

**Mayor's Five-Year Capital Improvement Program
Minutes of Special Meeting
May 3, 2007**

Members Present: Chairman Mayor William T. Stortz
Councilman Mike Rimcoski (Arrived 4:17 p.m.)
Councilman Kevin McCauley (Arrived 4:20 p.m.)
Board of Finance Chairman Richard Miecznikowski
Board of Finance Vice Chairman Roald Erling
Mike Nicastro, Citizen

Also Present from the City: Councilwoman Ellen Zoppo
Councilman Craig Minor
Therese Pac, Town and City Clerk
Glenn S. Klocko, Comptroller
Robin L. Manuele, Assistant Comptroller
Jodi A. McGrane, Recording Secretary
David J. Bertnagel, Chief Accountant
Ray Rogozinski, Engineering
Ed Swicklas, Parks & Recreation
Jonathan Rosenthal, BDA

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mayor Stortz in the Mayor's Conference Room, at 4:12 p.m.

To review and approve the Capital Budget for 2007-2008 and to take any action as necessary.

08-38 Main Street Streetscapes

BDA Director Jonathan Rosenthal gave a brief description of the project. A bid has already been issued and an appropriation needs to be in place to make good on the bid of \$92,500 for design work. Mayor Stortz asked if the result of the design work would harden the numbers. Jonathan stated it would, especially the contingency numbers. Discussion was held on when the work could start if the \$2 million requested was not appropriated today. The project would have to come before this same committee next year with funds available July 1, 2008. Construction could begin any time after July 1. Councilman Minor expressed his concerns on behalf of the BDA Board because they wanted to see the project move forward this year.

It was MOVED by Roald Erling and seconded by Rich Miecznikowski and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve \$200,000 for Project 08-38 Main Street Streetscapes.

08-37- City Clerk Vault Space This project has prior funding.

Therese Pac explained the need to expand her vault for record storage of permanent records. The City Clerk's office does keep a digital copy of their records but needs to have the hard copy readily accessible to the public. Mayor Stortz stated this has to be done and has an ancillary impact on City Hall. Most likely the vault will be expanded on the first floor taking over and moving offices around.

It was MOVED by Roald Erling and seconded by Rich Miecznikowski and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve Project 08-37- City Clerk Vault Space.

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08-32- Rockwell Park Rehabilitation

Ed Swicklas explained there may be State funding available for this project but it is unknown at this time if the Governor will sign off on it. Mayor Stortz asked what the \$2 million appropriation would cover. Ed explained the first phase of the project includes moving the basketball court, construction of the skate park and parking. Glenn discussed the City's debt service situation; it is at its highest or second highest level. The Committee should look at other things down the road that may be bonded. Councilwoman Zoppo expressed her concerns, can the City really afford not to put money into Rockwell, the only park on the national register. Mayor Stortz asked if it was possible to isolate sections and complete the park portion by portion. Ed explained it is possible, but not cost effective. The project would go out to bid three times, could possibly have three different vendors working on the project and the economical factors would be put into play. Councilman McCauley stated the longer we wait the harder it will be to recapture. Rich Miecznikowski stated this is a top priority for him. Councilwoman Zoppo stated the project was started three years ago; the City needs to finish projects we started. Mayor Stortz said everyone involved in the City should listen to what Councilwoman Zoppo said. All too often the City makes commitments without seeing past their nose, we should take a long hard look at what we approve.

It was MOVED by Councilman McCauley and seconded by Councilman Rimcoski and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve \$2 million in bonding Project 08-32- Rockwell Park Rehabilitation.

08-35- Board of Education- Jennings School Roof

08-36- Board of Education- O'Connell School Roof

It was MOVED by Rich Miecznikowski and seconded by Roald Erling and VOTED to approve Projects 08-35- Board of Education- Jennings School Roof and 08-36- Board of Education- O'Connell School Roof.

