

**Mayor's Five-Year Capital Improvement Program  
Minutes of Special Meeting  
March 30, 2009**

Members Present: Chairman Mayor Arthur J. Ward  
Councilman Mike Rimcoski  
Councilman Kevin McCauley  
Board of Finance Chairman Richard Miecznikowski  
Board of Finance Commissioner Roald Erling

Absent: Councilman Frank Nicaastro

Also Present from the City: Glenn S. Klocko, Comptroller  
Robin L. Manuele, Assistant Comptroller  
David J. Bertnagel, Chief Accountant

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mayor Ward in the Council Chambers, at 4:00 p.m.

**To review and approve the Capital Budget for 2009-2010 and to take any action as necessary.**

Comptroller Glenn Klocko provided a brief overview of the different funding sources for the projects. The Five Year Capital Improvement is the first year of the Capital Budget. There are several sources which are used for funding which includes bonding, general fund cash, general fund reserve, LoCIP, WPC Capital NonRecurring Fund, other funds and grants. The City just bonded and Glenn advises the Committee be cautious on approving bonding projects, especially with the school projects coming up. A rough estimate of the schools cost is \$30 million. In Glenn's opinion only projects which are really necessary should be approved.

The Department Head responsible for each project provided a brief overview of the project and need for it.

**Project 10-01 Mix Street Reconstruction- Phase II**

Walter Veselka explained this is the second phase of Mix Street Reconstruction. This project has been submitted for federal economic stimulus funding of \$1.4 million. A floor plain certificate will be necessary for the project to go forward. Walter feels this project will be completely from federal grants and not bonding.

Councilman McCauley made a motion seconded by Rich Miecznikowski to approve Project 10-01 Mix Street Reconstruction- Phase II. *(Federal funding \$1.4 million)*

**Project 10-02 Allentown Road**

Glenn stated there is a prior appropriation of \$600,000 which means this project should probably move forward since some funding was already approved to begin the project.

Roald Erling made a motion seconded by Rich Miecznikowski to approve Project 10-02 Allentown Road. Motion approved.

**Project 10-03 Senior Center Utility Upgrade**

Walter stated there are problems with the HVAC and mechanical systems in the Senior Center. This is one project because of its semi-urgent needs that it is not broken into phases. The conditions are worse than in City Hall. The \$2.2 million is for total renovations along with some architectural work. Glenn noted the Committee would want to keep the full picture in mind

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there are other projects. Glenn stated they could go through the rest of the other projects and revisit some if necessary instead of voting yes or no now. Mayor Ward stated the City is receiving \$557,000 in energy funds. The boiler problems will use some of the funding, but Walter stated he does not know what the parameters are on the energy funding.

Rich Miecznikowski made a motion seconded by Roald Erling to table Project 10-03 Senior Center Utility Upgrade. Motion approved.

### **Project 10-04 Marsh Road Reconstruction**

Walter stated this project is for the reconstruction, the drainage is already being done through another project. The City has made promises to the residents in the area due to some problems. There is severe deterioration of the road. Ray Rogozinski stated the project will be complete by the end of this construction season. This project is for near the reservoir. The top end of the road has already been completed.

Councilman Rimcoski made a motion seconded by Councilman McCauley to approve Project 10-04 Marsh Road Reconstruction. Motion approved.

### **Project 10-05 Waterbury Road Reconstruction**

Glenn stated this project has a prior appropriation of \$65,000. Walter stated that was for design work. Glenn questioned if the amount can be broken into phases. Ray stated there are no detours or intersecting roads to Waterbury Road, therefore he suggests it be completed in one phase. Walter stated the best time to bid for construction projects is February. Mayor Ward asked if these projects can be reviewed throughout the year. Glenn agreed. Walter stated Waterbury Road is another road which is in fairly severe condition, it is not necessary a road a lot travel on but an extensive amount of repairs are being done to keep up.

Commissioner Erling asked if all the projects could be reviewed and then go back and make decisions on them.

### **Project 10-06 Coppermine Brook Improvement- Engineering**

Glenn stated this project has a prior appropriation of \$80,000. Walter stated this project is one of the most important ones because of the results of Phase I.

