

MINUTES
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE
JULY 13, 2009

Members present Mayor Raeanne Presley, City Administrator Dean Kruithof, Alderman Stan Barker, Alderwoman Cris Bohinc, Bob McDowell and Michael Pinkley. Also present were Public Works Director, Larry VanGilder, Assistant City Engineer, Matt Filice, Economic Development Director, Garrett Anderson, Water/Wastewater Treatment Division Head, Mike Ray and Public Relations Director Jerry Adams.

Mayor Presley called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Item No. 3: Discussion of FY2010 Capital Budget Items. Larry VanGilder explained the capital item concerning the Compton Drive Plant Improvements. He stated that pump upgrades at the Compton plant are a result of the Department of Natural Resources requirements. The upgrades are the influent pump station, the screening structure and the clarifiers in order to handle hydraulic flows at the plant. Mayor Presley inquired if the funding mechanism would be in the form of a loan. Larry VanGilder replied that it could be a part of the State Revolving Fund program. Bob McDowell questioned why the improvements were going to cost an additional \$1M. Mr. McDowell wanted to know if there were new requirements that needed to be met. Larry VanGilder answered that the current room is 30' below grade and is not a safe situation during heavy rainfall. He went on to state that no operators can be in the room during a heavy rainfall. Alderman McDowell inquired if the funds for the improvements come through the tourism tax. Matt Filice answered that it would be a collateralized loan depending upon the city's bonding capacity. Mr. Kruithof stated that the State of Missouri is in the process of changing financing requiring a vote of the people. We will need to add public awareness time to the project if this is the case.

Mike Ray explained that for the Lift Station 30 project, the city will be using existing items at the lift station for the upgrade project, but that some of the items are too old for use.

Larry VanGilder suggested that he contact the Department of Natural Resources to discuss the proposed changes to SRF funding. Mr. Kruithof inquired if there was any way to phase the improvements. Mike Ray replied that the bulk of Compton treatment plant improvements is the influent pump station. Bob McDowell inquired if the plant volume is up or down. Larry VanGilder replied that it varies because it has to do with leakage in the system. He went on to say that there are two types of leakage: inflow and open pipe leakage. Infiltration over a large system can accumulate over time. Camera and smoke testing are budgeted for the next fiscal year. Administrator Kruithof informed the committee that David Miller has budgeted \$200,000 for smoke testing in next year's budget. Mr. VanGilder stated that the city needs to do a study on the older systems. Administrator Kruithof stated that we are working out long range capital budget items internally. Need to take into effect the extent of debt and short term projects. He further stated that there will be a meeting with HWA concerning the police/courts expansion. His concern that because of the estimated amount for the complete expansion in the amount of \$15M that the project will never get done or that it will be pushed back a few years. There are thoughts of phasing the expansion by enlarging the lobby downstairs and expanding the sally

port area. Mr. McDowell questioned if municipalities bank those dollars in order to finance 20% down.

Mayor Presley questioned that as part of the budgeting process, will this committee need to discuss this at the August meeting. Mr. Kruithof replied that the committee may need to meet earlier than August. He also stated that monies for the Taneycomo bridge are going to be in the range of \$175,000. Mr. Kruithof also stated that there will be a \$250,000 change order on the Fall Creek Road project due to rock being loose and unstable and the potential of a rock slide. Staff has recommended installation of retaining walls for erosion control measures. He also reminded the committee that \$605,000 has been paid to the court as part of the condemnation case.

Mr. McDowell inquired about the downtown transportation study. Alderman Barker inquired if the transportation tax fund will pay for the city's cost for the Hwy. 248 at Hwy. 65 intersection project. Alderwoman Bohinc stated that MoDOT has already moved forward with demolition and property acquisition on that project. Alderman Barker informed the committee that the parks committee has discussed turning the soccer fields at Stockstill into baseball fields. Administrator Kruithof mentioned that there is an idea to move the softball fields closer to the RecPlex and convert the ballfields at Stockstill Park into soccer fields. Mr. McDowell stated that the city has seen a significant impact from the different tournaments.

Mr. Pinkley inquired as to the status of the rate study or a timeline. Mr. VanGilder replied that the first phase should be complete by November concerning the operation and maintenance and that the capacity issues are budgeted in FY2010. Mr. Pinkley inquired if there is a deficit in the system. Mr. VanGilder replied that the city would need to bring in \$1M year to break even. Mr. Pinkley inquired if there is a goal to bring it in line so that there is no deficit. Mr. Kruithof answered in the affirmative. The reason for the rate study is to research rates and then the capacity study portion would be investigated next year.

Item No. 4: Update on MoDOT 76 and 65 Sidewalks. Mr. VanGilder informed the committee that MoDOT is phasing the project by doing ramps and second phase will be sidewalk improvements. Administrator Kruithof stated that there is \$50,000 in FY2010 budget for sidewalks. Alderwoman Bohinc stated that she could speak with Walt Stone concerning handicap access. Alderman Barker stated that personally he thought the sidewalk improvements should follow colored route system. Administrator Kruithof informed the committee that the reason for the project is that if Highway 76 is not ADA compliant, the state cannot use federal funds to improve Highway 76 at a later date without doing these improvements at that time. Mr. McDowell suggested that some monies would improve some of the intersections. Public Relations Director Jerry Adams stated the community pride committee worked hard to obtain permission to improve the intersections at Hwy. 65 & 76. The funds were mostly donations from local entities and the workers were volunteer based. Alderman Barker stated that it would be great if the committee could work together with schools and volunteer groups in the community. Mr. Kruithof replied that plantings in the right of way median islands can only be a certain height, nothing over 18".

Mr. McDowell inquired of staff how this committee can help improve and consolidate this budget. Mr. Kruithof replied that through this committee and the finance committee, will come up with a plan and the capital budget to present to the board of alderman for adoption. If it comes to a vote, will need this committee for input and process. There are lots of wants and not a lot of resources.

Mayor Presley informed the committee of the Cliff Drive neighborhood meeting that will be held August 13th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers. She also recommended a walk through prior to the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, August 10, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.