

Infrastructure Advisory Committee (IAC) Meeting Summary

January 10, 2011

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

City of Bend,
Boyd Acres - Eisenhower
Training Room

Facilitator: N/A

Note taker: Mary Beth Alley

In Attendance:

Committee Members: Casey Roats, Michael Magee, James Gattey, Nancy Loveland, Michael Magee, Ray Auerbach and Frank Turek

COB Staff: Paul Rheault, Paul Roy, Hardy Hanson, Terry Burks, Nick Arnis, Gary Judd and Justin Finestone

Meeting Summary

Agenda item: Chromium Update

Presenter: Paul Rheault

Discussion:

Environmental Working Group sampled water from Central Oregon and it was assumed that it was a sample from Bend which was not accurate. Testing for chromium is very complex and requires special samples to be taken. Steve Prazak, City of Bend lab manager, has taken the lead on this and is working with the EPA to determine how to take a sample to test for chromium. A lab will have to be found that can do the sample since it is such a complex test. This issue has gone all the way to Washington, DC and there is discussions that the City may receive some funding for sampling. After a sample has been taken, the City will consider doing a press conference with Roats and Avion.

Action items

Person responsible **Deadline**

Agenda item: Value Engineering Contract Update

Presenter: Paul Rheault

Discussion:

RSRI is the firm that has been chosen for this project and will be here January 24-28, 2011 to meet with staff. Mang and Culp were the other two bidders on this project. This project should last through early April.

Agenda item: CM/GC Selection Updates

Presenter: Paul Rheault and Ray Auerbach

Discussion:

Walsh, PCL, Mortenson and Slayden will be interviewing on January 12 and January 13, 2011. Price quotes are due from each firm the following week.

The Committee thanked Mr. Auerbach for his participation on the selection team.

Agenda item: City Council Financial Strategy Session

Presenter: Paul Rheault

Discussion:

The draft agenda from the City Council Financial Strategy Session was handed out and the Committee was invited to attend. A lot of budget information will be covered potentially including a discussion about extending the water rate increases to ten years instead of five. This would result in lower increases per year but over a longer period.

A Committee member stated that they have heard talk about extending the deadline for a treatment plant and that

the City would just continue testing for Cryptosporidium. Staff responded saying that we are looking at an extension but we have to have a firm schedule first. Portland is paying upwards of \$3-4 million a year just for testing. The reports we're getting from EPA is that they're not going to budge on this so ultimately Portland will have to do something about treating their surface water.

Agenda item: OSU-Cascades/ Talk of the Town - Surface Water Project **Presenter:** Paul Rheault

Discussion:

The OSU-Cascades/Talk of the Town meeting will be held on January 24, 2011 to discuss the surface water project. Councilor Clinton and Councilor Capell will be there sharing their opinions on the surface water project. Tom Hickmann and Paul Rheault will also be attending.

Agenda item: City Club – Surface Water Project **Presenter:** Paul Rheault

Discussion:

The City Club will be meeting at St. Charles on January 20, 2011, to discuss the surface water project. Tom Hickmann and Councilor Capell will be attending. Staff believes there will be discussion about the surface water project in general as well as the cities sources of water. Tom Hickmann and Paul Rheault met with Bill Smith last week regarding this project. He is supportive of two sources of water but is concerned with cost. He is also supportive of wells and going to surface water at some point, he just doesn't think it should be now.

The Committee stated that the City needs to take a strong stance once decisions are made. Decisions should be made in whatever way is the cheapest, smartest and most responsible way to do something and then move forward. The Committee expressed concern with the City Club and OSU/Cascades meetings since Council has already made a decision to move forward with the surface water project.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Send details of City Club meeting to IAC	Alley	1/11

Agenda item: Feedback on December IAC meeting **Presenter:** Entire Committee

Discussion:

The Committee briefly touched base on the last big meeting. Mr. Roats was a little overwhelmed at the number of people that wanted to speak and believes that in the future, if people have a specific source of concern that the IAC should have a specific meeting so they can share their opinion. The Committee was surprised that not a single person brought up what the surface water project will cost to the ratepayer. The Committee also stated that interested citizens that have a strong viewpoint regarding infrastructure within the city need to have a place to come and share their opinion with non-staff or non-council people.