08-19 WPC- Broad Street I/Study- Phase 2

08-20 WPC- Plant Auxiliary Pump Station

08-21 WPC- Route 72 Broad Street Force Main Replacement

08-22 WPC- Route 72 Gravity Sewer Replacement at Pine Lake

Glenn stated we put a lot of confidence in Brian Fowkes and generally approve the Water Pollution projects without question.

It was MOVED by Rich Miecznikowski and seconded by Mike Nicastro and VOTED to approve Projects 08-19 WPC- Broad Street I/Study- Phase 2, 08-20 WPC- Plant Auxiliary Pump Station, 08-21 WPC- Route 72 Broad Street Force Main Replacement and 08-22 WPC- Route 72 Gravity Sewer Replacement at Pine Lake.

08-23 City Hall Facility Study

Ray Rogozinski explained this project is from Public Works and would address a variety of issues including ADA, fire and energy. For example, there are no smoke detectors in the offices, but there are some in the hallways. There was a study done of the HVAC unit in City Hall and in order to perform the repairs, work would need to be done in the walls, so Public Works thought it was appropriate to study all of City Hall before the duct work was performed. Mayor Stortz commented the bottom line would probably be to build a new City Hall.

It was MOVED by Councilman Rimcoski and seconded by Roald Erling and VOTED to postpone Project 08-23 City Hall Facility Study for one year. Councilman McCauley voted No.

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08-27 Renovation of Casey Softball Field

A donation of \$69,415 was received by the Little League, which is available to the Parks Department regardless of the outcome of the appropriation. This project is to renovate the field; specifically the major concern is the drainage issues.

It was MOVED by Councilman Rimcoski and seconded by Roald Erling and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to postpone Project 08-27 Renovation of Casey Softball Field for one year.

08-30 Muzzy Field Gateway Improvements

It was MOVED by Rich Miecznikowski and seconded by Mike Nicastro and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to postpone Project 08-30 Muzzy Field Gateway Improvements for one year.

08-40- Roberts Property Development

There is a lot of uncertainty with this project and what is going to happen with the development of the property. Councilwoman Zoppo explained this project has had a plan in the making for seven years, while other items just come out of nowhere. Mike Nicastro suggested we finish Rockwell Park first along with Councilman Rimcoski suggesting we settle the school issue first. Mayor Stortz said at least it is included in our financial plan so the rating agencies know what we are thinking. Councilwoman Zoppo stated things have changed, but there is a seven year history and the Roberts property shouldn't be penalized. However, postponing it is the right thing to do because of the uncertainty, but not to just push it off for another year. Councilman McCauley said the Roberts property will have to be dealt with while our other fields are deteriorating.

It was MOVED by Roald Erling and seconded by Councilman Rimcoski and VOTED to postpone Project 08-40- Roberts Property Development for one year. Councilman McCauley voted No.

08-39- Water Dewitt Drive/ Old Wolcott Road Tanks

It was MOVED by Rich Miecznikowski and seconded by Councilman McCauley and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve Project 08-39- Water Dewitt Drive/ Old Wolcott Road Tanks.

08-01- Rehabilitation Railroad Spur

This project could not be funded by LoCip. The railroad was a key attraction to bring Clark to the area.

It was MOVED by Rich Miecznikowski and seconded by Councilman Rimcoski and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve Project 08-01- Rehabilitation Railroad Spur.

08-03- Memorial Boulevard Bridge/Parking

This is a Public Works and Parks project to provide a pedestrian bridge near the monuments and additional parking. Councilman Rimcoski asked how many parking spaces this would create. Ray explained it would depend on if we kept the Wonderbread store, gave it up to the Parks or Economic Development. There is uncertainty what this area will be like with the Route 72 expansion.

It was MOVED by Councilman Rimcoski and seconded by Roald Erling and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to postpone Project 08-03- Memorial Boulevard Bridge/Parking for one year.

08-05- Reconstruction of Waterbury Road

This appropriation is for engineering not construction.

