

Members Present: Councilmembers Pat Clerget (chair), Andy Elfers, Greg Reinke

Staff Present: Michael Kosa, Alisa O’Haver-Ayala, Andrew Leach, Robert Wright, Courtney Littrell, Drew McCarty, Gursimran Singh, Thi Le, Kelsey White, Sam

The meeting convened at 4:00 PM.

The following topics were discussed:

Resolution No. 1729: City of Auburn Interlocal Agreement - White River Mitigation Funding

Assistant Engineering Manager Wright stated the White River Restoration is a currently under construction project restoring 200 acres of floodplain, reducing flood risk and creating habitat for ESA listed salmon species. The project is creating new river channels, installing large wood, and excavating existing ground to build a forested berm. The City of Auburn, as mitigation for a permit they received from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, had a need to install large wood in the White River. The location Auburn would have been able to install wood would interfere with Muckleshoot Tribe fishing sites. Auburn reached out to the City to ask if we would accept \$120,000 towards our White River Restoration project. Payment of these funds to Sumner would satisfy Auburn's mitigation requirements. *“Do-Pass Recommendation by the Committee”*

White River Restoration - Design Consultant Contract Amendment

Assistant Engineering Manager Wright stated the White River Restoration is a currently under construction project restoring 200 acres of floodplain, reducing flood risk and creating habitat for ESA-listed salmon species. The project is creating new river channels, installing large wood, and excavating existing ground to build a forested berm. To complete the project, a bridge capable of carrying large service vehicles is necessary for the future maintenance of utilities. The original intent was a new bridge crossing a newly created channel, but it was determined that it would be feasible to retrofit the pedestrian bridge on 24th Street. This supplement includes funds to design the retrofit of this bridge in addition to the final alignment of the Sumner Link Trail. Both the bridge and trail are expected to be constructed in 2026/7 after the current work is completed. Natural Systems Design has been the consultant designing and leading permitting efforts for the project since 2018. This contract supplement will cover additional support during construction, final design of the relocated Sumner Link Trail, and final design for the retrofitted 24th Street Bridge for a total of \$806,673.80 for a new total contract value of \$3,848,886.80. *“Do-Pass Recommendation by the Committee”*

White River Restoration - Dialogue Group Facilitation Contract Amendment

Assistant Engineering Manager Wright stated Angie Thompson has been the facilitator for the White River Dialogue Group since 2017. Helps with coordination with the tribes. The group has helped with relationships with the tribes, 60+ meetings over the years. PC will be taking over a portion of the costs. The White River Restoration is a currently under construction project restoring 200 acres of floodplain, reducing flood risk and creating habitat for ESA listed salmon species. The project is creating new river channels, installing large wood, and excavating existing ground to build a forested berm. Two future phases of the project, the Pacific Pointbar and Stewart Left Bank are in the design and acquisition phase. At the initially development of the White River Restoration project, the City convened a dialogue group with the tribes, counties, and others. This dialogue group has been integral to developing designs, building support, and securing funding for this project. Angie Thomson of Thomson Strategic has been facilitating the group since 2017. This contract supplement will provide funds to support the dialogue group for approximately 2 more years as we develop the Pacific Pointbar phase of the White River Restoration. The contract supplement adds \$30,000 to the existing contract for a total contract value of \$104,800. *“Do-Pass Recommendation by the Committee”*

Operations Facility - Puget Sound Energy Contract

Assistant Engineering Manager McCarty stated the Operations Facility project includes the construction of a new public works facility with approximately 102,100 sf of total building space over 6 buildings on a 6.2 Acre site at 14320 29th Street East. The facility will house Public Works, Parks, and Facilities and will include an administration building, vehicle storage, fleet washing, and material storage. The project will also include frontage improvements, landscaping, site lighting and stormwater management. As a part of completing the project, Puget Sound Energy (PSE) will need to install the gas main to service the project site. PSE has provided an agreement at a cost of \$63,129.61. Similar to recent PSE agreement for electrical. *“Do-Pass Recommendation by the Committee”*

