

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM MINUTES
C/SAC -- 3RD FLOOR, WEST CONFERENCE ROOM

JULY 21, 2006

Finance Officer Jim Preston called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. with the following Committee members present: Aldermen Malcom Chapman, Karen Olson, and Bill Okrepkie; and City staff members Development Services Planner Vicki Fisher (proxy), Assistant Public Works Director Ted Vore (proxy); and Parks & Recreation Director Jerry Cole. Others present included: Accounting Coordinator Tracy Davis, Administrative Coordinator Jackie Gerry, Operations Management Engineer Rod Johnson, and Police Captain Steve Allendar. Guest: Steven Brenden.

Olson moved, second by Chapman and carried to approve the **minutes for June 16, 2006**.

Finance Officer Preston briefly reviewed the **Financial Reports for June, 2006** noting few changes, added expenditures, and \$8,300 from CIP Contingency for the Friendship House roof project that was included in Government Buildings. Assistant Public Works Director Vore indicated a need to change the project status for streets and drainage projects.

Assistant Public Works Director Vore reviewed the **Capital Plan for Streets, Drainage, MIP Projects for July, 2006** reporting that a sewer line project was moved forward in the project schedule for the Downtown Area Improvements Phase I construction. He indicated that the sewer main on 1st Street is a four inch main that has been experiencing problems. Vore continued, noting a reduction in the budget amount for the East Anamosa extension to reflect the bid award; a reduction in the Farnwood / Rapp intersection improvement budget amount to be transferred to the Lemmon Avenue project; an increase to the Lemmon Avenue street and drainage projects to reflect the bid award; a reduction in the budget amount for the Meade Street project and an increase for the drainage portion of the project to reflect the bid award; an increase to the Nugget Gulch Street project to reflect the final project costs; and an increase to the own Hibbard survey and plat to reflect the final project cost. Vore indicated that the East St. Louis project is reduced to reflect the bid award; the Out-of-the-Dust program amount is reduced to transfer to the Block 6 Alley Paving project; an increase to the Miscellaneous Improvement Projects to reflect final change order to the 2005 MIP project. Vore briefly reviewed the Capital Plan Summary noting negative balances in 2009, 2010, and 2011; the 2007 – 2011 Summary noting a transfer of costs to 2006 for the Downtown Area Improvement Project, Phase I construction; and rescheduling of the 11th Street, Cross Street and Maple Avenue railroad crossings to coincide with SDDOT and STIP. Chapman moved, second by Okrepkie and carried to approve the Capital Plan for Streets, Drainage, MIP Projects for July, 2006, as reported.

Parks & Recreation Director Cole reviewed the revisions to **Parks and Recreation Five Year Plan** indicating that the revisions have been approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Cole outlined the changes as reductions in the cost for the skateboard projects for east and west, in the amount of \$5,000 each. This amount will be used for a consultant to create a master plan for the Vickie Powers Memorial Park, located on Haines Avenue on City-owned land. Included in the Five Year Plan is the Canyon Lake Park road

project in the amount of \$48,000; funding that comes from CIP Contingency. Cole noted a balance remaining of \$2,625 in the Contingency Fund Balance for Parks and Recreation. Okrepkie moved, second by Olson and carried to adopt the revised FY2006 – FY2011 Parks and Recreation Five Year Plan.

Police Captain Allender requested funding in the amount of \$5,000 - \$10,000 to remove a one and one-half foot tall, one hundred yard long **retaining wall located on a service road on East Boulevard at New York Street**; replace with curb and gutter, grade and plant grass. He indicated that this project is an attempt to reduce loitering; and that this is a homeless and public safety issue. Allender explained that the area near Rapid Creek and east from Memorial Park is a prime location for the homeless for reasons of environment, social, and the availability of inexpensive alcohol. Allender reported that the Police Department has begun Operation Safe Path, which includes added patrols / arrests, deals with environmental issues and is becoming a success story. He explained that they attempt to keep in contact with the homeless individuals; clear the vegetation along the creek; and pick up and deliver the intoxicated individual to detox, and if the facility is full they haul the individual around in the squad car. Allender suggested this area is bad for tourism, bad for East Boulevard businesses, bad for the homeless, bad for usage of City / County resources, and bad for quality of life. The goal is to reduce the concentration of the homeless, crime, and emergency calls; and to enhance appearances, the business environment, and the quality of life for the homeless. He indicated that the benefits may outweigh the costs of the project, but that only time would tell.

Assistant Public Works Director Vore indicated that in 2008 a street improvement project will be in design for East Boulevard from Rapid Creek to Cambell Street, and under construction in 2009 to 2010. He questioned whether the wall should be removed and replaced with curb and gutter, considering that this area may be included in the overall reconstruction project. Alderman Chapman and Okrepkie indicated concern about whether removing the wall would mean any change in the behavior of the homeless. It was agreed that this project will not solve the bigger issue, but is an effort towards a resolution. Alderman Okrepkie suggested removing the retaining wall, eliminating the curb and gutter and grading. Operations Management Johnson indicated concern over drainage causing erosion. Steven Brenden suggested taking the retaining wall down to curb height. Finance Officer Preston supported removing the wall, but not putting in the curb and gutter.

Okrepkie moved, second by Chapman to authorize up to \$10,000 from CIP Contingency to remove a retaining wall on East Boulevard at New York Street to surface grade without replacing with curb and gutter. Motion carried.

Finance Officer Preston reported that the Five Year Plans for Government Buildings, Parks and Recreation; and Streets, Drainage and MIP Projects will be presented to the Planning Commission. In September, the CIP members will discuss the land sale for the Wally Byum and Owen Hibbard sites.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.; and it was noted the next scheduled meeting is set for August 18, 2006 at 10:00 A.M.