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Meeting Minutes CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

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Martin Morics, Mark Nicolini, and Mariano Schifalacqua**

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Thursday, March 25, 2010

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

Meeting convened: 9:03 A.M.

1. Roll call:

Members Present: 7 - Ald. Joseph Dudzik, Chair, Gerald Froh (Ald. Michael Murphy Alternate), Ald. Bauman, Jeffrey Mantes, Michael Daun (W. Martin Morics Alternate), Mark Nicolini, and Mariano Schifalacqua

Members Excused: 0

Also present: Venu Gupta, Dept. of Public Works, David Schroeder, Thomas Bell and Erick Shambarger and Michael Talarczyk, Department of Admin., Budget & Management Div., Marianne Walsh, City Clerk's Office and Barry Zalben, Legislative Reference Bureau

2. Review and approval of the March 3, 2010 meeting

Mr. Nicolini moved approval of the minutes. There were no objections.

3. Update on the hiring process of the Fiscal Planning Specialist

Ald. Dudzik introduced Ms. Kathy Brengosz the new Fiscal Planning Specialist.

4. Presentations given by the following City departments on their proposed 2011 capital improvements budget request:

---Department of Public Works - Administration (including parking)

Ms. Shirley Krug appeared and gave an overview of the 2011 capital improvements requests for the parking fund and public safety communications (Exhibit 1). She said the department's capital requests as a whole is below average.

Ms. Cindy Angelos appeared to answer questions by committee members.

Ald. Dudzik asked how many night parking kiosks does the city have?

Ms. Angelos replied that the City's has nine.

Mr. Froh asked if there is a plan to place a kiosk at the UWM campus area?

Mr. Krug replied in the negative.

Mr. Daun referred to the condition data that was discussed at the March 3 meeting and asked, at the end of the 6 year capital improvements plan period, what is the overall objective for the parking structures?

Ms. Angelos replied that every component of a parking structure has a useful life that varies from 5 to 20 years. She said every year the City Engineer's inspects all the parking structures and plans out the improvements for the next six year period. She said the parking facility maintenance fund is used for those repairs that are unplanned. She said the parking structures are in very good shape right now.

Mr. Froh asked if there has been any consideration given for both the communications and underground conduit budget for the Google request?

Ms. Krug replied that DPW is working with the Dept. of Admin., Information & Technology Management Division.

Mr. Schifalacqua asked if the City will have to expand its conduit system for Google's request?

Mr. Mantes replied that Google wants to move very quickly and the City is looking at what it has available. He said one possible solution would be to use the sewer system.

Presentations given by the following City departments on their proposed 2011 capital improvements budget request:

---Department of Public Works - Operations (Excluding fleet equipment) (Exhibit 1)

Mr. Preston Cole, Director of Operations, Wanda Booker, Environmental Services Manager and David Sivyver, Forestry Manager appeared to answer questions by committee members regarding the department's 2011 capital improvements requests.

Ald. Dudzik asked if the emerald ash borer injections have been used before and how often will the City have to inject the City's ash trees?

Mr. Sivyver replied that the injections are a part of the public safety management strategy. He said the injections will provide two maybe three years of protection, and has shown to be extremely effective during its research trials.

Ald. Dudzik asked Mr. Cole to explain the cost savings to the department due to the reduction of the sustainable boulevards program in its 2010 budget.

Mr. Cole replied that the goal is to reduce the 3000 blvd. beds down to 1000, and those beds that are removed will be replaced with trees. He said this would give the Forestry Division a 2011 labor saving because it would reduce the hiring of 18-20 employees.

Mr. Daun said under major capital equipment of \$50,000 or more, it says in 2010 it was \$5 million and the proposed plan for 2011 - 2016 says \$11.7 to \$14 million and asked what is the cause for that increase?

Mr. Mantes replied that the department is trying to reduce the age of its equipment. He said the City has a substantial number of vehicles that are well beyond what their general useful life would be and it has become harder to maintain them. He said the 2011-2016 plan will start to bring the vehicles into a more desirable age group.

Mr. Schifalacqua referred to the consolidations of Sanitation yard at 35th & Hayes and the Forestry yard at 21st & Holt Ave to the former Water Works Facility at 37th & Lincoln Ave. and asked if there would also be cost saving in efficiencies in other areas of the departments budget?

Mr. Cole replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Schifalacqua referred to the \$450,000 for radio replacement cost and asked if this is tied into the new police radio open sky system?

