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CITY OF CLOVIS) ss.

The City of Clovis Public Works Committee met in regular session at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 28, 2018, in the Assembly Room of the Bert Cabiness City Government Center, 321 N. Connelly, in full conformity with the laws of the State of New Mexico and the ordinances and resolutions of said city with the following members present:

Mayor David Lansford, Chairman
Commissioner Gary Elliott, District 2
Commissioner Chris Bryant, District 4
Mr. Clint Bunch, Public Works Director
Mr. Justin Howalt, City Manager
Mr. George Jones, District 1
Mr. Russ Backoff, District 2

ABSENT: Commissioner Fidel Madrid, District 3
Mr. Cliff Martin, District 3
Mr. Cliff Kuchta, District 4

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Vicki Reyes, Administration
Mr. Bill Kshir, Public Works
Mr. John King, Clovis Schools
Mr. Durwood Billington, Public Works
Captain Roger Dial, Police Department

Mayor Lansford called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and established the presence of a quorum.

Agenda Item No. 3 - Approval of minutes of January 24, 2018

Commissioner Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes of January 24, 2018 as presented; Mr. Bunch seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item No. 4 - Discussion and recommendation regarding raising the speed limit to 35 mph on Sycamore between Mabry Drive and 21st Street

Mr. Bunch stated at the last meeting they discussed the possibility of raising the speed limit on Sycamore. The 85 percentile of vehicles in that area were going between 41.72 mph and 45.15 mph in the north bound and south bound lanes. The speed limit is 30 mph and they are suggesting raising that to 35 mph.

Mr. Backoff made a motion to approve raising the speed limit to 35 mph on Sycamore between Mabry Drive and 21st Street; Commissioner Elliott seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, with all voting in the affirmative, the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 5 - Discussion and action regarding raising the speed limit to 45 mph on Norris Street from 21st Street to Remuda and Norris

Mr. Bunch stated this section of roadway on Norris between Remuda and 21st is 35 mph and the rest of Norris is 45 mph. People are traveling 46.85 mph, 44.84 mph, 51.7 mph and 49.93 mph in that area. This is a four lane and they do not have a problem with accidents. There is a school in the area, but they are protected by a school flasher.

Captain Dial stated Chief Ford is concerned with raising the speed limit because of the school zone and approaching the major intersection. With the school zone there going north towards Wilhite there is not a large influx of traffic. Everyone drives south through that school zone and that was where they have their higher speed infractions. That would be the only concern.

Commissioner Bryant asked if they choose to increase that, is there any signage they could put up before the school zone. Mr. Bunch stated they could put a warning sign up. Captain Dial stated anything they could do to enhance would be great. He did not know if the speed sign would slow them down anyway. Mr. Bunch stated Mesa Elementary is on the other end and it is 45 mph there. Mr. Howalt stated they are creating a situation where they have more violators than those respecting the

law. Captain Dial stated they have had significant wrecks in that area but that is coming in from the highway.

Commissioner Bryant asked if there were any concerns from the schools. Mr. King stated the schools do not have any concern with raising the speed limit.

Commissioner Elliott made a motion to raise the speed limit to 45 mph on Norris Street from 21st Street to Remuda; Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, with all voting in the affirmative, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bunch stated there was a drainage dip on 5th and Sycamore and they want to put a 25 mph dip sign on that section of roadway.

Agenda Item No. 6 - Discussion regarding sewer line on US Hwy 60/84.

Mr. Howalt stated they contracted with HDR. As part of that project they are installing a large storm sewer system which will have an impact on the sanitary sewer system. They are going to have several conflicts with that system throughout the project. This study was to analyze where those conflicts were, and then to come up with recommendations on how to alleviate the conflicts. HDR has analyzed the system and have come up with two alternatives. The entire system is clay pipe, however, with the roadway work they are looking to replace that clay pipe with PVC.

The first concept is to split the system and put in a new trunk line south near Casillas Street and once they get to the impact of the complex on Grand Ave. where it meets at 60/84, the proposed alternative would be to put a new trunk line on the north side of 60/84. The second alternative is similar to the first. The west side would stay the same and the east side would have a new sanitary line on 2nd street. They would replace the clay pipe and redirect them to the north. This is the recommendation that he is proposing. The first alternative is \$2.1 million and the second alternative is \$2.9 million but takes care of some of the other issues with the clay pipe. It also separates the sanitary system from the storm drain system. Mr. Bunch stated there was a safety benefit. Mr. Howalt stated they would not be on the middle of 60/84 working on a sanitary system, but instead would be on 2nd Street.

Based on the recommendations to HDR and the alternatives selected they would give them a proposal for the final design of this system. The roadwork is scheduled to go to construction in 2022. They have cash reserves in the wastewater fund that they could use in this project.

