



PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting

Date: August 3, 2009

Meeting Called to Order: 5:35 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:48 p.m.

Present: Andy Pelster, JoBeth McFadden, Donna Hawk, Richard Morton, Lou Zoghby, Bob Washburn, Robert Wells

Staff Present: Bob Goebel, P.E., Director of Public Works, Maria Hagen, P.E., Assistant Director of Public Works; Bob Watts, P.E., Transportation Planning Manager; Linda Angus, Administrative Assistant-Public Works

Absent: Joe Procopio (Council Rep)

Visitors: Wayne Schwartz, Division Chief-Castle Rock Fire Department; John Anderson, Captain-Castle Rock Police Department

ITEM/SUBJECT	ACTION/BY	DISCUSSION/REPORT
Call to Order		Chair Andy Pelster called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.
Minutes	Motion made by Commissioner Richard Morton; seconded by Commissioner Bob Washburn	It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the action minutes of July 6, 2009. Motion carries unanimously.
Implementation of a Quiet Zone for the Union Pacific Railroad Crossings at 2 nd , 3 rd , and 5 th Streets - Bob Watts	<p>Motion made by Commissioner Bob Washburn; seconded by Commissioner JoBeth McFadden</p>	<p>Staff has met with the Federal Railroad Administration, the Union Pacific Railroad and the Pubic Utilities Commission about the establishment of a Quiet Zone between 2nd and 5th streets. Of the options available, staff recommended that one of the following options be considered for implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Install four-quadrant gates at 2nd & 3rd streets ▪ Close the 2nd Street crossing and install a four-quadrant gate system at 3rd Street ▪ Change 2nd and 3rd streets to one-way pair ▪ Install wayside horn system at each crossing <p>Both the Police and Fire departments have been consulted on these options and have no issues with which one is chosen. After Commission discussion, it was decided to add a fifth option of "No Action".</p> <p>It was decided by the Public Works Commission to recommend to Town Council the options ranked as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Install four-quadrant gates at 2nd & 3rd streets 2. No action 3. Close the 2nd Street crossing and install a four-quadrant gate system at 3rd Street 4. Change 2nd & 3rd streets to one-way pair 5. Install wayside horn system at each crossing <p>Motion carries unanimously.</p> <p>Mr. Watts will meet with the Downtown Development Authority on Thursday, August 6 and get their recommendation and then onto Town Council on August 11 for a final recommendation and action.</p>

<p>Public Works Regulations Update – Maria Hagen</p>	<p>The last time the Public Works Regulations were updated was 1999. Since that time various regulations have changed or become obsolete. Members of staff from Development Services, Utilities, and Public Works are working together to modify this document. The current Public Works Regulations document will be replaced with a series of manuals i.e. Transportation Criteria, Water Distribution, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Drainage, Landscaping, and Construction Standards. A major revamp for the transportation manual will be re-writing the pavement design and technical criteria to be in conformance with the Metropolitan Government Pavement Engineers Council. Once the various manuals and criteria documents are drafted, staff will communicate with the development and building community to inform them of the changes and get their input. These manuals will be presented to various commissions to get their endorsement before proceeding to Town Council for final approval. Once adopted, the Municipal Code will be modified to reflect the changes. The goal is to have the updated regulations adopted by January or February 2010.</p>
<p>N. Meadows Drive Extension Update – Bob Goebel</p>	<p>Mr. Goebel updated the Commission on the N. Meadows Drive Extension to US 85 and I-25 project. At the July 14 Town Council meeting, Town Council determined that there would be no further discussion with the railroad regarding the possibility of relocation. Therefore, the intersection at SH85 and N. Meadows Drive will be a grade separated interchange and the only two viable alignments would be Atrium or Castlegate. There is not enough funding to construct to either SH85 or to I-25 in the immediate future without some other source of funding. If the Town were to build only to SH85, a brand new EA would have to be started.</p> <p>Town Council asked for more information on the bond situation to be able to authorize the sale of the bonds that have already been authorized by the voters. The bonds proceeds can be used for bills that the Town has incurred in the past 18 months. In order to use bond proceeds to pay those bills, they would have to be issued by June 2010. After you issue the bonds, you have only 3 years to spend the money. Therefore, we only have a window of 18 months prior to the date you issue them and 36 months after the date you issue them to spend the money. If the Town were to use those funds to pay past bills, this would free up some of our cash to start negotiating right-of-way, put out some design contracts, or maybe do some earthwork as we can afford it.</p> <p>At the August 18 Town Council meeting, Town Council will hear staff presentation and public</p>

		comment, consider all that and make a decision as to the Town's preferred alignment and forward that to the Colorado Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration. A public meeting will be scheduled in September in advance of the final decision by CDOT and the FHA in order for the public to provide input on the suggested alignment.
Public Works Project Update – Bob Goebel		A summary of the Public Works projects in relation to the Town was included in the Commission packets. Mr. Goebel discussed any updates on these projects with the Commission.
Council Comments – Joe Procopio		No comments due to Councilperson Procopio's absence.
Commission Comments/ Concerns	<p>Motion made by Commissioner Richard Morton; seconded by Commissioner Bob Washburn</p> <p>Motion made by Commissioner Robert Wells; seconded by Commissioner Donna Hawk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commission discussed the possibility of remote meetings. It was decided to form a Task Force to assess the viability of remote conferencing for Commissions/Boards in the Town of Castle Rock. Bob Washburn and Donna Hawk volunteered for this Task Force. <p>It was decided by the Public Works Commission to inquire with other Boards/Commissions within the Town of Castle Rock if remote meetings were available, would members of your Commission /Board take advantage of this option? Motion passed 6-1</p> <p>Robert Wells asked the Commission to amend the purpose of the Task Force to determine feasibility before determining interest. Motion failed 2-4 with 1 abstention.</p> <p>The Task Force will report back to the Commission with their findings at the October 5 meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commissioner Morton gave an update on the Rocky Mountain Rail Authority. Last month's Panel Review meeting was postponed and will now take place August 25-26 with the Steering Committee meeting on August 28 to present the Feasibility Study. A final meeting to take care of any loose ends will be September 25. The RMRA will take the information received to State and Federal officials in hope of becoming the 11th Corridor. The governor's of Colorado, New Mexico and Texas are trying to make a corridor from El Paso to Denver the 11th Corridor for high- speed trains using the information from this feasibility study. They hope to use stimulus money and other funds that are available for high-speed transportation.
Adjournment		There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.