

MINUTES

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Capital Improvements DATE: May 8, 2018

MEETING: Regular X Special _____ CALLED TO ORDER: 7:02 PM

QUORUM: Yes X No _____ ADJOURNED: 8:25 PM

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Commissioners Biggam, Burton, Cattero, Kumar, Lindquist, and Ryne

OTHERS: Professional Engineer Rich Daubert, Director Julius Hansen

ABSENT: Chairman Lane, Commissioner Zuccherro, Commissioner Foerster

CALL TO ORDER:

The May 8, 2018 meeting of the Capital Improvements Commission, held at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center, was called to order at 7:02 PM. A quorum was present.

CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM:

Commissioner Biggam was nominated to be Chairman Pro-Tem, in the absence of Chairman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (non-agenda items):

There was no audience participation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Burton moved, and Commissioner Lindquist seconded, to approve the April 10, 2018 meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

CONTINUED REVIEW OF 5-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN AND MASTER ROADWAY PROGRAM PLAN:

Engineer Daubert explained that staff is expecting a \$2.2 million deficit in the 5-year capital plan. That is not including the train station renovation project, which is expected to be about \$19 million, nor does it include two downtown parking garages, with expected costs of \$8-12 million each.

The CIP includes a 7.5 percent annual inflation factor for roadway resurfacing and reconstruction unit costs. Engineer Daubert explained that the Village may be able to decrease the inflation assumption to a 5 percent annually. The CIC indicated it is not comfortable deferring a road project if there are significant sewer and water repairs needed. Duane Street

and Bemis Road are two project candidates that could be respectively eliminated from the plan and downgraded from reconstruction to resurfacing. Engineer Daubert explained his rationale for calculating the cost of deferring roadway improvements as outlined in the packet. In summary, the costs of deferring projects is substantial with deferral of projects not recommended by Engineer Daubert.

Commissioner Biggam asked about the cost of borrowing money to allow projects to be completed sooner. Engineer Daubert is meeting with finance department soon to discuss options in this regard. Commissioner Ryne noted that about 10-15 years ago, there were many roads reconstructed, therefore they should all be coming around again for resurfacing in the near future. Engineer Daubert concurred and noted that the roadway plan includes an aggressive schedule for resurfacing of the reconstructed streets.

Engineer Daubert explained that a lot of sidewalk removal and replacement is needed throughout the Village to address deterioration, trip hazards, and ADA compliance. Director Hansen asked if reconstruction includes removal and replacement of old curb: yes, in most cases. Commissioner Biggam asked about securing prices now for the next few years of projects. That is typically used for other types of public works purchases, but is a possibility to explore. Engineer Daubert thought this was worth considering.

Discussion followed about annexing unincorporated areas and taking over jurisdiction of other entities' roads. The Village's current policy is not to spend a lot of money on areas that are newly incorporated, and just resurface the streets. The CIC felt that in the long run, continued annexation and resurfacing of such streets is not sustainable for the Village.

Discussion followed regarding deferring the reconstruction of Bemis Road, and changing the scope of the project to resurfacing. In addition, the deferral of reconstruction work on Duane Street was discussed as the roadway was recently resurfaced around 2015. The CIC concurred with the changes recommended by Engineer Daubert. The group further discussed accelerating the design of projects, and possibly bidding out multiple years of projects to take advantage of competitive pricing. The CIC agreed that their stance is that the funds allocated to this committee's infrastructure responsibilities should continue to be used for street projects only. (No funding for parking garages, etc.) The CIC does not take lightly to cutting streets from the year's roadway improvement budget when those streets need attention.

MOTION

Continuing to advance the Village's master plan for roadway improvements, changes are recommended to amend the scope of work for Bemis from reconstruction to resurfacing, as well as defer any work on Duane from Lawrence to Dawn. Advancing engineering on multiple years of projects, and bidding those projects in one phase, with the hope of getting more advantageous pricing.

Commissioner Burton moved, seconded by Commissioner Lindquist. All members voted aye. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Burton moved to amend the motion to include language that the CIC does not approve of using funding allocated for road projects for other types of projects. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindquist. The motion was approved unanimously.

The CIC discussed the strategy of borrowing money to pay for road infrastructure projects. Most members preferred borrowing only for specific one-time capital projects, such as a parking garage, and not for “maintenance.”

TRUSTEE REPORT:

No trustee present.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Monday night there is an orientation for new commission members with a reception following.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

None.

PROJECT REPORT:

Engineer Daubert stated that bids were received for the Taylor Avenue Pedestrian Tunnel project. The low bidder has not worked for the Village previously, but seems to have a good reputation. Tunneling will most likely be done by a subcontractor. The project is moving forward. Currently work is underway to underground the overhead wiring at the site.

Work has started on the Main Street resurfacing project. When that is done, construction will begin on Park Boulevard from Fairview to the UP-West Line.

Engineer Daubert also reported that Public Works did not receive any bids for the Village’s annual sidewalk replacement and new construction project. Staff is retooling the bid package and re-releasing the project for bidding next week. It is a small project, and staff hopes prices don’t go up.

This is Commissioner Burton’s last meeting. The Village thanks him for his service for many years.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Lindquist moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Kumar. With unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Submitted by C. Johnson, Recording Secretary
Reviewed by Rich Daubert, Professional Engineer