Mayor Lansford asked what this does for capacity. He asked if the southern piece would be able to handle additional capacity if that part of Clovis develops. Mr. Howalt stated the capacity would not be impacted by this. The main trunk lines that flow to these areas are built out.

George Jones arrived at 8:50 a.m.

Mayor Lansford stated he supported the decision to go with the \$2.9 million second option. He asked when they would get the final design. Mr. Howalt stated he would have HDR put together a proposal then once they approve the design fee they will get started.

Agenda Item No. 7 - Discussion and action regarding speed limit on Echols

Mr. Howalt stated they did traffic counts on Echols between 21st and Purdue. They do have an issue with people traveling close to 40 mph. If they could have the police patrol the area through enforcement they may be able to draw attention to the speed limit. When Commissioner Madrid gets back then they can discuss it further. Mr. Howalt made a motion to table this item; Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item No. 8 - Update on current projects

City Update

Drainage Master Plan

Mr. Howalt stated he has a meeting with Molzen Corbin on April 2nd. He would like for them to give a presentation to this committee at the April meeting and present to the Commission at the first or second meeting in May for final acceptance.

2nd Street project

The construction is still ongoing. They have 47 days remaining on that contract.

Second phase of 7th street

This is about a \$10 million overall project. They will be able to sell the bonds that are funded by the GRT and that will generate about \$4.5 million. Construction should begin this summer.

MLK

The City received CDBG funding and have completed the survey work. Design work has started and they are supposed to give 30% design on the first week of April. That is between 7th Street and the railroad tracks. The GRT bonds that they will sell this summer come up every 3 years to recycle through and then will have to wait another 3 years to sell the bonds again then they would be able to finish 7th Street. They would have to wait another 3 years and sell the bonds again before they would have funding to do MLK from 7th Street to 21st Street.

Commissioner Bryant asked if the railroad has given them any indication if they are going to do anything with that crossing. Mr. Howalt stated they have not given a timeframe. They were going to put in the improvements to tracks and wanted the city to repave everything within their right of way. The city declined so they asked the city to set up traffic control for them.

Main street sidewalks between Grand and 4th

They have completed the design and are sending out the certification letters. Once they receive those back they will work on the specifications and set up a meeting with NMDOT to review the plans.

SWC pilot project

They are up to 400,000 gallons per day that they are receiving from SWC.

U.S. 60/84

The State have 60% design plans completed and have set up their review for April 11th. They have \$30 million in the STIP to complete that project and they were going to jack and bore underneath the railroad and installing new pipes. However, the cost to jack and bore has driven the overall project cost up and they are now looking to find additional locations to put retention on the north side of the railroad tracks and carry the water further to the east.

Prince Street overpass

This is a DOT project and it is out to bid currently. Mayor Lansford asked if that would include the lighting on west Mabry. Mr. Howalt stated it would be east of Prince Street, which is the lighting that was not included on the previous project.

Mayor Lansford asked what the impact of increased temperature would be on the SWC process. Mr. Billington stated it would help them. Bacteria gets more active the warmer the water gets. It will require a little more energy cost, but it will help the process. They are at 40% on phosphorous removal. They are well under the standards at 350,000-400,000 gallons a day. The plant is running very well.

Mayor Lansford stated he understood NM Tech was working on some type of filtration system that was a physical removal process. He asked if that had been funded. Mr. Howalt stated it was funded through the state. It is a pilot project. It is not being manufactured on large scale so it is more of a research project.

Mayor Lansford asked if they knew what he cost would be to remove the sludge and deposit it in the landfill or wherever it would be used. Mr. Billington stated they had considerable data from CDM on the original plant upgrades. They have the equipment to handle the sludge, but the issue will be employee times and operating hours. Once they get to 1.7 million if they are removing the sludge they will have to go to 24 hour operation.

Mr. Bunch stated the railroad wants to put in a third track through Clovis on the north side of the existing tracks from MLK to the state line.

Commissioner Bryant asked if they made any decisions on residential paving. Mr. Bunch stated he would come back with recommendations at the next meeting.

Clovis Schools Update

Parkview Elementary

Construction is still underway and on schedule for completion in May.

Highland Elementary

This went out for RFP on Sunday and should receive new bids in May. Abatement will start on May 29th and then they will tear the building down.

Los Ninos

They are 90% CD's on the roof and HVAC design and replacements.

CHS Tennis Courts

The tennis courts will move up to 21st Street. The parking and driving area will be between the buildings and the new tennis courts.

Sandia Parking Lot

That is still with Lydick Engineering being designed.

They met with the State on Monday at Barry Elementary. The state is pushing for Pre-K and they will be starting that at the majority of the elementary schools.

Agenda Item No. 9 - For the good of the order

Mayor Lansford advised the next meeting would be at 8:30 a.m., April 25th.

Agenda Item No. 10 - Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Chairman

SEAL
(ATTEST)

City Clerk