



# CITY OF ATWATER

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## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

### ACTION MINUTES

February 4, 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:** *Council Member Gary Frago standing in for Committee Member Committee Member Joe Rivero and Jeff Rivero*

**Staff Present:** *City Manager Greg Wellman, Public Works Director David Church, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Stanley Feathers, 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, Police Chief Richard Hawthorne and Recording Secretary Tracey Whitaker*

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of January 7, 2010

**MOTION:** *Council Member Gary Frago moved to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2010 with corrections. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Jeff Rivero and unanimously carried.*

#### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

*None*

**BUSINESS**

Geotechnical Expertise, Testing and Special Inspection Services for Bert Crane Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project 2009 (Guillette)

*Deputy Director of Engineering Len Guillette distributed a cost estimate that was sent out to 5 different laboratories. This is a prevailing wage project and the wages have been set. The City Engineer concurs with the estimate. The recommended proposal came from Techicon, a local company. Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Stan Feathers stated that there is a local preference policy of 5% in the Purchasing Manual. City Manager Greg Wellman asked if there was a cap on the amount for the policy. Mr. Feathers stated that there was no limit.*

**MOTION:** *Committee Member Jeff Rivero moved to recommend that this item be placed on the City Council Agenda to award the contract. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gary Frago and unanimously carried.*

Creamery Reuse – Teen Center (McBride)

*Economic Development Director Scott McBride handed out aerial photos of the area in which the Teen Center is proposed. Mr. McBride is seeking permission to work with the property owners. Mr. McBride stated that part of the application includes the closure of Castle Street. All designs and specifications will be brought back to the Committee. An Atwater Teen Advisory Group meeting will be held with regards to this project.*

**MOTION:** *Committee Member Jeff Rivero moved to recommend that this item be placed on the City Council Agenda, supporting the closure of Castle Street associated with this project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gary Frago and unanimously carried.*

Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP) Contract (Church)

*Director of Public Works David Church handed out a Staff Report to extend the current contract with the FBOP and to enter into negotiations with them. Mr. Church reported that the FBOP will be paying for the same services and that he anticipates that there will be a change in maintenance portion. Also language regarding rate increases should be included.*

**MOTION:** *Committee Member Jeff Rivero moved to recommend that this item be placed on the City Council Agenda for extension of the contract while in negotiations. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gary Frago and unanimously carried.*

## REPORTS

Reports from the City Manager

Update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant – Upgrade/Expansion

***City Manager Greg Wellman stated that there will be courtesy briefing to all committees regarding grant funded projects and that all applications must be filed quickly. Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Stan Feathers stated that there will be a preconstruction meeting that will bring forth the details of the project. Committee Member Jeff Rivero stated that the City doesn't want to be caught off-guard. Mr. Feathers stated that extra efforts will be made. Director of Public Works David Church that equipment will be moved on site on Monday and that temporary water and electricity along with the moving of dirt will commence. Mr. Wellman stated that he wanted the involvement of solar efforts in place before the plant is dedicated and turned on.***

Reports from the Community Development Department

Project Update (Guillette)

***Attached and accepted.***

***10-10 – Police Department Men's Locker Room Expansion and Handicap Restroom – Police Chief Richard Hawthorne handed out some pictures of the existing space. Chief Hawthorne stated that the police facilities were built in 1968 with 10 sworn officers. The Police Department has grown to 34 sworn officers that utilize the same existing restrooms. It will cost approximately \$30,000 to modify this space. The locker room was built in 2000 and is starting to fall apart. The plans are to make this area bigger, increasing locker room space by moving the existing plumbing to one end. Currently there is a project to modify the booking room. Chief Hawthorne stated that the space from the booking room project could be used for the new locker room and restroom expansion project. There is approximately \$23,000 left over from the booking room project. Committee Member Jeff Rivero asked if there were any grants that could be applied for. Chief Hawthorne stated that there weren't any grants for locker rooms and those ADA standards have raised the costs. Council Member Gary Frago stated that the ADA standards should be checked into regarding the privacy of bathrooms. Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Stan Feathers stated that the Government Buildings fund set aside can be used for this type of project. He also suggested that this project be completed a little at a time. Chief Hawthorne asked if there was any feedback. Mr. Feathers stated that the Facility Fee Fund could be used but with strings attached. It was suggested that because of the increase of officers and population growth that developer impact fees would be good. This item should be presented to the Public Safety Committee.***

Reports from the Public Works Director

Imbedded Crosswalks

**Public Works Director David Church stated spoke with the school district and they informed him that they did not have money but will take part in the labor process. The idea was approved by the School Board on Monday. This would be the first time that the City has split labor with another entity. Committee Member Jeff Rivero stated that he met with the High School Superintendent and will meet with elementary and private schools to make sure that the City doesn't burden all the costs when the project benefits schools and vice versa. Mr. Church stated that he felt this is the beginning of a relationship with the schools. Streets Division Manager Eric Sorensen met with Tim Farmer of the Atwater Elementary School District. The project started on Monday and consisted of running electricity to the panel, installing of the cabinet. City schools will assist throughout the entire project which was started on Monday. The crosswalk should be operational by the end of the month.**

Reports from the Water Division Manager

Water Meters

**Water Division Manager Jeff Mondloch stated that the crews are approaching 1700 meters up and running. Meters will be installed by end of month and then the crews will start changing out non-sensys meters. Mr. Mondloch handed out a sample billing which will show any overage of consumption. Committee Member Jeff Rivero requested a list of over users.**

Reports from Streets Division Manager

Signal Light – Fruitland & Winton Way

**Street Division Manager Eric Sorensen stated that the signal lights are not cycling fast enough because the loops are deteriorating. The wait time is approximately 1 minute if the PED crossing is pushed and 45 seconds if not. Mr. Sorensen stated that there is a project scheduled this summer and that everything would be repaired at one time. Mr. Sorensen stated that he would contact Atwater Electric for a price to fix loops now.**

Alarm System – Corporation Yard

**Streets Division Manager Eric Sorensen that the Corporation Yard alarm system is not functional. Mr. Sorensen received 3 quotes from local vendors and ADT. The quote from ADT was considerably less and they will be contacted to check the differences in prices.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

*None*

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*None*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.*

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**TRACEY WHITAKER  
RECORDING SECRETARY**