

DRAFT MINUTES

Public Works, Parks and Planning Committee Meeting January 14, 2014

Elected Officials Present:

Council Member, Diane Buckshnis

Staff Present:

Phil Williams, Public Works Director

Rob English, City Engineer

Stephen Clifton, Community Services and Economic
Development Director

Rob Chave, Acting Development Services Director

The committee convened at 6:00 p.m.

A. Docket of Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment and proposed re-zone for Unocal lower yard.

Council member Buckshnis raised questions about whether this proposal relates to proposed buffers and the Shoreline Master Program (SMP). Messrs. Chave and Clifton stated that the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment and re-zone for the Unocal lower yard is a separate issue and discussions on shoreline buffers and building setbacks are part of the SMP review.

ACTION: Council member Buckshnis requested this item be moved to the February 11, 2014 Parks, Planning and Public Works Committee. She also requested that the letters from Washington State Department of Transportation and Chevron be included in the agenda packet.

B. Authorization for Mayor to sign a grant agreement with the Transportation Improvement Board for the 228th St. SW Corridor Improvement project.

Mr. English provided information on the TIB grant and how the funding will be used in the construction phase.

ACTION: Moved to consent agenda for approval.

C. Authorization for Mayor to sign Local Agency Standard Consultant Agreement with KPG for the 236th St. SW Walkway project Professional Service Agreements for the 15th St. SW Walkway and 238th St. SW Walkway projects.

Mr. English briefly reviewed the scope of each project and how all three projects were funded by the Safe Routes to School Grant Program.

ACTION: Moved to consent agenda for approval.

D. Discussion and potential action regarding modifying or terminating Sunset Walkway Project.

Mr. Williams answered questions related to the BNSF right of way, stormwater improvements, proposed cross section on the north end of Sunset, raised pedestrian table, parking and funding.

ACTION: Continue discussion at the February PPP committee meeting.

E. Authorization for Mayor to sign the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the Lake Ballinger/McAleer Creek Watershed Forum.

Mr. Williams provided background on the original Interlocal Agreement and why the Amendment is necessary to continue progress on the work that has been done over the past two years.

ACTION: Moved to consent agenda for approval.

F. Quarterly Public Works Project Report

Councilmember Buckshnis asked questions about several projects and requested a presentation to the City Council on certain projects in the report.

ACTION: Item will be presented to the City Council.

G. Authorization for Mayor to approve acceptance and recording of an Asset Transfer Agreement for 645 9th Avenue North.

Mr. Williams outlined reasons why the sewer main is being transferred from the City to the property owners. The reasons include saving costs on future operations and maintenance and the property owner recently installed power and communication utilities within the City's easement.

ACTION: Moved to consent agenda for approval.

H. Authorization for Mayor to approve acceptance and recording of a Deed of Dedication for 321 2nd Ave N

Mr. English reviewed the purpose for the street dedication and why the five foot easement is necessary for the new sidewalk constructed by the property owner.

ACTION: Moved to consent agenda for approval.

I. Discussion on the 2014 Pavement Preservation Program.

Mr. Williams discussed the type of pavement preservation methods that will be used and the streets that have been selected for the 2014 program.

ACTION: Item will be presented to the City Council.

J. Public Comments

Sally Wassall repeated her opposition and brought up the issue of the railroad system and the federal funding and amount of train traffic that is expected in the future.

Jim Wassall repeated his opposition and brought up the issue of parking and there is no parking enforcement on Sunset. He also discussed the liability issue of when a woman drove her car over the bank and wanted to sue the City.

Thalia Moutsanides brought up the loss of 10 parking space issue and where would her visitors to her home park. She also stated that people park cars wherever they want regardless if parking space or not.

Steve Bernheim stated that the reasons given provide no reason to stop the project as it is a public amenity and serves as a tourism issue. Parking enforcement has nothing to do with the project nor does bringing up lawsuits as anyone can sue the city. He stated he was in total support of moving this project forward as it was about Edmonds and the people of Edmonds and tourism.

Roger Hertrich brought up about the ownership of the street and that bikes and pedestrians are an accident waiting to happen and that this type of mixed use is a concern for public safety. Also for bikers traveling north, again concern for public safety as there would be no designated path.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.