



PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting

Date: December 12, 2011

Meeting Called to Order: 5:34 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:21 p.m.

Present: Jo Beth McFadden, Richard Morton, Donna Hawk, Robert Wells, Kenneth Brink, Mike Riedmuller, Joe Procopio (Council Rep)

Staff Present: Bob Goebel, P.E., Director of Public Works; Pam Hutton, P.E., Assistant Director of Public Works; Dan Sailer, P.E., Traffic Engineering & Operations Manager; Dale Wegner, P.E., Engineering Manager; Linda Angus, Administrative Assistant-Public Works

Absent: Bob Washburn

| ITEM/SUBJECT | ACTION/BY | DISCUSSION/REPORT |
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| Call to Order | | Chair Jo Beth McFadden called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. |
| Introduction of Pam Hutton, PE; Assistant Public Works Director – Bob Goebel | | Pam Hutton was introduced as the new Assistant Director of Public Works. Pam comes to us from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) where she held the position of Chief Engineer. She has a lot of great experience in working with roadway design, roadway maintenance, Federal funds, State funds, budget planning, transportation planning and is also a great customer service champion. Welcome Pam! |
| Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda | | None |
| Minutes | Motion made by Commissioner Donna Hawk; seconded by Commissioner Kenneth Brink | It was motioned, by the Public Works Commission to accept the action minutes of October 3, 2011. Motion carries unanimously. |
| Award of Contract for the Preliminary Design of N. Meadows Drive Extension to US 85 and I-25 Project – Dale Wegner | | Dale Wegner began his presentation with an overview of the project. There was a \$10M savings off the total project due to recommendations from the Value Engineering Study. Dale provided a brief history of the project up to when the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Preliminary Design was issued on October 26, 2011. The due date for the RFP's was November 16 in which proposals from the following consulting firms were received: 1. Tsiouvaras Simmons Holderness, Inc. (TSH), partnering with Wilson & Company, 2. Atkins, partnering with AECOM 3. URS partnering with Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig (FHU) 4. HDR partnering with Jacobs 5. CH2M Hill 6. Huitt-Zollars 7. EST |

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| | | <p>These proposals were evaluated by CDOT, Douglas County and Town staff based on qualifications; costs were not considered in the point rankings. Federal Law prohibits selection based on cost; the selection must be performance based (cost is negotiated after selection is made). By doing this, it focuses on the understanding of the project rather than the money value and by following this requirement it allows us to apply for Federal funds, if they were to become available. After the evaluation was completed, three firms were shortlisted for the interview process which consisted of a 20 minute presentation and a 40 minute question and answer period. TSH, partnering with Wilson & Company, was selected for their strength of qualifications, on time/under budget approach, critical issue identification and cost saving solutions.</p> <p>TSH is a local firm with one office in Greenwood Village. They have expertise in roadway design, bridge design, drainage, traffic engineering and construction services. Also, TSH is one of the Town's consultants under our Professional Services Agreement and has worked on the evaluation of alternative interchanges at US 85 for the N. Meadows Extension project. Wilson & Company is a national firm with 19 offices in 11 states which includes offices in Denver and Colorado Springs. Wilson & Company also has on-call contracts with Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Union Pacific railroads. Wilson has not done work for the Town but has worked with Douglas County most recently on the new overpass at Santa Fe Drive and C-470.</p> <p>The next step for staff is to present this item to Town Council on December 20 and, upon their approval, execute the contract and notice to proceed on December 21. In February 2012, a procurement method will be selected. Methods could be; the traditional design-bid-build; design-build; or contract management at risk method. This will be decided through a risk analysis. There are different ways this project can be built. Some have advantages over others depending on the timing of things. If we have a need to get a certain element of the project out sooner because it takes longer to build and we want to get everything timed to be open around the same time, we may be looking at having a different delivery system on that particular element.</p> <p>Preliminary design is scheduled to be completed by July 2012 with final design by December 2012. Preliminary design costs are between \$1.3M and \$1.6M. The Town has the funding to complete this</p> |
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| | Motion made by Commissioner Donna Hawk; seconded by Commissioner Robert Wells | <p>project without Federal funds through our commitment with CDOT for \$4.6M and Douglas County for \$5.0M. The Town has \$20M in bonds plus our Transportation Capital Project account for the remainder. It's going to come down to what the construction bids come in at and with the way the market looks now, we are hoping for great prices.</p> <p>It was motioned by the Public Works Commission to recommend to Town Council to contract with Tsiouvaras Simmons Holderness, Inc. as the consultant to complete the preliminary design of the N. Meadows Drive Extension to US 85 and I-25 project. Motion carries unanimously.</p> |
| Public Works Project Update – Bob Goebel | | <p>An overview of current Public Works projects was provided to the Commission in their packets. Updates to these projects were discussed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital Signal at Limelight/Meadows – This signal will go into flash tomorrow (Wednesday) with full operation being implemented on Thursday. The flashing yellow arrow concept was discussed. • The Commission has received positive comments regarding the left turn lanes on Meadows; seems to improve traffic flow. • The Commission commented on the canopy lights downtown; looks great! |
| Council Comments – Joe Procopio | | <p>Councilmember Procopio had some updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Town will be getting a new Police Chief on January 3rd • Town Council went into Executive Session to give negotiation guidance to the N. Meadows project negotiating team. Continue to work with Dev Vic on property acquisition. • Fracking Update – Staff is still looking at what the Town can do to regulate the process. Basically the State's Oil and Gas Commission makes all the decisions regarding this process. There is pressure on the drilling companies to disclose the chemicals they use during the fracking process. There are two main issues the Town is concerned about 1) possible water contamination; and 2) road damage. |
| Commission Comments/ Concerns | | <p><i>What was the Council's decision on the trolley?</i> Council authorized the repair of the trolley. They want to see it used more and staff is working on advertising and marketing concepts to get the word out. It will be reviewed again probably the end of 2012 and a decision made at that time as to whether we keep it.</p> <p>Commissioner Riedmuller is concerned about the timing of the signal at Plum Creek Parkway and I-25 going westbound; he always seems to have a red light at the next signal just west of the I-25 bridge. Dan</p> |

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| | | <p>Sailer commented that the corridor was re-timed from the Plum Creek Parkway/I-25 intersection all the way to Plum Creek Blvd after the construction was completed. It is phased to link up with the left hand turn lanes exiting from the I-25 due to the traffic flow coming off the interstate compared to the traffic going westbound on Plum Creek Pkwy.</p> <p>The Commission wanted to thank Dan Sailer for his stint as interim Assistant Public Works Director; good job!</p> |
| | | <p>There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting January 9, 2012.</p> |