

CIP MEETING
CSAC/Third floor West Conference Room
December 17, 2004

Finance Officer Jim Preston called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following members present: Ron Kroeger, Karen Gunderson Olson, Tom Murphy, Tom Johnson, Scott Nash, Jim Preston, Ted Vore, Jerry Cole, and Marcia Elkins.

Also present were Dan Coon, Engineering Project Manager and Jackie Gerry, Administrative Assistant.

Kroeger moved, second by Olson and carried to **approve the minutes** of November 19, 2004.

City Finance Officer Preston reviewed the **financial reports** covering the expenditures through November 30, 2004. Olson asked for some assurance that sidewalks would be constructed along Sheridan Lake Road in the vicinity of Fitzgerald Stadium, from the bridge to Canyon Lake Drive. Preston pointed out CIP funds were allocated for the irrigation project, but no funding was identified for the sidewalk. Project Manager Coon indicated the 2005 list of miscellaneous projects could possibly incorporate this project.

Project Manager Coon reviewed the **2004 Capital Plan for Streets Drainage, MIP Projects** proposed for December, 2004. He noted a reduction of \$1,464 to reflect the latest project estimate for the Creek Drive Bridge Replacement project; and reduction in the bridge design costs. Cost of the project is a DOT/City project of an 8/20 split; and the City portion will be the utility portion. He indicated there was an increase of \$12,907 for the Meade Street Sewer Reconstruction project, this amount was transferred from the 2005 CIP Elm Avenue project; a reduction of \$20,795 to reflect the latest project estimate for the Fairmont Blvd/Hwy 16 Intersection Improvements project; a reduction of \$170,000 for the Elk Vale Park Subdivision Utilities project; a reduction of \$6,065 to reflect the final project cost for the Elk Vale Park Subdivision Utilities project; an increase of \$15,000 for the Meade Street Sewer Reconstruction project, amount transferred from the 2005 CIP project; an increase of \$2,631 to reflect the final project cost for East St. Charles Railroad Crossing; a reduction of \$15,810 to reflect 2004 program commitments for the East St. Charles Railroad Crossing; and a reduction of \$2,127 to reflect final projects costs for the 2004 Miscellaneous Improvements Project. Coon also reviewed the Capital Plan Summary – Project Totals vs. Budgets for December 2004. Base on new rates for water and sewer a five year plan will be developed that will reflect the changes with the additional money.

Alderman Johnson addressed the intersection of Fairmount Blvd and Hwy 16, the realignment of the intersection, and adding another lane on the south side, and the involvement of the DOT with the traffic signal. He indicated his desire to have the State add another traffic signal on Mt. Rushmore Road, suggesting it be located at Flormann Street. He also commented on the pedestrian traffic at this location, stressing this intersection is unsafe. Growth Management Director Elkins suggested an RFP (Request for Proposal) to study the corridor, which would include traffic and pedestrian issues, and for the long term for the facility, the number of lanes. The study would include zoning issues and neighborhood concerns. She pointed out the pedestrian counts did not justify

the installation of a traffic signal at this location. When asked whether the City was tracking the traffic along 5th Street, the answer was affirmative. It was also disclosed there would be a crosswalk on 5th Street at Texas. Planning Commissioner Nash pointed out the pedestrian traffic on 5th Street at Regional Hospital and suggested pedestrian actuated signals should be considered in areas where problems exist. Preston suggested that such a signal is a safety concern and suggested that was the reason for installing a traffic signal on Cathedral Drive. It was reported the cost to signalize an intersection is an estimated \$100,000. Alderman Kroeger commented that he, the past, suggested the City experiment with strobe lights and suggested placing a strobe light on Mt. Rushmore Road at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center. He reported the Safe Street Initiative Task Force is look at pedestrian safety throughout Rapid City. Nash indicated there is an immediate need to address pedestrian safety in several locations. Alderman Johnson pointed out the upcoming 2012 process and suggested his desire is to put aside 2012 funds for traffic signals. Project Manager Coon reported that Public Works had come forward with nineteen projects that focus on coordination of infrastructure projects; and explained \$700,000 over a five-year period for traffic signal upgrades throughout Rapid City. Nash responded the need is to identify new locations throughout Rapid City for traffic signals, rather than maintenance and upgrades.

Kroeger moved, second by Olson to approve the 2004 Capital Plan for Streets Drainage, MIP Projects and forward to the Legal and Finance Committee for approval. Motion carried.

Acting Public Works Director Vore recapped previous discussions relating to a request for **emergency access to East Franklin Street**. At the May CIP Committee meeting a request was made to continue the issue and ask the Fire Department to see if they could turn emergency vehicles around in this location. It was explained that staff had discussed the issue with the representatives from the Fire Department and Rapid Transit bus system and they concluded they did not have a problem with the situation. This item was tabled at the June CIP Committee meeting. Responding to questions about Council consideration and dedicated right-of-way, it was explained table items are not forwarded to the Council and there is public right-of-way at this location. Committee members were reminded they had previously discussed this issue and offered no funding of a project.

Kroeger moved, second by Murphy to refer the East Franklin Street access to the Public Works Committee with a recommendation from the Capital Improvement Committee that it not be funded. Motion carried.

Growth Management Director Elkins presented the **Parks & Recreation Subcommittee recommended reallocation of the 2004 projects** and requested reallocation of the unexpended funding in the amount of \$34,041 to the College Park Playground Improvement project. Elkins outlined the unexpended funding to be reallocated as follows: \$5,000 from contingency; \$7,315 from Star of the West parking lot; \$16,726 from College Park Irrigation; and \$5,000 from Rushmore Little League irrigation. Elkins explained the \$34,041 is the minimum amount to be expended for replacement, improvement and expansion of the existing playground facilities.

Kroeger moved, second by Murphy to approve the 2004 budget reallocation and carry over as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Subcommittee. Motion carried.

Growth Management Director Elkins reviewed the **Parks & Recreation Subcommittee proposed Five-Year Plan prioritizing a list of community projects for parks and recreation**. Elkins reported the responsibility of the parks and recreation plan will shift to the Parks & Recreation Board. Elkins pointed out the recommendation for the inclusion of the playground equipment should there be no 2012 funds available; and suggested the playground equipment is a high priority.

Elkins also expressed her appreciation for the work performed by the members of the Parks & Recreation Subcommittee, commenting this Subcommittee has been in existence for the past sixteen years.

Kroeger moved, second by Nash to refer the proposed Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan to a March, 2005 meeting of the Legal & Finance Committee to approve the changes. Motion carried.

Elkins moved, second by Olson to acknowledge the efforts and hard work of the Parks & Recreation Subcommittee and the past sixteen years. Motion carried.

Responding to a question from Acting Public Works Director Vore about **available funding for the City/School Administration Center**, Finance Officer Preston indicated funding was available through the Government Buildings budget, which funds all the utilities and repairs of the C/SAC building.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.; and it was noted the next scheduled meeting was set for January 21, 2005 at 10:00 A.M.