City Hall Electric Vehicle Chargers - Puget Sound Energy Contract

Assistant Engineering Manager McCarty stated the City applied for the PSE Up & Go Electric Program. The City’s application was evaluated and accepted, allowing it to move forward under this initiative. PSE’s Up & Go Electric program covers up to \$12,000 per Level 2 charging port, for ten years, for qualifying customers to install and maintain Level 2 charging for eligible vehicles. The PSE program covers a portion of the costs for this project and the City has budgeted \$50,000 for the remainder of these costs. With this program, City Hall qualifies for the installation of four (4) Level 2 EV charging stations to support the City’s growing electric vehicle fleet. The project is expected to be completed in 2025. *“Do-Pass Recommendation by the Committee”*

Tacoma Ave Overlay - Design Consultant Agreement Supplement

Engineering Specialist Singh stated the Tacoma Ave Overlay & Intersection Improvements project will plane, repair, and overlay Tacoma Avenue from Puyallup Street to the White River Bridge, complete intersection channelization improvements, add southbound right turn pocket on Tacoma Avenue, and upgrade the intersection of Puyallup Street and Tacoma Avenue to a roundabout. Project shall include ADA upgrades/sidewalks, associated utility work and illumination as needed. Parametrix, Inc. was previously selected in October 2023 to provide consulting services for this project through a qualification-based selection process. A contract supplement with a maximum amount payable of \$327,924.40 was negotiated for the design of the project. Additional funds are needed due to an increase in cost for design including the following: additional design efforts to upgrade the intersection of Puyallup St and Tacoma Ave to a roundabout instead of a traffic signal, additional traffic flow modeling and simulation, Right-of-way acquisition maps and legal descriptions, and Traffic noise analysis. *“Do-Pass Recommendation by the Committee”*

166th Ave E Widening & Improvements - Design Consultant Agreement Supplement

Assistant Engineering Manager Littrell stated 166th Avenue East (Sumner-Tapps Highway) and the SR 410 westbound off-ramp experience severe traffic congestion at the SR 410 interchange and the intersection to the north at 64th Street East. Additionally, an undersized and failing corrugated metal pipe culvert that carries Salmon Creek runs diagonally underneath the intersection, creating an unsuitable environment for ESA-listed salmon species to thrive and spawn. In November 2022, the City acquired the Nordyke property, which is currently leased to Carroll's Garage. After the property acquisition, the property was assessed to determine the cleanup that would be required to progress towards a "No Further Action" needed designation. This supplement adds additional scope items for our remediation sub-consultant to continue to take additional soil samples and complete additional coordination with state and local agencies in order to obtain an approved remediation plan for the site, which is required before the project can be constructed. The current contract value is \$2,247,594.66 and this supplement adds \$104,296.00, for a total contract cost of \$2,351,890.66. *“Do-Pass Recommendation by the Committee”*

Water System Improvements - Consultant Contract Award

Engineering Specialist Le stated The water system improvements project is upgrading and replacing the water mains, relocating the existing water services at several locations: Valley Ave north and south of SR410, 54th St Ct E from Wright Ave to Cul-de-Sac, 159th Ave between Riverside Dr and 76th St, Viewpoint Tank to 171st Ave Court E, and 16th Street between Wood and McMillan Ave. In addition, the project will complete design related infrastructure work—including stormwater pipe replacement, ADA-compliant curb ramp upgrades, and retrofitting of sanitary sewer components—at specific locations. These additional improvements are being designed concurrently to align with future construction activities in those areas, aiming to minimize disruptions and ensure efficient resource utilization. Seven (7) Statement of Qualifications were received on May 21, 2025 for this project. RH2 Engineering was selected to provide consulting services for this project through a qualification-based selection process. An agreement with a maximum amount payable of \$417,000 was negotiated for the design of the project. *“Do-Pass Recommendation by the Committee”*

Project Managers provided updates on projects under construction.

Adjournment 5:18 pm