
Public Works Department

June 28, 2021

Memorandum for Public Works Committee

From: Jeffrey A. Lincoln, Public Works Director

Subject: Minutes of meeting of June 28, 2021

1. Meeting Convened at 5:30 PM on Monday, June 28, 2021. NOTE: This meeting conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams tele-video software. Committee members Wright, LaFleur and Overland present. Staff Lincoln, Hawthorne and Searcy present.
2. Old Business:
 - a. Transportation Improvement Board - \$2-billion category limit discussion. Lincoln relayed the conversation with Ashley Probert, Executive Director of the TIB. He indicated that we are competitive for the UAP grants for Warner Avenue project and we should resubmit this round. I questioned whether Enumclaw could communicate a request to raise the \$2-billion limit of assessed valuation for the APP program. He informed me that to do so would increase the number of cities participating and thus diluting the amount per city available from state appropriations. Lincoln recommended that the city not send the letter based on the suggestion of Mr. Probert. Council asked if there was a downside. Lincoln said he did not want to jeopardize grants by losing credibility with members of the TIB. Committee decided to defer sending any communication until after the next round of TIB grants (November).
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4. New Business:
 - a. Tonight's Council Agenda:
 1. Alley Vacation Ordinance 2d Reading. Note: Mr. Searcy left the meeting for this discussion due to his recusal. After discussing the alternatives of proceeding as recommended, modifying the ordinance or deferring action, the Committee agreed to move to table the 2nd reading and to ask the city attorney to attend the next Public Works Committee Meeting to advise the members.
 2. I&I Progress and letter from resident re: assistance with corrections. Note: Mr. Searcy resumed participation. Lincoln reviewed the letter from the property owners who have been notified of illicit connections of stormwater conveyances to the sanitary system and who asked for financial assistance from the city. Lincoln informed the committee that staff wished to conduct more testing and may come to council with budget request to conduct dye testing so to further refine the estimated scope of potential properties that may require corrections. At this time, it would be premature to suggest budget or conditions for providing financial assistance to affected property owners due to the inability to project the budgetary impact on the Sewer Utility. Lincoln suggested that the affected owners who wrote the letter to council be informed that staff would be considering alternatives to present to council with better information as to scope

and budget estimates. Lincoln also informed council that there was a program in 1990 that provided "Up to \$400" per residential unit for financial assistance to individual property owners to resolve illicit connections. Committee agreed to defer and decision until further staff analysis and work was accomplished, and asked staff to reply to the letter writer accordingly.

3. City administrator Searcy briefed council on two alternative pricing models being considered by King County Solid Waste Division that would allow full cost recovery and sufficient operating revenues to cover all costs in light of the diminishing revenues expected with the reduction in total tons handled. Searcy recommended fixed charge method based on number and size of containers handled. The alternative account charge method seems disadvantageous to our utility due to a high percentage of residential containers and very few commercial customers that have more than one 1.5 CY dumpster collection per week. The committee agreed with the recommendation to send the City's preference for the fixed charge method to King County Solid Waste Division.

5. Lincoln expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve the Council and the citizens of the city of Enumclaw as his retirement will be effective 6/30/2021.

6. The meeting adjourned at about 6:30 PM.