

CIP COMMITTEE MINUTES  
April 26, 2002

Finance Officer James Preston called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. with the following members present: Martha Rodriguez, Bonnie Hughes, Tom Murphy, Stuart Wevik, Mel Dreyer, Bob Wall, Marcia Elkins, Alan Hanks, Dan Bjerke and Ron Kroeger. The following staff members were also present: Fire Chief Gary Shepherd, Engineering Division Manager Randy Nelson, Project Engineer Rod Johnson, Computer Center Director Doug Aldrich and Administrative Assistant Jeri Lynn.

Motion was made by Rodriguez, seconded by Hanks and carried to approve the minutes of March 15, 2002.

Preston went through the **financial reports** with the Committee and no changes were made.

Computer Center Director Doug Aldrich explained that the City's **Fiber Optic cables** located along Omaha & 5th Streets near the CSAC Building will have to be relocated when the State begins the Omaha Street widening project. When the project was first discussed, a turning lane was not proposed for the project. That has now changed and a turning lane will be constructed. As a result, the utilities located within the right-of-way will have to be relocated. Black Hills Fibercom and MDU also have utilities that need to be relocated, so we may be able to work with them and save some of the costs. If a joint project can be done the estimated cost to the City is \$15,000. If we have to pay for the entire project, the cost will be closer to \$30,000. Hughes suggested that these costs be added to the list of costs the City will incur as a result of this State Project. Since the State will need to acquire land from the City, we may be able to negotiate on some of these projects. Aldrich explained that he just wanted the CIP Committee to be aware of this project and the estimated costs. Preston requested that the Public Works Department add relocation of fiber optics to the list of projects being negotiated with the State Department of Transportation. Aldrich stated that he will monitor this project on behalf of the City. No further action was taken.

The next item discussed by the Committee were the proposed **Five Year Plans**. Engineering Division Manager Randy Nelson submitted a spreadsheet showing available funding for the Streets/Drainage budget for FY2002 through FY2006. He also submitted a proposed project list for street and drainage projects. Nelson noted that the Centre Street project has been included on the plan in 2003. Public Works Director Bjerke explained that the proposed cost for the drainage project listed on the plan (\$300,000) is only for an open channel through the fairgrounds. If the County wants to have the drainage enclosed in a box culvert, \$800,000 will have to be added to the estimated cost. Bjerke stated that if the County wants a box culvert installed, they should be responsible for the increased cost, just as any other landowner in the City would be. Bjerke added that he has met with the County on two occasions and stated that the City will pay for the cost of providing an open channel drainage through this area. There was lengthy discussion about how the drainage through this area should be handled and who was responsible to pay for the costs. Bjerke stated that he feels the drainage channel could be located along the back of the property and used for parking. He added that the City would agree to provide "crossings" that would handle internal traffic. Elkins stated that she feels the City will end up paying the costs for this project and she would rather identify the funding now rather than have to find it in the near future. Hanks stated that he doesn't have a problem doing drainage improvements at the Fairgrounds, but there is a huge difference in the costs for a drainage channel and a box culvert. Bjerke reiterated that they have told the County the City would pay the

entire cost for an open drainage channel. However, if they want a box culvert, they will be required to provide the additional funding. He stated that the County has a responsibility to handle the drainage that goes across their property, just as all other developers in the city. Motion was made by Elkins and seconded by Rodriguez to direct the Public Works Director to talk to the County again about the drainage improvements that are needed on this property and what the cost share should be; and leave the current amount of \$300,000 in the five year plan for drainage improvements for the Centre Street Project. Upon vote being taken, the motion carried unanimously.

Rodriguez requested information on which alleys will be included in the Downtown Alley Reconstruction Project.

Hanks expressed concern that the Tower Road project was deleted from the entire Five Year Plan. Nelson explained that staff does anticipate spending some funds on maintaining this road, but if development occurs as proposed, it would be better if the road location is moved.

Nelson also reported that during the design of the West Chicago/44th Street project, it has become apparent that the existing five-legged intersection poses safety issues. Staff is now looking at condemning right-of-way and making this a four-way intersection. That is why the project has been moved to 2003.

Motion was made by Rodriguez, seconded by Hanks and carried to approve the **Streets & Drainage Five Year Plan**, with the inclusion of Tower Road.

Motion was made by Hanks, seconded by Rodriguez and carried to approve the **Parks & Rec Five Year Plan**, as presented.

The next item discussed by the Committee was the Government Buildings Five Year Plan. Mel Dreyer stated that he talked with a security person about keyless entry systems, and his comment was the City would not be increasing security significantly by installing a keyless entry system. Wevik stated that keyless system can provide additional amenities. It can tell who has been where and it can set up different levels of security for different individuals. Hanks stated that he doesn't feel the City should spend \$200,000 on something that is not "broken". Motion was made by Dreyer and seconded by Hanks to delete the keyless entry system from the Government Buildings Five Year Plan. Substitute motion was made by Elkins and seconded by Bjerke to send this item to the City Council without recommendation. Roll call vote was taken: AYE: Murphy, Hughes, Elkins and Bjerke; NO: Wevik, Rodriguez, Kroeger, Hanks, Preston, Wall and Dryer. Motion failed, 4-7. Substitute motion was made by Rodriguez and seconded by Hanks to approve the Government Buildings Five Year Plan, less the keyless entry system and forward it to the Mayor for inclusion in his budget. Roll call vote was taken: AYE: Murphy, Wevik, Hughes, Rodriguez, Kroeger, Hanks, Wall and Dreyer; NO: Preston, Elkins and Bjerke. Substitute motion carried, 8-3.

Preston submitted the Civic Center's 5-Year Capital Expenditure Plan with highlights showing which projects are eligible for restricted sales tax funds. If there is a disagreement on whether a project is eligible for this funding, an opinion will be requested from the Department of Legislative Audits. No further action was taken.

Preston noted that he will appear at the next 2012 Committee Meeting to make a formal request for \$1 Million in funding for the East Side Fire Station Project.

Project Engineer Rod Johnson informed the Committee that the City should be making a decision about the type of landscaping it wants in the Omaha Street median. The State DOT has funding, but the City needs to decide what it wants. Johnson requested that the Government Buildings Irrigation line item be used to pay to hire a consultant to design this project which will be done in conjunction with the Omaha Street widening project. Elkins suggested that this be put on the next CIP Agenda and that the CIP members be briefed on the entire project. Nelson noted that staff is talking about a conceptual plan for this corridor. We should make a conscious decision about how we want this to look rather than waiting until the project is done and then deciding to go back and do some type of beautification or landscaping. Motion was made by Dreyer and seconded by Murphy to direct staff to find out what contribution the State will make on this project and come back to the next CIP Meeting. Upon vote being taken, the motion carried unanimously.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.