The Committee thanked Mr. Roats for an exceptional job with the presentation to Council.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ When the Committee has people come to talk to them in a structured process, a time limit needs to be set. The purpose of a limit isn't to shut people up, but to allow for many people to speak rather than one person take over the meeting completely.		

Agenda item: DEQ Letter **Presenter:**

Discussion:

Public Works received a letter from DEQ regarding the overflow at the Outback site. This overflow has happened every year at this time for about 100 years. Staff was planning to complete a project last Spring to prevent this overflow from happening, but it was put on hold due to the work being a potential part of the surface water project. This fix will be combined with the surface water project.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
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✓ It would be helpful to the Committee to hear about this type of thing if it relates to a project that the Committee has been involved in. City Staff

Agenda item: Introduction of Public Works Managers

Presenter: Paul Rheault & Public Works Managers

Discussion:

Nick Arnis – Transportation Engineering Division Manager

Has worked for the City for 5 years. Worked for the City of Springfield as well as ODOT as a Transportation Planner.

Division Duties Include:

- Managing daily Transportation Engineering operations.
- Participate in long range transportation planning.
- Managing Murphy Rd. overcrossing project – partnering with ODOT. Will be constructed in 2012.
- Applying for grant projects – small bike/ped. projects
- Managing Safe Routes to School Program.
- Managing project for timing and upgrading signals along major corridors – funded by an Energy Grant.
- Modernizing the Division's software programs for data collection.
- Reviewing high crash intersections within the City to determine high priorities for the usage of grant money.

Terry Burks – Utility Services Division Manager

Has worked for the City for 3 ½ years. Worked for Coconino County Public Works for 26 years.

Division Duties Include:

- Providing support to the operations maintenance side of Utilities which includes Laboratory, Industrial Pretreatment Program, CAD/GIS, Payroll/HR services, and a Program Analyst.
- Process safety management at two facilities and with the EPA.
- Manages the regulatory side of Stormwater.

Hardy Hanson – Street Division Manager

Has worked for the City for 4 years. Worked for the City of Tacoma for 30 Years.

Division Duties Include:

- Maintenance and repair of all city streets.
- Managing the Street Preservation program – this is approximately 1/3 of the budget.
- Managing the Pavement Management System - finding the best approaches to deal with street conservation and replacement.
- Managing the Sweeping program.
- Managing the snow and ice program.

Gary Judd – Airport Manager

Has worked for the City for 2 years. Worked for City of John Day for 15 years.

Division Duties Include:

- Managing daily Airport operations – second busiest general aviation airport in the State.
- Managing taxiway projects – funded by the FAA.
- Managing 150 contracts with leases.
- Managing the update of the Airport Master Plan.

Paul Roy – Utility Operations and Maintenance Division Manager

Has worked for the City for 4 years. Has managed water & wastewater infrastructure for 25 years in both the private and public sector.

Division Duties Include:

- Utility Operations & Maintenance – from intake to discharge.
- System Planning to bring approximately two hundred mini stations into a cohesive system. This include private home sumps (280) and pump stations(90) and approximately 28% of properties which aren't yet sewered.
- Managing a valve turning program.
- Wrapping up phase one of SE Interceptor.
- Expanding sewer plant.
- Managing 150 miles of pipe inspection a year.
- Beginning design on the secondary system.
- Managing a construction crew – this allows Utilities to do a lot of fixes internally.

Other Information

Next Meetings

January 24, 2011 – 3:00 to 5:00/ Fire Administration Building, Fireside Room

February 14, 2011 – 3:00 to 5:00/ Boyd Acres, Eisenhower Training Room

February 28, 2011 – 3:00 to 5:00/ Boyd Acres, Eisenhower Training Room

March 14, 2011 – 3:00 to 5:00/ Boyd Acres, Eisenhower Training Room

Special notes:
