



CITY OF ATWATER

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

June 3, 2010

CALL TO ORDER:

The City Public Works Committee met at 4:07 P.M. in the Council Chambers, 750 Bellevue Road, Atwater, California.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chair/Committee Member Joe Rivero and Committee Member Jeff Rivero

Staff Present: City Manager Greg Wellman, Public Works Director David Church, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Stan Feathers, City Engineer Joe Hollstein, Streets Division Manager Eric Sorensen, Economic Development Director Scott McBride, Grants Manager Debbie Smith, Project Manager Glen Carrington, Engineer Associate John Rasmussen, Water Operator Brain Shaw and Recording Secretary Cyndi Thompson.

Minutes of May 6, 2010

MOTION: *Chair Joe Rivero moved to approve the minutes of May 6, 2010, with the correction of the item regarding the Joint Powers Agreement of the Transit*

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

City Manager Wellman requested that item g.1 regarding the High Speed Rail Project be moved to the beginning of the meeting. Chair Joe Rivero requested that the item be presented after the business discussions.

BUSINESS

Authorization to bid the administration and maintenance building for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Hollstein reported that the plans and specifications for the construction of the administration and maintenance buildings were complete. The construction of the building needs to be complete by April 2011 to remain on target. He suggests that the process to advertise and bid the building commence.

MOTION: *Committee Member Jeff Rivero moved to bring the item before the City Council for approval of the plans and specifications and authorize the advertising of the Call for Bids for the construction of the administration and maintenance building. The motion was seconded by Chair Joe Rivero and the item unanimously carried.*

Award the contract for the design of the Waste Water Treatment Pump Station

Hollstein reported the preliminary proposal for Pump Station had been received. The station will move water from the existing Waste Water Treatment plant to the Bert Crane site. Two proposals have been received and are being evaluated. He suggests that the contract be awarded for design for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Pump Station.

MOTION: *Committee Member Jeff Rivero moved to place the item on the City Council agenda on June 28, 2010, and the contract be awarded for the design of the Pump Station for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Seconded by Chair Joe Rivero and the item unanimously carried.*

Authorization to bid Bellevue/Santa Fe Safety Improvement Project.

REPORTS

Reports from the Director of Economic Development and Special Projects

High Speed Rail Project – Presentation and update by Dr. Lee Boese, Chair of the Greater Merced High Speed Rail Committee.

Economic Development Director McBride introduced Dr. Boese who explained the roll of the local committee and how the committee affects the planning groups in Merced. The Greater Merced High Speed Rail (HSR) Committee is composed of government agencies and some private companies and individuals.

Dr. Boese stated that Castle is a desirable site for a heavy maintenance facility. There are no acquisitions issues, it is connected by air and two heavy rail connections and the environmental studies have been completed. Power provided by Merced Irrigation District (MID) is thirty percent (30%) less expensive and would result in a cost savings.

The proposal needs to be ready by the year 2012 in order to receive federal funding. There is \$2 billion available for the Merced to Fresno connection. If Castle is accepted, it will create 1,500 jobs. This would make a huge imprint on technology for Caste. Castle was selected by the “Authority”, not the committee.

Atwater Redevelopment Agency Five Year Implementation Plan.

Economic Development Director Mc Bride said that every five (5) years the Agency is required to adopt and implement a redevelopment plan. The basic strategy is to avoid and clean up blight. This is a redevelopment tool for public improvements and affordable housing. The proposal must be realistic and list the projects proposed for the next five years. The item has been presented to the Audit and Finance Committee.

MOTION: Committee Chair Joe Rivero moved to receive and accept the report and place on a future City Council agenda. Committee Member Jeff Rivero seconded and the item unanimously carried.

Reports from the City Manager

Update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant – Upgrade/Expansion

Report from Community Development Department

Projects Update

Committee Member Jeff Rivero inquired about the status of the Buhach and Shaffer Road improvements. Rasmussen stated the west side of the road had been re-graded and base rock installed. The intersection overlay is scheduled for the week of June 14. He also explained that Shaffer Road was coming to a close. The striping is scheduled for June 4 and the final signage should occur the following week. Elberta Road is complete and landscape corrections are being finalized.

Report from Public Works Director

Wasps in the Las Casas Subdivision

Public Works Director Church has visited the Las Casas Subdivision several times and found the wasp condition in good control. The numbers of infestations has diminished from hundreds to a few wasps. Three hundred additional bottles have been purchased and will be placed within the subdivision next week. Committee Member Jeff Rivero offered to assist in the placement of the bottles the following week.

Sanitation

The next Sanitation meeting will be held in late June. An evaluation is being performed to determine if leasing to Allied Waste will create a cost savings. This study will be completed before the item is brought before Council. Committee Member Jeff Rivero indicated Wal-Mart provides grants for recycling. He suggested we seek their support for recycling bins. They could be placed throughout the City for the community members to participate in recycling. Church said there has been discussion to place roll offs within the city.

Water Meter Update / Close Out

Church said the Water Meter Project was almost complete. Currently three percent (3%) of the businesses have meters. Additional meters will be installed in 2011. Chair Joe Rivero questioned whether residential customers were notified of their usage. Shaw clarified that high usage consumers were notified when

Committee Member Jeff Rivero asked why water pressure was so low around Atwater High School. Shaw replied that much of the lower pressure is attributed to the booster pump at the high school. When they high school irrigates, it places a drain on the system. It would be best if their use could be done in the middle of the night.

Reports from Street Division Manager

Embedded Crosswalks

Sorensen reported that the embedded crosswalks at Thomas Olaeta School have been changed. The old system are not compatible and they could not be interchanged. He is in the process of obtaining a new quote from the supplier for an entirely new system at a discounted price.

