

**JOURNAL OF GREAT FALLS PORT AUTHORITY MEETING  
December 1, 2015**

Great Falls Port Authority Meeting  
Civic Center, Gibson Room 212

Chairman Winters presiding

**CALL TO ORDER:** 5:23 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Port Authority Board of Directors/City Commission members present: Michael Winters, Bill Bronson, Fred Burow, Bob Jones and Bob Kelly.

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager and Deputy City Manager; City Attorney; Director of Planning and Community Development and the Senior Transportation Planner; and the Deputy City Clerk.

**\*\* Action Minutes of the Great Falls Port Authority. \*\***

**1. TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT UPON LOT 1B, MEDICAL TECH PARK MINOR SUBDIVISION, TO FACILITATE THE WIDENING AND RECONSTRUCTION OF 26<sup>TH</sup> STREET SOUTH.**

Senior Transportation Planner Andrew Finch reported that this item is a request to approve the donation of a Temporary Construction Easement upon Port Authority property described as Lot 1B, Medical Tech Park Minor Subdivision, to facilitate the widening and reconstruction of 26<sup>th</sup> Street South, and authorize the Chairman to execute a Right-of-Way Agreement for said Easement.

A project funded with Federal and State funds will reconstruct and widen the portion of 26<sup>th</sup> Street South from the edge of the four-lane section near Centene to the intersection of 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. The project will also include reconstruction of 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, as well as a portion of 13<sup>th</sup> Street South from 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue South to just beyond 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.

Because of limited right-of-way width, and because the approaches (driveways) into Centene must be graded to the new elevation of the reconstructed roadway, some work will need to be performed outside of the right-of-way on property owned by the Port Authority and leased to Centene.

In order to perform work outside of the right-of-way, the Montana Department of Transportation enters into standard Temporary Construction Easements with adjoining property owners. This gives them permission to have their contractor legally perform the work during the duration of the reconstruction project.

The requested Construction Easement varies from 1 to 22 feet in width, immediately adjoining and running parallel to 26<sup>th</sup> Street South near the intersection of 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue South. Any affected paving, curbing, sidewalk and landscaping would be restored to its original condition as part of the project.

The State has requested the easement be donated, which is appropriate as the City, Port Authority and Centene will benefit from the improved road network, which is taking place at no cost to them.

**Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kelly, that the Great Falls Port Authority approve the donation of a Temporary Construction Easement upon Port Authority property described as Lot 1B, Medical Tech Park Minor Subdivision, to facilitate the widening and reconstruction of 26<sup>th</sup> Street South, and authorize the Chairman to execute the Right-of-Way Agreement for said Easement.**

Chairman Winters asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners or comments from the public. Hearing none, Chairman Winters called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0.

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from the public.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chairman Winters adjourned the Port Authority meeting of December 1, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.

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Chairman Michael J. Winters

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Deputy City Clerk Darcy Dea

Minutes Approved: December 15, 2015