

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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*Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, July 18, 2002*

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 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2002.

Committee: Chairman Barker, Trustees Doyle and Gillette  
Attending: All  
Also Attending: Town Administrator Widmer, Public Works Director Linnane, Town Attorney White, Construction Manager Sievers, Deputy Clerk van Deutekom  
Absent: None

Chairman Barker called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

### **HOSPITAL/PROSPECT AVE. ROAD CONNECTION PROJECT – CONTINUED FROM JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> MEETING.**

Director Linnane explained that the road connection project request was continued from the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to allow Hospital staff and citizens to reach a consensus prior to consideration by the Town.

Roxann Hause/Estes Park Medical Center (EPMC) Administrator officially withdrew the Hospital's request for construction of a roadway on the north end of their property, noting that there are still unresolved issues that may require further discussion. Issues to be addressed in the future include: breakaway barriers, signage, and traffic concerns.

Audience comments were heard from Steve Miller/167 Stanley Cir. Dr. #A and Brenda Reins/165 Stanley Cir.

The **consensus of the Committee was to accept the Hospital's request to withdraw the roadway connection project for consideration by the Town** and encouraged citizens to continue discussions with the Hospital to resolve issues identified above.

### **FALL RIVER TRAIL, PHASE 1 – REQUEST TO BID.**

Director Linnane reported that the Committee granted approval to proceed with the design of Phase I of the Fall River Trail at the May meeting. The design will be completed by the second week of August and staff is requesting approval to bid the project following completion of the design. Prior to bidding the project, staff and Cornerstone Engineering will present the final design to the Willows Condominium Association to allow them to address their concerns. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in September and be completed in December. The Budget includes \$295,000 for this project. The **Committee recommends approval to bid Phase I of the Fall River Trail.**

### **WATER DEPT. 2002 LOOP PROJECT – REQUEST TO BID.**

Director Linnane requested approval to proceed with the bid process for the 2002 Loop Project to include the following:

1. Evergreen Interconnect (Priority #2 List)
2. East Wonderview Interconnect (this project will complete the Priority #1 List).
3. Country Club Interconnect (Priority #2 List)

The **Committee recommends approval to bid the project.**

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**REPORTS.**

**Estes Valley Water Supply.** Director Linnane and Attorney White briefed the Committee on the water supply in the Estes valley and addressed concerns expressed at the July 9<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting. Attorney White explained that the Town's water system differs from systems along the Front Range for the following reasons: 1) only 6.5% of total water consumption is used for lawn irrigation (compared to 80% by other communities), and 2) because of the Town's closed basin, location at the top of the system, and augmentation plan, the town has the ability to utilize its Windy Gap water to augment stream diversions at a rate of 10-1 (i.e., the Town replaces 1 acre foot for every 10 acre feet diverted out of the stream). Even though the water levels are at historic lows and other communities are experiencing extreme water conditions, the Town's water system does not operate the same and Director Linnane and Attorney White noted that the Town has adequate water to meet the needs of its community and conservation efforts are not required at this time, but staff encourages voluntary conservation efforts. Other areas addressed include: consumption limitations during continued drought conditions, physical constraints at Glacier Creek, and the need for public education regarding the condition of the Town's water supply.

Stan Gengler/Estes Valley Recreation & Park District (EVRPD) updated the Committee on the District's water situation. EVRPD owns 250-acre units of water and is currently at 70% of their allocation. They have reduced their water usage by approximately one-third of normal consumption nightly. Mr. Gengler expressed concern regarding the continued drought and projections for next year.

**Big Horn Dr. Project.** Construction Manager Sievers explained that the Estes Park Sanitation District, private developer, and the Town joined together for this project to replace 400-500 feet of sewer line and decades of asphalt from Spruce Dr. to the top of the "S" curve on Big Horn Dr. Funds were pooled to allow all entities to achieve a reconstructed road (with enhanced visibility) and improved sewer service in the area. Director Linnane commended staff for their efforts and noted the financial benefits of such projects.

Under 24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S., determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, it was **moved and seconded** (Doysten/Gillette) **the Committee go into Executive Session to discuss said item listed above**, and it passed unanimously.

Whereupon Chairman Barker adjourned the regular meeting to Executive Session at 8:55 a.m.

Chairman Barker reconvened the meeting at 9:28

**Water Tap Fee Update.** Director Linnane reported that the current water tap fee is \$4,000 and has not been increased in fifteen years. Staff is requesting to solicit the services of Black & Vetch to study the Town's water tap fee to determine if the current fee sufficiently covers water acquisition costs. **The Committee recommends approval to request a Scope of Services from Black & Vetch for a Water Rights Tap Fee Study.** Upon completion, the Scope of Services will be presented to the Committee for approval.

There being no further business, Chairman Barker adjourned the meeting at 9:34 a.m.