Rich Miecznikowski made a motion seconded by Roald Erling to approve Project 10-06 Coppermine Brook Improvement- Engineering. Motion approved.

### **Project 10-07 Stevens Street Channel Improvements- Engineering**

Glenn stated this project is funded by grants, usually in the grant area the projects are approved.

Rich Miecznikowski made a motion seconded by Councilman McCauley approve Project 10-07 Stevens Street Channel Improvements- Engineering. Motion approved.

### **Project 10-08 Watershed Storage Area- Engineering**

Councilman McCauley made a motion seconded by Rich Miecznikowski to approve Project 10-08 Watershed Storage Area- Engineering. Motion approved.

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### **Project 10-09 Frederick Street Bridge/Channel Improvements- Engineering**

Ray explained this project is in the Frederick Street area. The request is to complete the documents for construction. Glenn stated once you commit to engineering and design you are basically committing to continue to project and fund in future years.

### **Project 10-10 Richard Court Berm/Channel Improvements- Engineering**

Walter stated Richard's Court is on private property and there are some issues with the rights. This project is for reinforcement and reconstruction. The channel improvements go along with the Stevens Street project. Councilman McCauley stated if this project is approved then the Frederick Street project should be approved. Walter stated Frederick Street is completing what the consultant has already started, the design work.

Councilman Rimcoski made a motion seconded by Rich Miecznikowski to approve Project 10-10 Richard Court Berm/Channel Improvements- Engineering. Motion approved.

Councilman McCauley made a motion seconded by Rich Miecznikowski to approve Project 10-09 Frederick Street Bridge/Channel Improvements- Engineering. Motion approved.

### **Project 10-11 Public Works Facility Improvements**

Glenn stated it is very important to prioritize the projects, especially the large dollar amount projects. Walter explained this project is for modifications to the Public Works facility. A consultant performed a study and made a presentation to the Board of Public Works, which resulted in some questions as to whether or not the facility maintenance side should be adjusted to service all City vehicles. The money is to do the study of combined vehicle maintenance facility, and if so, do the design work along with the design work of the complete Public Works facility.

### **Project 10-12 Roadside Barrier- City Wide (Phase II)**

Mayor Ward questioned if this project could be delayed for one year. Walter explained this project has already been delayed and there are barriers in dire need of repair.

### **Project 10-13 Broad Street Pump Station Upgrades**

Walter stated this amount allows the project to move forward, Water Pollution Control is paying for this project, not the General Fund.

Councilman McCauley made a motion seconded by Rich Miecznikowski to approve Project 10-13 Broad Street Pump Station Upgrades. Motion approved.

### **Project 10-14 Main Street Streetscape Projects**

Jonathan Rosenthal explained he expected this item to be tabled. There is possibility to get grant funding for this project. The City cost if the grant is received would be \$1.15 million. A match is needed to apply for the grant. If there is approval for \$1.15 million, the project can not be completed, but it will allow him to apply for the funding. The grant is stimulus money, which is competitive. Glenn suggested the project is approved for \$1.15 million for the City share to allow Jonathan to apply for the grant with the stipulation construction can not start until the grant approval is received.

Councilman Rimcoski made a motion seconded by Roald Erling to approve Project 10-14 Main Street Streetscape Projects only if the City receives grant funding. Motion approved.

### **Project 10-15 GIS System**

Scott Smith explained the City is about three years into the project and this would be the final year. There have been some complications when putting together the parcel map. The

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additional funding is for additional layers to the map. The layers include water, sewer, buildings etc. The Mayor asked if this could be delayed a year. Scott stated it could be delayed since they are behind; there is some funding left in the account, however it will take longer to complete the project.

Rich Miecznikowski made a motion seconded by Roald Erling to delay Project 10-15 GIS System for one year. Motion approved.

### **Project 10-16 Fiberoptic Connections to City Buildings**

Councilman McCauley made a motion seconded by Rich Miecznikowski to approve Project 10-16 Fiberoptic Connections to City Buildings for one year. Motion approved.

