

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

January 26, 2011 2:05 PM

City Council Chambers

Members Present: Jason Wiener (chair), Ed Childers, Dick Haines, Lyn Hellegaard, Bob Jaffe, Marilyn Marler, Renee Mitchell, Stacy Rye, Dave Strohmaier, Pam Walzer, Jon Wilkins, Cynthia Wolken

Members Absent:

Others Present: Steve King, Kevin Slovarp, Jack Stucky, Doug Harby, Monte Sipe, Gregg Wood, Scott Michell

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- A. Approval of the minutes of- [January 12, 2011](#) Approved as submitted
[January 19, 2011](#) Approved as submitted
- B. Announcements – None
- C. Public Comment on Non-Agenda items – None

II. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve the purchase of five 2011 Dodge Charger Patrol Cars from Ronan Dodge of Ronan for \$27,300 each; a total of \$136,500 for all five cars. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Jack Stucky) (Referred to committee: 01/24/11) (REMOVE FROM AGENDA)

Motion: The Committee recommends the City Council approve the purchase of Five (5) 2011 Dodge Charger Patrol Cars from Ronan Dodge of Ronan, Montana for \$27,300 each for a total of \$136,500 for all five cars.

Jack Stucky, Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent said they usually make these purchases with the State bid, but the State will not make their purchases this year until late June. He said because of the delay in purchasing by the State, these vehicles were put out for bid, with Ronan Dodge of Ronan, Montana the low bidder. The cost of each vehicle is \$27,300.00; the total cost for all five vehicles is \$136,500.00. Auxiliary Police Patrol car components such as radios, gun racks, top lights, etc. may need to be purchased for the new cars, these items will vary for each car depending on how many components can be reused from the old cars. This is a scheduled purchase in compliance with the vehicle replacement schedule and there are no trade-ins included in this purchase. Jack is asking the Committee to approve the purchase of five 2011 Dodge Charger patrol cars from Ronan Dodge for a total of \$136,500.00.

Jon Wilkins asked how much the City would save if the purchases were made with the State.

Jack Stucky said looking at the possibilities of what might happen when the State bids go out he thinks they will be paying approximately the same amount.

Pam Walzer asked if there were no trade-ins and these are replacements vehicles how will that benefit the budget.

Jack Stucky explained that a patrol car stays on the line for three years/ 80,000 miles and after that they are not deemed safe for continued front line patrol car use and are placed on the replacement list; they are then used for administration use, as detective cars or transferred to staff cars, after that they are sent to auction.

Jon Wilkins made the motion the Committee recommend the City Council approve the purchase of Five (5) 2011 Dodge Charger Patrol Cars from Ronan Dodge of Ronan, Montana for \$27,300 each for a total of \$136,500 for all five cars.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution to order curb and sidewalk improvement project 09-057 in the Slant Streets area Phase III. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Monte Sipe) (Referred to committee: 01/24/11)

Motion: The committee recommends the City Council adopt the resolution to order curb and sidewalk improvements adjacent to properties in the Slant Streets Ph. III area, Project 09-057.

Doug Harby, Construction Project Manager, said this is the third and final phase of curb and sidewalk improvements in the Slant Street area between Brooks, Mount and Higgins. He said a notice letter was sent to the property owners informing them of the project proposal; construction cost estimates, and specified dates of the Public Works Committee and City Council meetings. He said there are eighty three (83) properties that require work in this phase with twenty two (22) corner properties and thirteen ramp installations with an average cost of \$1,000.00 per ramp, using \$13,000.00 of the allotted \$60,000.00 from the Road District money. The university area (Mc Leod, Keith and Beckwith) will use approximately \$32,000.00, leaving approximately \$15,000.00 to go towards the Catlin sidewalk and curb project. Doug asked the committee to adopt the resolution to order curb and sidewalk improvements in the Slant Streets Phase III area.

Stacy Rye said she was contacted by two property owners who said they had the option to opt out of repairing the sidewalk because they are walkups and there is limited street parking. She said we are returning twelve years later to repair these sidewalks and wanted to know why.

Doug Harby said in the past we only replaced sections of sidewalks that were a 3/4 inch or greater trip hazards and this represented a small portion of the sidewalks. he said because there have been no case rulings that explains what a trip hazard is, our insurance company, Montana Municipal Insurance Agency (MMI) has said we cannot quantify a trip hazard and so we must replace those sections of sidewalks to present day standards. The criteria we use now to repair sidewalks should last a minimum of twenty years and we would not need to go back in twelve years for repairs.

Stacy Rye suggested the future notice letters clearly explain what an "opt out" is. She asked when area two, west of Brooks Street sidewalk project would begin; she said there are many streets in this area without sidewalks.

Doug Harby replied that they would use the committee's recommendations for the next sidewalk projects.

Jon Wilkins asked how many protests were received to not do any sidewalks at all. He also suggested that before the new handicap ramps were installed they should use engineering studies to show how to allow for proper drainage; he said the new ramps installed in his neighborhood are now covered with ice.

Doug Harby said he had received one email from an owner that did not agree, but no formal protests. He said the Missoula Municipal Code states it is a violation to push snow into the streets from the sidewalk and this is what is causing the ice buildup on the ramps. He said the department is also concerned about the ice on handicap ramps and they are going to see if some type of permanent asphalt drainage (that would still meet the ADA requirements) was possible.

Pam Walzer made the motion to have the committee recommend the City Council adopt the resolution to order curb and sidewalk improvements adjacent to properties in the Slant Streets Ph. III area, Project 09-057.

Bob Jaffe asked if there were any more options in the sidewalk order that was not obligatory.

Doug Harby replied that the sidewalks are on the public right-of-way and if the owner decides not to repair the sidewalk they are taking a risk that someone could be hurt and they could possibly be sued.

Jon Wilkins said home owners need to be made aware of that possibility. Doug Harby said this information is included in the notice letter.

The motion passed unanimously.

III. HELD AND ONGOING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discussion on the sizes of grease interceptors for the restaurant industry ([Grease Interceptor PowerPoint](#)) ([memo](#)). Regular Agenda (Stacy Rye and Bob Jaffe) (Referred to committee: 04/21/08)
2. Review infrastructure conditions at the locations of serious and fatal traffic accidents: 2007-2009 ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Jason Wiener) (Referred to committee: 01/25/10)
3. T4 America partner support ([memo](#)) – Regular Agenda (Stacy Rye) (Referred to committee: (Referred to committee: 08/16/10)
4. Presentation from Public Works staff regarding proposed process for finding contractors and awarding bids for reconstruction of Russell Street. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Bob Jaffe) (Referred to committee: 11/15/2010)

III. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:30PM

Respectfully Submitted,
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City Public Works Department