

CIP COMMITTEE MINUTES  
May 17, 2002

Finance Officer James Preston called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. with the following members present: Bill Waugh, Dan Bjerke, Stuart Wevik, Alan Hanks, Bob Wall, Tom Murphy, Marcia Elkins and Martha Rodriguez. The following staff members were also present: Asst. Public Works Director Ted Vore, Project Engineer Rod Johnson, Engineering Division Manager Randy Nelson and Administrative Assistant Jeri Lynn.

Motion was made by Wall, seconded by Bjerke and carried to approve the minutes of April 26, 2002.

Preston went through the financial reports and no changes were made. Wall stated that the City needs to address funding for maintenance of drainage facilities throughout the community. Currently maintenance of these facilities is handled within the Street Department Budget. Vore explained that staff has asked a consulting firm to give the City a proposal to evaluate the existing drainage system and give us some ideas of what the City needs to do to meet the new federal regulations that are coming. This proposal should come before the City Council on June 3, 2002. The next step will be to develop a storm water plan that will be needed by March, 2003. Then the City will have to designate funding to implement that plan over a long period of time. It has been estimated in the past that there are \$50 million in drainage improvements needed throughout the community. This figure includes rehab and maintenance of existing drainage structures. Bjerke explained that the city is under a federal mandate to have the plan and a funding source for the drainage plan. Also, the State has enacted legislation that would allow the City to collect a utility fee on all properties located within the City limits.

Miscellaneous

Preston presented a revised spreadsheet which shows an increase of 3% in sales tax receipts rather than 4% which was the estimate. Information only.

Hanks suggested that funding for the 5th Street IDPF project be moved to FY 2003 since the project will not be done in 2002. Bjerke stated that there are three other projects that could be moved because funds will not be expended in 2002. Preston indicated that he will discuss these projects with the Mayor. Motion was made by Hanks, seconded by Bjerke and carried to move funding for these three projects to FY2003 (Elm Avenue IDPF Loan, Highway 79 Sewer Loan IDPF, and 5th Street IDPF).

Omaha Street Corridor Landscaping

Rod Johnson presented a proposal from Wyss Associates for landscaping the Omaha Street medians in conjunction with the street widening project. The cost of this proposal is \$11,314. He explained that the City needs to make some decisions on what will be done in the median areas, some of which will be very wide. It will probably be a combination of hardscape and softscape materials. The estimated cost of the project is \$150,000-\$250,000. The State Department of Transportation will pay for apportion of these costs (probably the amount that would be identified with hard concrete). Hanks stated that if the City does anything other than concrete we need to consider maintenance costs. Johnson stated that these are issues that will be addressed during the preliminary design process. There are some options for plant material but we also need to decide how we are going to address the hardscape issues. Johnson explained

that the medians will vary from 8' in some locations to 20' in others. The project is currently set for a bid opening in May, 2003. There is currently \$70,000 available for this contract under auto irrigation in the Government Buildings Line Item. This funding should be rolled into 2003 at the end of the year so that it can be used for this project. Motion was made by Hanks and seconded by Rodriguez to approve an expenditure in the amount of \$11,314 for the Wyss Associates Landscaping Design proposal for the Omaha Street Widening Project, funding to come from the Government Buildings Line Item (auto irrigation). Wevik stated that when the project comes back, the Committee should know the cost of the project and the contribution that will be made by the SD DOT. Johnson concurred. Upon vote being taken, the motion carried unanimously (Elkins abstained from voting because she was not present for the entire discussion.)

#### Street Department Traffic Operations Building

Rod Johnson explained that the Street Department has changed the way this building is used. The basement is used only for storage and there are no offices located in the building. He added that the Department has determined that the need for the addition to provide indoor storage out-weighs the need to repair the floor in the basement. Johnson went through an estimate to renovate the basement of the Traffic Operations Building which was prepared in 1996 by Lund Associates. He estimated that there is approximately \$30,000 of work remaining in the basement of this structure. Some of the work identified in the Lund Report has been completed in the last couple years to reinforced the structure. Johnson reiterated that the priority for the Street Department is the proposed addition to the structure that will allow indoor storage of emergency response equipment and materials. The proposed addition is 2,500 square feet and is estimated to cost \$200,000. Rodriguez spoke against the project stating that this is a luxury that the City does not need. The weather in this area is not that bad most of the time. This funding could be spent on other projects needed in the City. Murphy spoke in favor of the addition. Indoor storage would increase the life of the equipment and it will work more efficiently when it is needed for emergency response. Motion was made by Elkins and seconded by Bjerke to approve \$230,000 for this project with \$200,000 coming from the Government Buildings Line Item (traffic operations building) and \$30,000 from the CIP Contingency fund to repair the basement of the structure and fund the proposed addition for indoor storage. Wevik stated that Black Hills Power & Light has also looked at providing indoor storage for emergency response vehicles, however, they don't feel the cost can be justified. Roll call vote was taken: AYE: Bjerke, Elkins, Murphy, Wall and Preston; NO: Rodriguez, Wevik, Waugh and Hanks. Motion to recommend funding approval carried, 5-4. This item will go to the next Public Works Committee Meeting.

#### Other

Bjerke stated that he has been in contact with the County relative to the Centre Street Drainage Project and another meeting has been scheduled. He will have a report at the next CIP meeting on this project.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.