

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Rapid City, South Dakota
October 12, 2010

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Rapid City was held at the City/School Administration Center in Rapid City, South Dakota on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 5:30 P.M.

The following members were present: Mayor Alan Hanks and the following Alderpersons: Bonny Petersen, Ron Weifenbach, Dave Davis, Ron Kroeger, Aaron Costello, Sam Kooiker, Bill Waugh, Gary Brown and Jordan Mason; and the following Alderpersons arrived during the course of the meeting: None; and the following were absent: Deb Hadcock.

Staff members present included Finance Officer Pauline Sumption, Assistant City Attorney Mike Schad, Parks & Recreation Director Jerry Cole, Police Chief Steve Allender and Administrative Coordinator Sharlene Mitchell

Jerry Cole, Parks & Recreation Director, presented the Roosevelt Park project funding request in the amount of \$4,875,000.00. Cole addressed the current attendance levels of the existing facilities noting the additional recreational facilities that would be provided by the new field house. Cole addressed the anticipated revenues, expenses and required subsidy for the new facility. In response to a question from Weifenbach, Cole addressed the elements that could be eliminated from the project noting the reduction would result in lower revenues and expenses.

In response to a question from Kooiker, Cole stated that the current proposal places a leisure pool at Horace Mann and a 50 meter pool at Roosevelt Park. In response to a question from Kooiker, Cole addressed the funding identified for the Horace Mann project. Cole clarified that the leisure pool size would need to be reduced to facilitate retention of the 50 meter pool at Horace Mann. Cole addressed the anticipated annual subsidy for the new facility. In response to a question from Kroeger, Cole indicated that the subsidy will be for energy costs noting that additional staffing is not required. In response to a question from Kroeger, Cole indicated that the current parking is sufficient to support the expansion and that all three boilers are functional.

Patrick O'leary presented the Adult Social/Resource Center project funding request in the amount of \$4,000,000.00. O'leary indicated that the Minneluzahan Senior Citizen Center, Daisy House and Meals Program will consolidate to the one facility. O'leary indicated that the new facility would improve adult services and reduced expenses. Marcia Murray addressed the consolidation benefits that will be realized with the sharing of costs and resources.

In response to a question from Petersen, O'leary stated that the increase in memberships is anticipated to offset expenses requiring no increase to the current subsidy amount. In response to a question from Petersen, Cole indicated that a reduction to the proposed field house would not adversely impact the Adult Resource Center noting the attendance benefits the City will realize from the facility. In response to a question from Petersen, Cole stated that the walking track would be included in the reduced cost option. Petersen voiced support for the project. In response to a question from Waugh, O'leary reviewed the revenues sources reflected on the financial statements. Mason expressed his appreciation for the proposal. In response to a question from Mason, O'leary addressed the membership growth experienced by the Sioux Falls program. In response to a question from Davis, O'leary indicated that the Minneluzahan Senior Citizen Center is a city owned building noting that the Daisy House and Meals Program rent facilities in the public market. Discussion followed regarding disposition of the Minneluzahan Senior Citizen Center and the possible consolidation of the Canyon Lake Senior

Citizen Center into the Resource Center. Weifenbach addressed the public need for the project and requested that the financial information from the Sioux Falls facility be provided to the committee for review.

Tim Henderson presented the SDSM&T Loop Road (Hawthorn Connector Road) project funding request in the amount of \$1,918,000.00. Henderson stated that the previously approved 2012 funding has been returned to the program. Henderson addressed the economic benefit of the project noting the acreage that would be available for development. Henderson outlined the project funding available from federal grant and local parking fees.

In response to a question from Kooiker, Henderson indicated that a connection to Kansas City Street would be required to safely facilitate residential traffic flows. Henderson indicated that the new road would improve traffic flows for sporting events such as the State track meets. Discussion followed regarding extension of Hawthorn to support residential traffic flows. Kooiker recommended utilization of the project to address area traffic flow issues. In response to a question from Petersen, Henderson addressed the necessity of the Hawthorn connection. Petersen voiced support for the project's economic development opportunities. Mason advised that he would abstain from voting on the project. Discussion followed regarding the initial project design and future improvements to support residential traffic flows. In response to a question from Davis, Sumption stated that the reserved project funding is reflected in the current funding allocation.

Tim Raben presented the Skyline Wilderness Park project funding request in the amount of \$912,625.00. Raben indicated that the project would implement the recommendations of the Skyline Wilderness Park trail plan. Raben indicated that plan would protect the park, manage resources, improve fire access and enhance a city asset.

In response to a question from Kooiker, Raben stated that the proposal does not involve property acquisition. In response to a question from Petersen, Raben indicated that project costs could be reduced by eliminating trails. Discussion followed regarding the parking, trail development and trail signage. In response to a question from Waugh, Raben indicated that the trails would be available for both pedestrian and bike use. Discussion followed regarding the dual uses and user safety. In response to a question from Brown, Raben indicated that the project should not adversely impact the city's current maintenance allocation for the area. Discussion followed regarding trail design, trail construction, annual maintenance costs and parking lot development. Costello spoke in support of the trails project noting that preservation is obtained through managed use. Costello commented on the economic development provided by the trail development. Discussion continued regarding trail development.

