

**MINUTES
CITY OF GIG HARBOR
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 12, 2021
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

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CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

Public Works Committee Chair Jim Franich called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Public Works Committee Members Present (remotely): Jeni Woock, Bob Himes, and Jim Franich

Staff Present (remotely): City Administrator Bob Larson, Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm, and Executive Assistant Maureen Whitaker.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 10, 2020

Approval of November 10, 2020 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Move to approve the September 15, 2020 Public Works Committee Minutes.

Woock / Himes – Motion passed unanimously

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Crosswalk at Albertson's Entrance at Borgen Boulevard

Public Works Committee Chair/Councilmember Franich stated that he requested this item be placed on today's agenda. He said that he had brought up the east bound left turn access into the driveway at Albertson's to previous City Engineer Steve Misiurak and was told by Mr. Misiurak that this was a private property issue. Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm pulled up the area in Giggle Maps and confirmed that this is on private property and explained that there is not a sidewalk along the frontage and confirmed that it is not the City's to maintain. Mr. Langhelm said one solution could be to connect the east side of Albertson's frontage to the west side to be ADA compliant. Mr. Langhelm said that the City could have the conversation with the property owner or take this on as a capital project which is something that Council could consider in the 2022 Budget. Discussion ensued concerning the development standards back in 2003 or so, when Albertson's was constructed. Councilmember Woock agreed that she would like to see a sidewalk there.

RECOMMENDATION: The Public Works Committee agreed that this should be kept on the radar and to provide to Council with costs as a possible capital project for the 2022 budget.

2. Lift at Ancich Waterfront Park – Discussion and Next Steps

Public Works Committee Chair/Councilmember Franich requested this item to be placed on the agenda due to the lift continuously being out of order which prohibits ADA access to the lower level of the Park. Public Works Director Langhelm stated that the lift at Ancich Waterfront Park is the same manufacturer and model as the lift at Skansie Brothers Park. He explained that the long and short of it is the manufacturer has said that this elevator was not designed for public use. The main problem is the public becoming impatient and then trying to pull the doors closed which breaks the mechanism. Mobility Concept, who installed the lift has found a heavier mechanism and the City will be the first to test it out to see if this remedies the problem. The parts should arrive in 3-4 weeks and the lift should be up and running in February. Mr. Langhelm stated another option would be to install a manually operated door, but he was not in favor of this option. Councilmember Franich said that the instructions to the public are confusing and he offered to help with that. Mr. Langhelm said that once the parts arrive, he would set up an onsite meeting with Councilmember Franich and Public Works Supervisor Ken Andrews. Costs were briefly discussed; Mr. Langhelm confirmed that this is not a warranty item because it is being damaged by the users and stated that the installation of the new mechanism would be approximately in the \$5,000 range.

3. Stinson/Harborview Intersection Improvement Project Status Update – Easements and Roundabout Design

Public Works Committee Chair/Councilmember Franich also requested this project update be placed on the agenda. Mr. Langhelm shared an image of the 85% design of the roundabout. He stated that all permitting is complete. Right of entry/easements and finalizing right-of-way acquisition offers are underway. He said that the City is working with the property owner at Speedy Auto Glass to work out the details of the right-of-way at this corner. Councilmember Franich expressed concern regarding the project being at 85% design without the right-of-way acquisitions being finalized. He asked if all the property owners have agreed on the right-of-way acquisitions and easements. Mr. Langhelm stated in the affirmative that they have except for the property owner at Speedy Auto Glass which is in the works.

The draft project timeline was discussed:

- Finalize Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) by April 1, 2021
- Project scheduled to be out to bid in April
- Construction contract awarded by the end of April/early May
- Break ground in early June
- Paving completed in October
- Project completion fall 2021

Councilmember Franich asked if the property owners have seen this latest plan. Mr. Langhelm replied that he was not sure. Councilmember Woock asked if there is a drive-around planned during construction of the roundabout. Mr. Langhelm replied that there is no easy drive-around as the area will be gravel. He explained that this project will be staggered with the Stinson Avenue Overlay and Rosedale Intersection Improvements project to avoid both intersections being closed at the same time. He added that the Stinson Ave/Rosedale project will begin construction first and the timing works well.

Councilmember Franich questioned the native landscaping shown in the area next to the parking area and expressed concern about the view being eventually blocked. Mr. Langhelm said that the landscaping was selected due to the Shoreline permit and grade changes. He said that the landscaping was low growing and will be kept trimmed as low as possible so it should not block the view. Councilmember Woock questioned Mr. Langhelm's "should not block the view" statement concerning the low growing landscaping. She asked, "how can we make sure that there is always a view to the water?" He added that he would bring this concern to Senior Engineer and Project Manager Aaron Hulst and City Engineer Trent Ward.

Councilmember Franich expressed his concern again about the project being at 85% design and not having the right-of-way discussions finalized but said he was glad to hear that the impacted property owners are going along with this with no problems. He added that the citizens will be extremely disappointed when they see the final project. Mr. Langhelm said that he has heard many people from the public have been excited seeing this project move forward. He added that the new access road to the Eddon Boat Park Brick House and the type of intersection required a great deal of re-vegetation at the site. Councilmember Himes said that the functional improvements of this intersection will overshadow and resolve the issues there now.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING MEETING: February 9, 2021

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 4:21 p.m.

Woock / Himes – Motion passed unanimously