Street Lighting

Sorensen reported that 25 street lights around Avenue One in the Claremont Reserve and Las Casas subdivisions were burned out. They have all been repaired or replaced.

Crack Filling

Sorensen stated the street crew is set up for filling of cracks only. He may check into Cal Works to obtain additional help with street maintenance concerns. Church explained that the Local Transportation Funds (LTF) are depleted. He said that staff would come back in July with alternative plans to accomplish the work.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Committee Member Jeff Rivero said he had spoken with a reporter from the Merced Sun Star. He was asked about the strength and weakness of the City. Rivero told the reporter that Public Works had been stripped of their funds and that the infrastructure cannot be maintained. He thanked staff for their hard work in trying conditions. Chair Joe Rivero also extended his thanks.

ADJOURNMENT

DUPLICATE - RECOMMENDED FOR CC APPROVAL AT THE 07/01/10 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Project Location (s)	City Council Action	Funding Source	Amount Budgeted in 09/10	Expenditures and Encumbrances 06/10	Bid Opening Date	Schedule Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Percent Complete	Project Update Comments	Remarks
South Bert Crane Road	Contract Award 01/25/10	Sanitation Enterprise Fund	\$100,000	\$40,446	01/07/10	TBD	N/A	40%	State Water Resources Control Board accepted our report closing the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan grading permit.	Grading complete, hydro-seed next, staff working on RFP for Monitoring and Maintenance Program
530 South Bert Crane Road	Contract Awarded 01/25/10	SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND	\$52,200,000	\$50,698,383	10/21/09	TBD	N/A	13%	Earthwork complete, installing rebar, pile footings, & foundations. Concrete poured for various structures.	Acct No. 6010.1080.B052
Atwater Jordan Rd & Bert Crane Rd	TBD	SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND	\$9,000,000	\$0	TBD	TBD	N/A	0%	Contract for Design approved by City Council 11/17/09. Design 60% complete.	Acct No. 6010.1080.B052
470 Commerce Ave	TBD	SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND	\$3,000,000	\$0	TBD	TBD	N/A	0%	Design Contract to City Council at the 7/12/10 meeting	Acct No. 6010.1080.B052
530 South Bert Crane Road	Authorization to Bid 6/28/10	SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND	\$1,000,000	\$0	TBD	TBD	N/A	0%	Contract for Design approved by City Council 11/17/09. Design 60% complete.	Acct No. 6010.1080.B052
Packers St from Elm to Cedar	TBD	LTF & GF CAPITAL	\$77,000	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	90%	Elm Ave and Park Street improvements to be included in Proj No. 07-9 FSRSTS 1st Cycle.	Acct No. 1013.1080.D002 Acct No. 0003.1080.D002
Shaffer Elementary School Area	Contract Awarded 01/25/10	FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION	\$463,000	\$434,887	01/07/10	June 2010	N/A	90%	Sidewalk, curb and gutter complete. Confirm paving scheduled for July 6, 2010	
Atwater Blvd & Winton Way	TBD	ARA	\$2,000,000	\$81,084	TBD	TBD	N/A	0%	Waiting on comments from UPRR and working on phased const plans and right-of-way acquisition	Acct No. 3060.1080.D015
Shaffer Rd - Bellevue to Juniper	Contract Award 11/09/09	ARRA, Traffic Circulation	\$611,000	\$538,316	10/14/09	6/1/10	N/A	95%	Substantially complete. Street signs to be installed.	Demolition started 3/15/10 removing sidewalks, curb and gutters.
Bellevue to Livingston Canal	ACFB 6/14/10	ARRA, Traffic Circulation	\$335,000	\$27,989	7/7/10	TBD	N/A	2%	Mandatory DBE pre-bid meeting on 6/28/10	
Buhach Rd	Contract Award 8/24/09	Prop 1B / LTF/Traffic Circulation	\$742,217	\$703,465	8/4/09	TBD	N/A	90%	Paving complete. Striping and signage scheduled for 7/6/10	
<p>and</p> <p>NOC - Notice of Completion ACA - Approved Consultant Agreement ACFB - Authorized Call for Bids NOE -</p> <p>NIB - Notice Inviting Bids NOD - Notice of Determination TBD - To Be Determined GVES -</p> <p>in Valley Engineering and Surveying FPP - Fremming, Parson & Pecchenino GDR - Garcia Davis Ringler Engineering</p>										
Bellevue and Santa Fe RR Crossing	TBD	State Grant	\$100,000	\$17,465	TBD	TBD	N/A	1%	Plans complete, project on hold until after completion of Buhach Road project	Acct No. 1013.1080.C001

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Elberta Avenue	Contract Award 02/08/10	GF	\$55,000	\$53,770	1/7/10	TBD	N/A	95%	Substantially complete. CC expectance at the July28 meeting	
City Hall	BA approved 4/12/10	ISF, PIF, NPT, RMF	\$60,000	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	5%	Design 80% complete	Fin - Acct No. 7000.9090.6031 PD Acct No. 1091.1080.F020, Acct No. 4030.1080.F020, Acct No. 7020.1080.F020
Winton Way	ACFB 5/10/10	Sewer Enterprise Fund	\$300,000	\$226	6/3/10	TBD	N/A	0%	Pre-Constitution Meeting 6/23/10	Acct No. 6010.1080.F021
Heller Avenue	TBD			\$0	TBD	TBD	N/A	0%	Heller Avenue street abandonment to City Council is scheduled for the 6/28/10 city council meeting	
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