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It was MOVED by Councilman McCauley and seconded by Councilman Rimcoski and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve Project 08-05- Reconstruction of Waterbury Road.

08-07- Matthews Street Culvert Replacement

This is for the construction costs; the consultant work was funded in a previous year.

It was MOVED by Councilman McCauley and seconded by Rich Miecznikowski and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve Project 08-07- Matthews Street Culvert Replacement.

08-08- Main Street Culvert Replacement

It was MOVED by Councilman Rimcoski and seconded by Mike Nicastro and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve Project 08-08- Main Street Culvert Replacement.

08-10- Roadside Barrier- City Wide

This project is to replace roadside barriers throughout the City. Public Works evaluated the barriers throughout the City and categorized them. The barriers either need to be removed, replaced or added. Councilwoman Zoppo asked where this project came from. Ray explained it is a Public Works project that Engineering has worked on. Glenn stated the amount could be changed to any amount; this project is similar to the railroad, an ongoing project.

It was MOVED by Rich Miecznikowski and seconded by Councilman McCauley and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve \$200,000 for Project 08-10- Roadside Barrier- City Wide. Mike Nicastro stated the monies should go towards the barriers in need of replacement. The \$200,000 will be paid cash and should be put in the Public Works operating budget next year.

08-11- Reconstruction of Camp Street

Councilman McCauley asked about the condition of the road. Ray explained Farmington and Plainville have already done most of the road this would be for the Bristol section.

It was MOVED by Councilman McCauley and seconded by Councilman Rimcoski to postpone Project 08-11- Reconstruction of Camp Street for one year. Councilman McCauley withdrew his motion and Councilman Rimcoski withdrew his second. It was MOVED by Mike Nicastro and seconded by Mike Rimcoski and VOTED to approve Project 08-11- Reconstruction of Camp Street. Roald Erling, Mike Nicastro and Rich Miecznikowski voted NO. Motion fails.

08-13- Frederick Street Coppermine Brook- Storm Drainage Study

It was MOVED by Rich Miecznikowski and seconded by Councilman McCauley and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve Project 08-13- Frederick Street Coppermine Brook- Storm Drainage Study.

08-15- North Creek Conduit Repairs

Ray stated this project will not close down streets because most of the work will be done from inside.

It was MOVED by Roald Erling and seconded by Councilman Rimcoski and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve Project 08-15- North Creek Conduit Repairs.

08-18- Sedimentation Structures- Pequabuck River

Ray explained this is a new project on the list to look at the Pequabuck River. The appropriation would be for an engineering study to prepare detailed plans on the sediment structures.

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It was MOVED by Councilman McCauley and seconded by Councilman Rimcoski and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve Project 08-18- Sedimentation Structures- Pequabuck River.

08-26- Fire Department Architectural Study (E2, E3, E4, E5)

The feasibility study was approved last year and the \$900,000 appropriation is for architectural drawings of the houses. This is similar to the Park study with the physical drawings of proposed renovations to E2 – E5. The renovations would bring the firehouses up to modernizations.

It was MOVED by Councilman Rimcoski and seconded by Roald Erling and VOTED to postpone Project 08-26- Fire Department Architectural Study (E2, E3, E4, E5) for one year. Rich Miecznikowski and Mike Nicastro voted No. Councilman McCauley abstained.

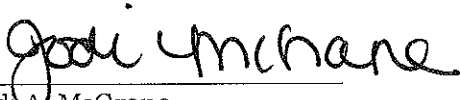
08-41- Mall

The breakdown for this appropriation is approximately \$1.6 million for environmental, \$1.0 million demolition and \$1.0 million underground work. Glenn stated it was a good idea to have something in place on the financial plan and when the City is ready to demolish, the money is in place.

It was MOVED by Councilman McCauley and seconded by Councilman Rimcoski and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve Project 08-41- Mall.

Adjournment.

It was MOVED by Councilman Rimcoski and seconded by Councilman McCauley and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.



Jodi A. McGrane
Recording Secretary