

Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, June 15, 2000

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** of the Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado. Meeting held in the Municipal Building in said Town of Estes Park on the 15th day of June, 2000.

Committee: Chairman Barker, Trustees Doylen and Gillette
Attending: All
Also Attending: Assistant Town Administrator Repola, Public Works Director Linnane, Town Clerk O'Connor
Absent: None

Chairman Barker called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

SEWER EASEMENT ON TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY, HWY. 34/36 INTERSECTION - U.T.S.D. REQUEST FOR EASEMENT.

In a memorandum dated June 13, 2000, Public Works Director Linnane reported that Upper Thompson Sanitation District was required to relocate a sewer line during the Hwy. 36 CDOT Project. Town staff allowed the District to relocate the line just north of the bridge on Town-owned land as the original location was also on Town-owned property and within close proximity of the new location. Following discussion, the **Committee recommends approval of the easement request as presented.**

JULY COMMITTEE MEETING – REQUEST TO CANCEL.

Due to scheduling conflicts, Staff requested the July meeting be cancelled. The **Committee recommends approval of the request to cancel the July 20th Public Works Committee meeting.**

REPORTS.

The Committee reviewed the Customer Service Response Report for May, 2000.

Moraine Ave. Restroom Crosswalk Safety Measures. Director Linnane briefed the Committee on a request by the Public Safety Committee to review said crosswalk for potential safety improvements. The mid-block crosswalk on Moraine Ave. between the public restroom and the Molly B Restaurant (southbound) is difficult to see due to the rise of the street and the 25 MPH speed. The safety site visibility standard is 250' minimum visibility, and the standard is provided to northbound traffic, however, it is not achieved for southbound traffic. Director Linnane and CDOT representatives inspected the site and are offering the following options for the crosswalk: remove it, relocate it, or retain it in its present location and improve pedestrian safety. If the crosswalk is removed, staff believes jaywalking will occur due to access to the public restroom. CDOT Representatives Larry Haase and Bob Mjoen confirmed they are investigating a pedestrian sign with strobe lights.

Staff's recommendation is to retain the crosswalk in its current location, removing two parking spaces **on each side** of Moraine Ave., increase the visibility of the crosswalk by widening the crosswalk and length of the bars with highly reflective paint, installing green fluorescent signs, installing a pedestrian-activated flashing beacon on the

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southbound lanes at the crosswalk sign, and painting “ped xing” on all three lanes, adjacent to the crosswalk.

The Committee recommends approval of Staff’s recommendations identified above, with the Town installing the beacon (conduit, sidewalk repair, and signs), and CDOT to provide the beacon, stripping and paint. Public Works is to remove the 4 parking spaces as soon as possible. CDOT anticipates completing the stripping and painting within 34 weeks. The Committee confirmed that Town staff is available to expedite this project, encouraging CDOT to assist in completing the project by July/August. Assistant Town Administrator Repola reported the Police Dept. will monitor the area. The Committee expressed their appreciation to Messrs. Haase and Mjoen for their immediate response and for attending the meeting.

Highway 36/7 CDOT Project. Pursuant to a citizen inquiry, Chairman Barker questioned whether the aesthetic value could be enhanced on the bridge abutments. Discussion followed on the option of painting or staining of the concrete, maintenance, and funding, with the Committee reaching consensus that the abutments not be treated at this time. This CDOT Project was superior, the Contractor was first-rate, and the Town will send letter of commendation to CDOT.

The Committee praised the efforts of the Parks and Street Crews.

There being no further business, Chairman Barker adjourned the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Vickie O’Connor, CMC, Town Clerk