the week.

City Hall Landscaping

Streets Division Manager Eric Sorensen stated that there was a planting on December 15, 2009. The rose garden will be planted this month. There will be another rose garden on the Engineering side but this project is about one year away. The cost to refurbish the coating on the fountain will be approximately \$2,500 and would like to get this running before spring.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Gary Frago asked why lines were not installed down the center of road by Sycamore. City Engineer Joe Hollstein stated that lines could not be installed because of trucks making wide right-hand turns may crush a vehicle and there is no right-of-way for a pocket. Mr. Frago asked why this was not done when the signal lights were put in. Economic Development Director Scott McBride stated that there was no right-of-way.

Deputy Director of Engineering Len Guillette stated that the City will be capping the Bert Crane Landfill and that Phase I Construction will be performing the work.

Council Member Gary Frago asked if there were any plans to remove mistletoe in the City trees. Streets Division Manager Eric Sorensen stated that there was no manpower or crews to remove the mistletoe. Mr. Sorensen also stated that 54 tree removals were performed for the Safe Routes to School project.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.



TRACEY WHITAKER
RECORDING SECRETARY