

Capital Improvements Committee
August 8, 2011

Item No. 1: Roll Call: City Administrator Dean Kruithof, Alderman Rick Todd, Alderman Bob Simmons, Nelda Lies, and Jerry Emery. Also present were City Engineer/Public Works Director David Miller, Assistant Public Works Director Keith Francis, Chief of Police Kent Crutcher, Utilities Director Mike Ray and Stacy McAllister.

Item No. 2: Due to Mayor Presley's absence, Alderman Todd called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Item No. 3: Capital Improvement Program Overview of Annual Adjustments. David Miller gave brief description of Capital Department Requests on 5 year plan spreadsheet. Administrator Kruithof explained different funding sources. He also reminded the committee that the FY2011 requests included replacing fire apparatus in 2015. Ms. Lies asked if there was a chance that the campground improvements were eligible for FEMA funding. Mr. Kruithof replied in the affirmative and that city staff met with FEMA last week and this week at Lakeside Park to discuss funding. Alderman Todd asked if this plan is consistent with the strategic plan. Mr. Kruithof replied that it is consistent and he will be meeting with departments to discuss their capital requests. Alderman Todd suggested that critical thinking be coordinated with the strategic plan. Alderman Simmons stated that Parks Department improvements were part of community plan and questioned if this would be part of the 5 year plan or when these improvements would occur. Mr. Kruithof reminded committee that with current revenues, limited funding is available for parks improvements. He stated that in recent meetings with Cy Murray of White River Valley Electric it was suggested that there may be the possibility and availability of funding through a USDA loan with low interest. Ms. Lies suggested that the possibility of partnering with a large company could include community involvement and inclusion of cost sharing. She stated that whatever the city does or constructs, that it be sustainable for operating and maintaining. Alderman Todd stated that the cuts to fire and police could possibly affect morale. He also expressed his appreciation of the work done by staff to prepare this 5 year plan. Alderman Simmons asked if there were any projections of the costs for the downtown improvements. Mr. Miller replied that it is in conceptual stage at this time. Mr. Emery questioned the priority of the downtown improvement project. Mr. Kruithof explained that the downtown improvements are tied to the strategic plan. Mr. Emery stated that he understands this being part of strategic plan, but citizens may look at it solely based on perception of need and not revenues. Mr. Kruithof stated that the 5 year plan is based on critical elements from the comprehensive and strategic plans. He also stated that it is based on some objectivity and some subjectivity and also depends on the funding source.

Item No. 4: Traffic Accident Location Presentation: Mr. Miller explained that Mayor Presley requested this item from last meeting and the GIS Coordinator along with the Police Department put together a map locating all traffic accidents over the past 3 years. He stated that the factors included in the map are property damage accidents, injury accidents, minor accidents and fatalities. Alderman Todd questioned if there was any way to calculate if accidents at certain locations were result of improvements. Chief Crutcher explained that more information such as trends or changes in traffic will be more helpful. Mr. Kruithof stated that the accidents on this

map are only City of Branson traffic accidents so we may not have information from other agencies. Chief Crutcher stated that knowing the severity will help prioritize improvements at intersections. Ms. Lies stated that in driving around the city, vegetation blocking visibility may be a factor at intersections. Mr. Emery questioned if there is a process in place for handling issues with road or visibility issues. Mr. Kruithof explained the citizen request line. He also stated that safety issues may need to be part of the analysis.

Item No. 5: Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Update. Keith Francis stated that he is still in conversations with the Department of Natural Resources. He stated that the letter from DNR mandating changes has not been received by the city at this time. Alderman Todd inquired if any budget figures have been presented. Mr. Francis replied that those figures will be part of the operating budget and that the City of Springfield budgeted \$200,000 the first year of their program's implementation. Alderman Todd recommended serious changes to ordinances for developments in the future. Mr. Francis stated that the city will be using other cities plans as models. Alderman Todd recommended that a benchmark be used with another city comparable to Branson.

Item No. 6: Summary of DNR Meeting on Treatment Capacity Funding. Mr. Kruithof explained that he and several staff members had recently met with the new director of DNR. He stated that in those discussions, he mentioned that the city intends to expand the Cooper Creek wastewater treatment plant by the year 2018 and that in the watershed area there are currently 13 or 14 package sewer plants not maintained properly and failing. The Table Rock Lake Water Quality (TRLWQ) organization is recommending that lift stations be built and the city take over the sewage treatment. The issue is that if the city under takes the plant expansion, then that moves the project forward to 2012-2013 with no funding capabilities at this time. The question to DNR was if they had funding available for sustaining this project to accelerate the project to 2012 or 2013. He also presented the idea to DNR about the possibility of partnering. He also stated that the City of Hollister is planning a Sewer Summit that will include all local entities and probably recommending that these issues of failing package plants be looked at from a regional standpoint for solutions. Mr. Emery inquired if there was any advantage to the properties annexing into the City of Branson. Ms. Lies stated that if we don't work together with other communities, all entities will suffer including the State of Missouri. Mr. Kruithof stated that the city, TRLWQ and DNR prefer one party to be responsible for maintenance of lift stations.

Item No. 7: Meadows Water Treatment Plant Intake Accretion Analysis and Bathymetric Mapping Update. Mr. Miller explained that Burns & McDonnell Engineering designed the intake structure at the Meadows Water Treatment Plant. He explained that over the past few months sediment has been depositing over the intake structure. Mr. Ray stated that the utilities department has been backwashing air to keep the intake open. Mr. Miller explained that a dredging company came in and tried to vacuum the sediment out, but the holes kept filling so it was not successful. Staff contacted Burns & McDonnell who in turn provided a proposal for \$28,000 to begin developing a Scope of Work for removing the sediment. The city code allows the selection of an engineering firm without the standard request for proposal process when there are extenuating circumstances that make it advantageous for the city to simply select one firm for the needed design work. Mr. Kruithof stated that there may be funding available through FEMA for Disaster 1980. Mr. Emery questioned if the problem existed prior to flooding. Mr. Ray

replied in the negative and stated that his staff has been monitoring the screens. Alderman Simmons recommended that staff negotiate a contract with Burns & McDonnell Engineering for the scope of work for the sedimentation removal at the intake structure. Seconded by Nelda Lies. Approved – all yeas. None opposed. Motion carried.

Item No. 8: Capital Project Status Update. Mr. Miller explained report to committee members. Alderman Todd suggested adding more to comments section concerning change orders.

Due to no quorum, September meeting will be rescheduled.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.