

CITY OF ORTING PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 2, 2021 2:30 p.m.

Councilmember Drennen called the virtual meeting to order at 2:36 p.m.,

ATTENDANCE:

Elected Officials: Present, Councilmember Drennen, Councilmember Bradshaw, Councilmember Kelly

City Employees: Present, City Administrator Scott Larson, Public Works Director Greg Reed, Finance Director Gretchen Russo, Secretary Laura Hinds, Building Official Tim Lincoln, and PW Records & Permit Clerk Alison Williams

Professional Representatives: Present, Parametrix Engineer JC Hungerford

Guests:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for May 5, 2021 approved as presented.

No Public Comment

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. Phase 1 – SR 162 Pedestrian Bridge – JC Hungerford

1.1 **Phase I – SR 162 Bridge Design** – The ad-hoc committee met on May 25th to discuss railing and aesthetic options for the bridge. Parametrix will be bringing forward design concepts for main span railing/fencing the week of June 14th. The committee selected LED lighting that will be placed in the hand rails and requested Parametrix to explore color changing options.

2. Engineering – JC Hungerford

2.1 **Whitehawk SW Connector** – Whitehawk environmental field work is complete and the environmental reports are in progress. The ROW remediation will take place soon once the files are transferred to Parametrix.

2.2 **WWTP Solids Handling Upgrade** – The Engineering Report has been submitted to Washington Department of Ecology for review. Parametrix continues to check in with Ecology on the status of the review and has elevated the discussion within Ecology. Ecology committed to providing written comments the week of May 24 but none have been provided at the time of this update.

- 2.3 **Jones Levee (& Ken Wolfe Setback Levee)** – The written design comment letter has been submitted to Pierce County.
- 2.4 **Village Green Outfall @ High Cedars** – Parametrix is moving forward with design and permitting. Pierce County has deferred SEPA lead Agency to the City, so the City has processed the SEPA application. Plans and specifications are nearly complete.
- 2.5 **2021 Lift Station Projects:** Notice of award has been issued to Pape & sons, Inc. The preconstruction meeting is scheduled for June 3. Currently there is a long lead time for the needed plug valves (12 weeks) and the electrical panel (September).
- 2.6 **Gratzer Park – Phase 2** – Notice of award issued and the preconstruction meeting was held. An onsite project kickoff meeting is scheduled for June 10.

New Business

None

3. Administration – Scott Larson

- 3.1 **Change of speed limit** – WSDOT reached out to the City to reduce the speed limit on a small portion of SR 162 E south of town to 45 mph from Mile Post 10.31 to Mile Post 10.34 (150 ft.). A draft ordinance was presented. CA Larson will contact WSDOT to request continuing the 30 mph speed limit to the proposed change.
- 3.2 **Public Outreach** – The City will be manning a booth at the Farmers Market during several market dates during this summer. The booth will engage the public on a number of initiatives, such as Public Safety, Clean Water Tips, Water Conservation and meeting the faces of City staff. Touch a Truck will be on July 30th where children and adults can see the various equipment’s used between Public Works, Police and Fire Departments.

4. Public Works – Greg Reed

- 4.1 **Tank Demo/Water Crossing 188th/Permit required** – JC will work on obtaining permit for water crossing.
- 4.2 **Touch a Truck** – Mentioned in 3.2 – Scheduled for July 30th.

New Business

4.3 **None**

5. Finance – Gretchen Russo

No update

6. Councilmember Comments

6.1 **Sidewalk Ordinance** – Councilmembers discussed the ordinance to define sidewalk ownership and responsibilities of repairs. Several ordinance examples were provided at the May PW Meeting for recommendations. Such as Safe Routes to Schools, City or Property Owner ownership, or a onetime opportunity for property owners to allow the City to remove trees that have caused heaving (trip hazards) of sidewalk or potential to do so, city will then replace sidewalk. If property owner declines tree removal, then sidewalk replacement will be on the property owner. The committee decided this topic needs more time for researching all options and further discuss at the July meeting.

7. Building Department – Tim Lincoln

No Update

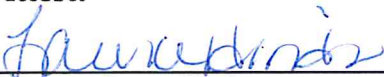
Round Table:

Meeting Summary:

3.1 - Send to 6/16 Study Session – Hwy 162 Speed Limit

Adjourn: CM Drennen motion to adjourn at 4:20 pm


Attest:



Secretary Laura Hinds



Councilmember Drennen



Councilmember Bradshaw