

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

May 19, 2010, 2:05 PM

City Council Chambers

Members Present: Jason Wiener (chair), Ed Childers, Dick Haines, Roy Houseman, Bob Jaffe, Renee Mitchell, Dave Strohmaier, Pam Walzer, Jon Wilkins

Members Absent: Lyn Hellegaard, Marilyn Marler

Others Present: Doug Harby, Steve King, Jack Stucky, Kevin Slovarp, Jerry Ballas

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- A. Approval of the minutes of May 12, 2010—Approved as submitted.
- B. Announcements – None.
- C. Public Comment on Non-Agenda items – None.

II. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Review bids for curb and sidewalk improvement project 09-056 600 Blk. South 5th & 6th St. East, award bid to lowest responsible bidder and authorize return of bid bonds (memo).—Regular Agenda (Doug Harby) (Referred to committee: 05/17/2010) **REMOVE FROM AGENDA**

Motion: The committee recommends the City Council award the bid for Project 09-056, Curb and Sidewalk Improvements adjacent to properties in the 600 Block of South 5th & 6th Street East to Patterson Enterprises, Inc. for the sum of \$79,731.43 and authorize return of bid bonds.

Doug Harby, Construction Project Manager, stated that the project was requested by the University of Montana (UM). They will be replacing hazardous and deteriorated sidewalks, and the work is being done in anticipation of future improvements on the streets and due to a trip and fall with an injury. City Engineering recommended that UM replace the sidewalks on the whole block instead of doing it piecemeal. The estimate was \$131,094.57, and the eight bids range from \$76,000 to \$194,000. Patterson Enterprises was the low bidder for \$79,731.43.

Mr. Wiener asked when construction would occur. Mr. Harby stated that they would probably start within three or four weeks and that it would be about a four-week project. It should be done before school starts.

Mr. Wilkins made the motion to award the bid and return bid bonds.

Jerry Ballas of UM stated that they have agreed to pay for the cost of the sidewalk construction in a letter to the City, and they will pay for it in one lump sum. The project will improve access to campus.

Mr. Wiener asked if they would enhance street crossings as part of the project. Mr. Ballas replied that they have integrated the sidewalk project with the 5th/6th/Arthur project for next summer, and the intersections will be redone at that time.

Mr. Jaffe stated that there was a big difference between the bids and the estimate. Mr. Harby stated that they were able to save money because they were replacing the entire sidewalk instead of only pieces. They are also going to raise the sidewalks a little so that it is above the sod level and able to drain more effectively. When they evaluated the deteriorated and hazardous sidewalks, they found that 60% to 70% had to be replaced, and it was cheaper to replace all of it than just sections, because they use different equipment. Mr. Jaffe asked if they could bid future projects both ways and see how they come in. Mr. Harby stated they would consider that if 60% to 70% on a block needs to be replaced, but not when it is only 10% to 15%, as many are. In this project, they also don't have to excavate, because they will raise the sidewalk up a little.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution declaring certain City of Missoula property as surplus and authorizing its disposal (memo).—Regular Agenda (Jack Stucky) (Referred to committee: 05/17/2010) **REMOVE FROM AGENDA**

Motion: The committee recommends the City Council approve a modified resolution declaring certain City of Missoula Property as Surplus and Authorizing its disposal.

Jack Stucky, Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent, stated that he would like to remove one item from the resolution, the 2003 trencher. The cemetery will use it to put lines in and he will consider selling it again next year. It is property number 4-920.

Mr. Childers made the motion to adopt the resolution with the trencher removed.

Mr. Childers asked if the City selling shotguns would be looked on unfavorably. Mr. Stucky stated that it was the first time they have done that. The sale will be through Gardner's Auction, and they will make sure all the correct paperwork is done. Mr. Childers asked if the shotguns were the ones in the police cars, and asked if they wear out. Mr. Stucky stated that some had been replaced with newer weapons.

Mr. Houseman asked when the auction would be. Mr. Stucky stated that it was scheduled for June 23.

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. Consider restructuring the city's Sewer Loan Program along the lines of the recently approved change to the Sidewalk & Curb Loan Fund.—Regular Agenda ([Chapter 3.16 – Sidewalk & Curb Loan](#)) ([Chapter 3.18 Sewer Loan](#)) ([Ordinance 3344](#)) (Ed Childers) (Referred to committee: 06/26/06)
3. Interlocal Agreement between the City of Missoula and the County of Missoula related to the Reserve Street / Mullan Road Intersection Improvements Project. ([memo](#)) Regular Agenda (Gregg Wood) (Referred to committee: 01/11/10)
4. 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)
5. Resolution to restore vacated Inez Street at South 2nd Street to the public trust and public use, and vacate a public access easement that was a condition of the vacation ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Carla Krause) (Referred to committee: 04/26/2010)

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

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