Mr. Cole replied that he will be meeting with the Police Dept. to discuss the possibility of including the Operations Division vehicles into the open sky system, however, if the open sky system can not accommodate the DPW vehicles, the proposed funds requested will still be used to put radios and a console in the dispatch center.

Presentations given by the following City departments on their proposed 2011 capital improvements budget request:

---Department of Public Works, Infrastructure Services (Exhibit 1)

Mr. Jeff Polenske, City Engineer, Dale Mejaki, Field Operations Manager, Venu Gupta, Buildings & Fleet Services Superintendent and Paul Fredrick, Facilities Manager appeared on this matter.

Mr. Polenske gave a summary of the Infrastructure Services proposed capital improvements 2011 budget.

Mr. Polenske then read through the list of projects and funding requests for DPW, Infrastructure Division as listed on the DPW 2011-2016 Capital Improvements Plan (Exhibit 1).

Mr. Mejaki gave an overview of the major bridge projects.

Mr. Nicolini said most of the funding requested for the major bridge program is for two movable bridges and asked if the department could elaborate on the risks and concerns that it has with doing two bridges in the same year?

Mr. Mejaki replied that the two bridges scheduled for repairs are the Wisconsin Ave. and the Juneau Ave. He said those bridges are two different types of projects, the Wisconsin Ave is a rehab project and the Juneau Ave. is complete replacement. He said there is more risk with rehab projects, because of the unknowns.

Ald. Dudzik asked why the bridge program funding request for 2011 shows a decrease of \$200,000, compared to 2010?

Mr. Mejaki replied that when the department prepared its 2010 budget the replacement cost for Juneau Ave. bridge was included, but recently the City received grant funding for that bridge, therefore, the funding for that bridge was removed for 2011. He said the amount of bridge fund request goes backup in 2012.

Ald. Bauman said that the 2nd St. reconstruction project has a \$200,000 allocation for the quiet zone and that would not be enough to cover full cost of the quiet zone. He said he has been advised that DPW has is trying to get the remaining funding for the quiet zone from the Development fund.

Mr. Polenske replied that there DPW has an agreement with Dept. of City Development to share in the cost for that quiet zone.

Ald. Bauman said the development fund is very small and is geared towards retail and commercial development and it isn't appropriate to used those funds for the quiet zone. He said the funding for the quiet zone should come from the paving program fund.

Mr. Schifalacqua said Mr. Polenske mentioned that there may some additional federal funding that the City could apply for that can be used for local streets construction.

Mr. Polenske replied that most of the ARRA dollars were only allowed to be use for arterial streets. He said there has been some other federal funding programs that

would be more flexibility as to what it could be used for, but the City was not successful in getting those funds. He said there is a jobs bill that the City is applying for that may bring another \$20 million for infrastructure projects. He said the department will continue to apply for any and all additional program funding that becomes available.

Ald. Dudzik asked if the \$800,000 that is budgeted for alley reconstruction is sufficient?

Mr. Polenske replied in the negative. He said the problem is that alley projects tend to get deleted, because the home owners are not in favor of the project.

Mr. Nicolini asked if Mr. Polenske could summarize the street lighting circuit replacement program?

Mr. Polenske replied that the department is currently working on the lighting circuits in the outlying areas of the City and they should have the whole City complete by 2015. He said the new lighting circuitry will provide timelier start-ups and turn-offs of the system and will also help in monitoring for problems. He said the operation side of it will be a great benefit to the field staff.

Mr. Gupta handed out a one year profile of the Facilities Dev. & Management Section capital improvements program (Exhibit 2). He then gave an overview of each of the programs budget for 2011.

Mr. Nicolini asked if the work that needs to be done for the Northwest municipal garage is completed?

Mr. Gupta replied in the negative.

Mr. Gupta said that he will be putting together a condition data report for all the recreation facilities.

Ald. Dudzik asked if the \$3 million for the city hall foundation hollow walk reconstruction is in addition to the project's total cost of \$4.5 million?

Mr. Gupta replied in the negative. He said the cost for the hollow walk reconstruction is included in the total cost.

Roll call taken at 10:09 A.M.

Roll call:

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Members Excused: 1 - Ald. Bauman

5. Next meeting date, time and agenda

Next meeting date: April 14, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. in Room 301-B.

Mr. Schifalacqua asked what is the procedure for this committee to make suggested changes regarding the departments proposed 2011 capital improvements plan budget requests that are being presented?

Ald. Dudzik replied that this year the committee will work closely with the budget office to put together the 2011 proposed budget with some input and in future years this committee will have a significant impact.

Meeting adjourned: 10:31 A.M.

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