### **Project 10-18 Water Storage Tank Improvements**

Glenn explained Water Department debt service is issued by the City on their behalf and reimbursed by the Water Department. Robert Longo, stated the Water Department did a mass study of all ten water tanks in town. This project is for the Old Wolcott Road tank. The department of health backed off on some other tanks if this one was addressed. This project is on the list for applying for the federal stimulus money.

Councilman Rimcoski made a motion seconded by Roald Erling to approve Project 10-18 Water Storage Tank Improvements. Motion approved.

### **Project 10-17 City Traffic Controls Signals**

Rich Miecznikowski made a motion seconded by Roald Erling to approve Project 10-17 City Traffic Controls Signals. Motion approved.

### **Project 10-19 Rockwell Park Renovations Phase I, II, III**

Ed Swicklas stated phase two is nearing completion, phase three is the critical part.

Councilman McCauley made a motion seconded by Rich Miecznikowski to approve Project 10-19 Rockwell Park Renovations Phase I, II, III. Motion approved.

Councilman McCauley requested the project be named Phase III since this appropriation is for only Phase III, the other phases have already been paid for.

### **Project 10-20 Security Improvements (Cameras- RW)**

Roald Erling made a motion seconded by Councilman McCauley to approve Project 10-20 Security Improvements (Camera- RW). Motion approved.

### **Project 10-21 Hiker & WWII Cannon Repairs**

Councilman Rimcoski made a motion seconded by Rich Miecznikowski to approve Project 10-21 Hiker & WWII Cannon Repairs. Motion approved. It was noted this is for the Rockwell Hiker.

### **Project 10-22 Kern Park Improvements**

Ed Swicklas gave a brief summary of the project. This request is to clean up the area, remove the old tennis courts, subtle changes to move forward. The Mayor asked if that would cost \$150,000. Glenn explained this project is funding by LoCIP, the City typically receives around \$500,000 in LoCIP funding, but that will typically go down this year. Mayor Ward asked if \$50,000 could be used. Ed stated he could start with \$50,000. Glenn stated the project will be identified as Phase I.

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Rich Miecznikowski made a motion seconded by Councilman Rimcoski to approve Project 10-22 Kern Park Improvements- Phase I. Motion approved.

The Committee revisited the project that had not been acted on. Councilman McCauley stated there are projects which were delayed in the past years and are not on the list for this year. Glenn explained the list is made up of departmental submissions. Projects which were submitted in the past and not approved may not be listed because the department chose to not resubmit it.

Walter stated Waterbury Road is a critical project, but can be delayed because of some price estimates which need to be confirmed.

Councilman McCauley made a motion seconded by Councilman Rimcoski to delay for one year Project 10-05 Waterbury Road Reconstruction. Motion approved.

Rich Miecznikowski made a motion seconded by Roald Erling to rescind the motion tabling Project 10-03 Senior Center Utility Upgrade. Motion approved.

Councilman McCauley made a motion seconded by Roald Erling to approve Project 10-03 Senior Center Utility Upgrade. Motion approved. If this project qualifies for the Energy Grant funding the project will not be bonded.

Rich Miecznikowski made a motion seconded by Councilman Rimcoski to delay Project 10-11 Public Works Facility Improvements for one year. Motion approved.

Glenn stated he would rather pay cash for a project of this nature rather than bonding. Walter explained most of these roadside barriers are metal. The fiber optic project was tabled in the amount of \$210,000 funded by general fund reserves. This project can use that funding, if it is necessary. Walter strongly requested this project not be delayed another year, since it has already been delayed.

Councilman McCauley made a motion seconded by Roald Erling to approve Project 10-12 Roadside Barrier- City Wide (Phase II). Motion approved. *The amount will be \$210,000 funded by General Fund reserves.*

The Committee discussed projects in the out years of the five year capital improvement plan. Councilman McCauley requested the Roberts Property projected be added back to the list.

**Adjournment.**

Councilman made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Rich Miecznikowski and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn at 5:28 p.m.

Jodi A. McGrane  
Recording Secretary