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A. CALL TO ORDER

The August 11, 2020 meeting of the Capital Improvements Commission was called to order by Chairman Szymanski at 7:00 PM via conference call.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 9, 2020 MEETING

MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES from 6/9/2020

RESULT: Unanimous

MOVER: Commissioner Zucchero

SECONDER: Commissioner Baldin

D. CURRENT BUSINESS

1. *CBD Streetscape Materials Mockups & Draft Concept Landscape Plans - Engineer Daubert* reports that tonight we want to discuss the CBD Streetscape material mockups that will go out for bid on August 14th. The high level feedback that we have received is that the Village still wants us to look at using decorative paving materials in lieu of all plain concrete (as to reduce project costs). Engineer Topor will now present the Mockup Paving Material presentation (see attached presentation). Engineer Topor reports the latest plans will address the materials that we are considering so we will be able to make a final decision. We wanted to select the best locations for the mockups. We have decided on 3 locations. They include: *Location 1* - the north leg of the NW corner of Main and Crescent. *Location 2* - west leg of the NW corner of Main and Crescent. *Location 3* - the west leg of the SW corner of Main and Pennsylvania. We wanted to ensure these mockups are large enough to showcase the materials.

Locations 1 & 2 will include 3 different types of bricks - Fired Clay Brick Option A – 4”x12” Herringbone field with border, Fired Clay Brick Option C – 4” x8” Running bond field with border and diamond accents, and Fired Clay Brick – Basket weave pattern. These mockups will also have a few styles of planters in the following materials: Granite curbing (Mesabi Black), Precast Concrete planter, Plain concrete with exposed aggregate finish, Plain Concrete Galaxy Glitter on the surface. We also have a new streetlight pole that has been installed at location 1 and we are working on a 2nd pole to install to compare.

Location 3 will have the following materials in its mockups - Exposed Aggregate Concrete – Evergreen/Wintergreen granite aggregate blend, Exposed Aggregate Concrete – Colonial Red granite aggregate (similar to what Wheaton is using) and Stamped Colored Concrete– Pennsylvania Avenue herringbone field with border. That covers all the materials for the mockups. We are looking to open bids this

Friday at 10:00 am. We will have a recommendation to the Village Board for the August 24th meeting. Engineer Daubert adds our plan is to obtain the bricks independently and have the contractors install them. He asks the CIC if they have any questions or concerns.

Commissioner Zuccherro adds he likes the options put forth and asks if we have preliminary estimates. Engineer Topor replies approximately \$60,000.

Chairman Szymanski asks how many companies are interested in bidding. Engineer Topor replies about 4.

Resident Smith asks if there will be a tactile on top of the concrete to make it less slippery. Engineer Topor replies yes it will be sealed with a high friction sealer.

Commissioner Baldin asks what happens once the mockups are built. Engineer Topor adds we will create an online component where people can go to comment and vote. In the spring we will obtain final feedback and make decisions. We will provide information on how to proceed. Civiltech & Muse are all working on the feedback component. Engineer Daubert adds we may offer a promotion event and are looking at alternative ways for people to provide input besides online.

Engineer Topor adds we are also trying to include Historic Plaques in the mockups. Dan Anderson adds we would like to include 2 at each location especially on Main and Crescent. He adds we need to know what kind of granite you would like and we will make the samples for you. Engineer Topor will check with Civiltech and will get back to him with the information. Chairman Szymanski asks Dan Anderson how many plaques will there be for the CBD Streetscape. Dan replies it will depend on how many you want but we are thinking 35-50. It will set our downtown apart for others.

Engineer Topor presents the Draft Concept Landscape Plan (see attached presentation). The plan includes trees, tree spacing, and decorative pavement and tree planters. Engineer Daubert asks the CIC for feedback on the trees and tree spacing. Chairman Szymanski asks what the tree count is. Engineer Topor replies it is within the margin of the maximum number we were planning. Commissioner Baldin adds he thinks the tree spacing is pretty tight. You have an opportunity to reduce and save money. Commissioner Zuccherro adds it also depends on the tree canopy. You may end up overlapping depending on the tree species. Engineer Daubert adds 40ft is our standard for village tree spacing now. He adds 25ft spacing may be too tight. Engineer Daubert adds we will review the spacing again.

Commissioner Cattero asks about festoon lighting. Engineer Topor replies they were not initially included but we did install at Shock Square and it was well received. We were leaning toward festoon lighting by parklets and the open crosswalk south of Main Street. Engineer Daubert adds we can review opportunities on lighting again.

Trustee Thompson asks if we've spoken to the businesses about the mockup installations. Engineer Topor replies we spoke with them last year about it but will let them know again soon. September is when the mockups will be set up. Engineer Daubert adds we have been working with Pat Neary and his team on this.

E. TRUSTEE'S REPORT - Trustee Thompson reports that the Village Board has been busy reviewing the 5 yr. strategic plans. Staff is working on trustee comments to be discussed at the August workshop meeting. We received a report on the 2019 audit that we are signing off on. We are watching tax revenues and are cautiously optimistic on the financial health of the village. The parking garage is on plan and schedule. The Apex project has received a summary judgement and can move forward. There is an appeal out there but it looks like it will be moving forward. McChesney site discussions are happening at the Village board level with respect to exterior and size. We approved the annexation of the BP gas station and approved the redesign. We also approved the townhouse development on Duane Street.

F. OTHER BUSINESS – None

G. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Director Hansen reports the storm last night still has many GE residents without power due to damage to utility poles. Overall the village had all streets opened up last night. By Saturday all power should be back on. Public Works will be cleaning up debris for the next few weeks. We have some contractors helping out with this. Once all debris pickup is complete, we will need to access all trees. The Public Works Department was on standby prior to when the storm hit and worked safely until midnight. We have a great group of dedicated workers. The refurbished Horse Trough will be installed at the Civic Center with a re-dedication on August 19th at 4:00 pm. You are all invited to attend. Chairman Szymanski thanks Public Works for all their hard work.

H. PROJECT REPORT – (See attached report) Engineer Daubert reports on this year's roadway improvement project. Roadway milling and binder paving is underway. We are on track to wrap this project up by mid-September. Baker Hill Access improvement project is closed out. North Park Blvd – everything has gotten into IDOT, not sure when it will be closed out. Taylor Avenue – various items need to be finished before closing out. We have received our plaque for APWA National Project of the Year Award (For Taylor Avenue). Thanks to Julius for helping with this. We are still working on the design of the CBD underground utility improvements. Engineer Topor reports on the Sanitary Sewer lining and Spot repair project – this is a vastly improved program that includes lining of sewer mains and lining connections to homes.

I. ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Cattero motions and Commissioner Lindquist seconds to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Richard Daubert