Mike Derby presented the Black Hills Vision project funding request in the amount of \$500,000.00. Derby indicated that the focus of Black Hills Vision is job creation and economic development through public/private partnerships. Derby addressed the projects undertaken by Black Hills Vision such as Ellsworth Air Force Base and the underground laboratory.

In response to a question from Kooiker, Derby addressed the manner in which funds are utilized noting that donations are not directed to specific projects. Discussion followed regarding the overhead and administration costs of Black Hills Vision. Waugh complemented the economic development efforts of Black Hills Vision. Petersen commented on the value of working with neighboring communities for economic development. Mason commented on the DUSEL Lab and the economic development impact it will have on the area. Discussion followed regarding the private fund raising efforts of Black Hills Vision. Derby commented on the funding provided to Rapid City Regional Health for their grant writing program.

Alan Solano presented the Mental Health Collaborative project funding request in the amount of \$500,000.00. Solano stated that the funding would be utilized to establish a crisis care center to provide on-site crisis intervention and affordable, effective access to safe confidential support. Solano indicated that the 2012 funding is needed to complete the project noting the numerous agencies committed to the project. Solano addressed the job creation resulting from the project.

Discussion followed regarding the project benefits to the Police Department. Allender indicated that the process for handling individuals in need of this service will be a financial benefit to the Police Department. Petersen commented on the collaborative effort of the project and the positive impact it will have on the community.

Meeting was recessed at 7:40 p.m. Meeting was reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

In response to a question from Mason, Solano addressed the facility staffing needs noting the numerous agencies that will work together to maintain and manage the facility. Petersen encouraged support for the project. Weifenbach and Brown spoke in support of the project noting their personal experiences with individuals that would benefit from this service. Davis complemented the fund raising efforts noting the opportunity provided to the city to complete the chain of care. Kooiker encouraged the council to review the Hospice House funding noting that this project has the same potential to be a tremendous resource for the City.

Rick DenHerder presented the ASA Softball project funding request in the amount of \$1,200,000.00. DenHerder indicated that the funding would be utilized to add two new fields to the current facility noting that the additional fields would allow the city to host ASA tournaments. DenHerder addressed the projected growth of the local ASA program.

In response to a question from Weifenbach, DenHerder indicated that field improvements have been made through partnership projects with the Parks & Recreation Department which does include donated labor. Discussion followed regarding the drainage area, the addition of new tennis courts and the need for additional parking. DenHerder stated that the field expansion is required to support the ASA program. Discussion followed regarding the field requirements to support the ASA tournaments.

Brian Maliske, Tracy Heitsch and Jayne Kraemer presented the Energy Plant project funding request in the amount of \$3,500,000.00. Maliske advised that the outdated and undersized energy plant cannot support the current high school expansion. Maliske address the energy costs savings projected with the equipment upgrade. Maliske indicated that the energy plant upgrade is required as the equipment has exceeded its life expectancy. In response to a question from Kooiker, Maliske addressed the maintenance of the energy plant equipment noting that the energy plant only monitors the ice arena equipment. Kooiker express concern with the failure of the council to address the energy plant issue in November, 2006. Maliske indicated that at the time of the ice arena addition the high school expansion was undetermined and therefore not a factor impacting the function of the energy plant. Kooiker addressed the impact funding of this project will have on the balance of the project requests. In response to a question from Brown, Dzintars addressed the process for handling energy requirements for the two facilities in emergency situations. Discussion followed regarding the capital costs sharing agreement, individual metering of energy costs and the status of the energy plant at the time of the ice arena expansion. In response to a question from Petersen, Maliske addressed the funding available through alternative sources. In response to a question from Mason, Maliske addressed the timeline for replacement of the heating and air conditioning equipment. In response to a question from Mason, Mayor Hanks addressed the funding available through the

CIP program. Discussion followed regarding alternative funding sources for the energy plant project.

Kooiker stated that while he supports the reallocation of the .16 funding to street rehabilitation projects he does not feel the funding is adequate to address the need. Kooiker requested that the Mayor direct staff to provide a list of street rehabilitation projects and their identified funding sources for Council review.

Kroeger recommended that the projects be referred to the 2012 Subcommittee for review and funding recommendation.

Motion was made by Waugh, second by Costello to forward the 2012 funding request to the 2012 Subcommittee for review with the stipulation that a funding recommendation be presented to the October 27, 2010 Legal & Finance Committee and November 1, 2010 City Council.

Waugh encouraged the Subcommittee to move the projects forward quickly. In response to a question from Petersen, Kroeger addressed the project scheduling process noting that the Horace Mann pool project would be addressed at that time. In response to a question from Kooiker, Sumption stated that the current resolution reflects Roosevelt Park at the 50 meter pool location. Discussion followed regarding amending the resolution with regard to the 50 meter pool location. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kooiker, second by Mason to draft a resolution to amend the Resolution Adopting A Five Year Plan for the Rapid City Economic Development and Civic Improvements Funds approved September 7, 2010 to remove the geographic location of the 50 meter pool.

Weifenbach requested that information be provided regarding the history of the pool usage and revenues based on the current location and the impact of both locations on manpower. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, motion was made by Kooiker, second by Waugh and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

ATTEST:

Mayor

Finance Office

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