

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT
SEPTEMBER 14, 2011 1:40 PM
City Council Chambers

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

Members Absent: Cynthia Wolken

Others Present: Steve King, Kevin Slovarp, Jack Stucky, Brian Hensel, Gregg Wood, V.L. Sanderson

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- A. Approval of the minutes of – [September 7, 2011](#) Approved as submitted
- B. Announcements – None
- C. Public Comment on Non-Agenda items – None

II. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Award the purchase of one non-hybrid 2012 Chevrolet Silverado pickup to Karl Tyler Chevrolet of Missoula, Mt. for \$23,077.00 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Return all bid bonds for the purchase of one hybrid pickup for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Jack Stucky) (Referred to committee: 09/12/11) **(REMOVE FROM AGENDA)**

Motion: The committee recommends the City Council return all bid bonds for the purchase of a hybrid pickup for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Ed Childers made a motion to recommend the City Council return all bid bonds for the purchase of a hybrid pickup. The Motion passed unanimously.

The item to purchase one non-hybrid 2012 Chevrolet Silverado pickup to Karl Tyler Chevrolet of Missoula was withdrawn by Mr. Stucky and was not discussed.

Jack Stucky, Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent, stated that the purchase of the 2012 Chevrolet pickup on the State bid fell through and he was unable to use the State Bid for another year, this purchase was dropped from the referral. He did request the committee approve the return of all bid bonds for the purchase of the hybrid pickup for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Jon Wilkins asked why a hybrid pickup truck was needed.

Jack Stucky replied he was trying to replace the current hybrid truck with a new hybrid pickup and because a hybrid gets approximately five MPG more than a non-hybrid. The cost of a hybrid has gone up so much that the difference in price of a hybrid versus the cost of a non-hybrid could not be justified even with the increased miles per gallon.

Bob Jaffe asked if monitoring software was available so assessments could be made to show where the City could increase efficiencies to save fuel.

Jack Stucky said they are in a transition process now to integrate this software and some of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Jet trucks already have it.

In reply to questions from Renee Mitchell, Jack Stucky explained that the cost difference between the hybrid pickup and the non-hybrid pickup was \$15,617.00; even with the increased fuel savings we would be unable to recover the additional costs of purchasing the hybrid. And in reply to questions from Jon Wilkins, he explained that the manufactures are now making the gaskets out of different materials to compensate for the affects the alcohol in Ethanol fuel causes. The City does use Ethanol fuel in City Vehicles as the law requires.

2. Special State Projects FY 12: paving project on 5th Street from Higgins Avenue to Arthur.(memo)—Regular Agenda (Brian Hensel) (Referred to committee: 09/12/11) (REMOVE FROM AGENDA)

Motion: The committee recommends the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) for a paving project on the State Route as described in the Appendix C Addendum and in accordance with our State Route Maintenance Contract.

Brian Hensel, Superintendent Street Maintenance Division, stated this is a project to perform street maintenance on a State route within the City limits. This is a milling and overlay on 5th Street from Higgins to Arthur. These types of projects are permissible under our maintenance contract between the Montana Department of Transportation and the City. The City is compensated for all work performed including labor, equipment costs, materials and sub-contractors.

Renee Mitchell asked if there were any other costs the City would be responsible for; Brian Hensel said none he was aware of.

Jon Wilkins made the motion the committee recommend the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) for a paving project on the State Route as described in the Appendix C Addendum and in accordance with our State Route Maintenance Contract.

Bob Jaffe asked who gets the 18% overhead charge. He wanted to know what the difference was between the milling and the paving, the milling is two twelve foot strips and the paving is forty-two feet.

Brian Hensel replied that the overhead charge money goes to the general fund, and those figures were supplied to him by the Finance Department to use to calculate the overhead costs associated with administering these projects with his office and with City Hall. The milling is done two inches along the curb line to prevent a two inch lip and to make a smooth transition from the curb to the middle of the street making an adequate crown to drain the water to the curb. This helps to prevent pot holes.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of a right-of-way encroachment permit for the trailer located at 2309 ½ Mount Street.(memo)—Regular Agenda (Doug Harby) (Referred to committee: 09/12/11) (REMOVE FROM AGENDA)

Motion: The committee recommends the City Council approve and authorize right-of-way encroachment permit for the trailer located at 2309 1/2 Mount Street that encroaches into the alley between Mount Avenue and Burlington Avenue.

Doug Harby, Project Manager explained this is a trailer house that is encroaching into the alley between Mount and Burlington. The alley is not improved and is cut off just to the west of this trailer by an irrigation ditch and is vacated west of the ditch preventing through access. The usable section of the alley ends in a parking space for another trailer east of the subject property and is encumbered by numerous sheds and other stored items. According to the owner the trailer has been there for thirty seven years. The City does not want to vacate the alley, they want to retain the option of having the alley access in the event the use changes. He asked the committee to approve the right-of-way encroachment, and explained that part of the condition of the encroachment is the encroachment is for

this trailer only and if the use changes or the trailer is moved, a new application would be need to be submitted and approved.

Ed Childers made the motion the committee recommend the City Council approve and authorize right-of-way encroachment permit for the trailer located at 2309 1/2 Mount Street that encroaches into the alley between Mount Avenue and Burlington Avenue. He said this will result in the improvement of utilities to the trailer and the neighbor.

Jon Wilkins asked if there was a safety concern about emergency vehicles having access.

Doug Harby said there currently is no access in the alley and the emergency response would be from the street side.

Kevin Slovarp, City Engineer stated Public Works has been working with Ms. Sanderson (trailer owner) about the encroachment and with the Office of Planning and Grants on zoning compliance issues. With the approval of the encroachment it will allow her to connect to the City sewer.

The motion was passed unanimously.

4. Return all bid bonds for the purchase of three building inspection vehicles and authorize this purchase to be re-bid. Regular Agenda (Jack Stucky)(Referred to committee 09/12/2011).(REMOVE FROM AGENDA)

Motion: The committee recommends the City Council return all bid bonds for the purchase of three building inspection vehicles and authorizes this purchase to be rebid.

Jon Wilkins made a motion to suspend the rules to consider a non-agenda item regarding the return of bid bonds. The motion passed unanimously.

Jack Stucky, Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent asked for approval to return all bid bonds for three Building Inspection Department vehicles and to re-bid them. The lowest bid vendor did not provide a bid bond, the next lowest vendor did not provide specifications or any of the Request for Proposal (RFP) documentation, and another vendor was unable to down load the bid specifications from the City web site.

Jon Wilkins made the motion the committee recommends the City Council return all bid bonds for the purchase of three building inspection vehicles and authorizes this purchase to be rebid.

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. Resolution to change the speed limit on Reserve Street between Brooks and 39th Street. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Wayne Gravatt) (Referred to committee: 01/24/11)
5. Approve the agreement for consultant services with Eli & Associates, Inc. on Project 10-034 England Boulevard right turn lane improvements. ([memo](#)) - Regular Agenda (Kevin Slovarp) (Referred to committee 05/16/2011)
6. Infrastructure condition inventory and maintenance requirements. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Ed Childers) (Referred to committee: 07/11/11)

7. Resolution stating the City of Missoula's policy regarding the proposed sale of Mountain Water's parent company to the Carlyle Group. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Jason Wiener) (Referred to committee: 08/15/2011)

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM

Meeting reconvened at 2:01 PM

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Peggy Diamond, Program Specialist
City Public Works Department