

Minutes of the
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 11, 2010
Council Chambers

Members: Chair Michael Jackson, Members Mark Albrecht, Richard Bertellotti, John Grosshuesch, Jenee Pearce, and Mike Stanley

Staff: Public Works Director Mark See, and Administrative Assistant Stephanie McGuire

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Jackson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 14, 2010 MINUTES

Motion: Pearce moved to approve the minutes of January 14, 2010; Bertellotti seconded the motion.

Vote: Albrecht, Bertellotti, Grosshuesch, Jackson, Pearce, and Stanley voted AYE. The vote was 6/0 in favor and passed.

UTILITY RELIEF REQUESTS

Discussion ensued pertaining to the Onstott request regarding two leak events during one billing cycle at 1064 S Hemlock. One leak was due to a toilet and is not eligible for relief. The consensus was to allow one half of the amount, \$129.25, as relief.

Motion: Pearce moved to approve a utility relief request in the amount of \$129.25 for 1064 S. Hemlock; Bertellotti seconded the motion.

Vote: Albrecht, Bertellotti, Grosshuesch, Jackson, Pearce, and Stanley voted AYE. The vote was 6/0 in favor and passed.

Motion: Albrecht moved to approve the remaining utility relief requests as recommended by staff; Pearce seconded the motion.

Vote: Albrecht, Bertellotti, Grosshuesch, Jackson, Pearce, and Stanley voted AYE. The vote was 6/0 in favor and passed.

STORM WATER QUALITY OUTREACH

Albrecht reviewed the information he had gathered from the City of Newport, Oregon. He suggested that we must decide what the problem is and then determine if we have a problem, i.e. Is there material coming down the stormwater system that should be taken care of. He advised creating a flow chart of the process and testing protocol. See reported that public works staff is testing weekly and monitoring our results. Bob Lundy, a member of the Watershed Council, is also sampling on Mondays with the public works staff. Testing protocols and procedures were reviewed. It was noted that one sample is taken and split with the students at Astoria High

School. DHS begins biweekly testing in March and typically tests weekly during the summer. DHS samples are tested on site in their mobile lab.

Bertellotti asked if DNA testing evidence indicated the presence of bird or animal feces. See stated that the evidence is variable; runoff is from streets, or roof runoff with bird feces. At other times, the DNA indicates gulls, ducks and geese, or animal species. Other testing protocols are in place to determine if there are cross connections within the system, but See does not believe that there are. Cannon Beach has never had a combined sewer and storm drain system. Combined systems are a typical source of cross connections. In Cannon Beach, the sewer lines are buried much deeper than the storm drain system. Bertellotti noted that much of the storm runoff is from nature. Stanley remarked on all of the dogs in the area. See stated that the dog waste program began about five years ago, and that the dog waste stations have tripled in number. Garbage cans in the public rights-of-way within the City have also increased. Pearce distributed a poster that she has created promoting picking up after your pet.

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

See updated the committee on the Elkland Pump Station renovation. See stated that the application for the downtown restrooms will be considered by the Design Review Board in March. He has applied for a grant with the Oregon State Parks for funds to be used for trail construction. Plans are underway for an emergency cache site at the sports park area. Albrecht asked if the yard debris site was going to be moved. See said that it would not be moved at this time. It was noted that the 2nd Street tide gate replacement project should be underway this summer. City Hall maintenance projects have been completed.

TRAIL COMMITTEE REPORT

See reported that an appeal had been heard by the City Council on February 2, 2010. The final findings will be presented at the March Council meeting. Appellants have twenty-one days to appeal to LUBA.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Jackson said that the committee hasn't met recently. Pearce reported that she recently heard a speaker on "green building" and other energy saving measures for the home.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Stephanie McGuire, Administrative Assistant