

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Rapid City, South Dakota

February 22, 2011

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, February 22, 2011 at 6:30 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: Deb Hadcock; and the following were absent: None.

Staff members present included Finance Officer Pauline Sumption, City Attorney Jason Green, Public Works Director Robert Ellis, Growth Management Director Marcia Elkins, Parks & Recreation Director Jerry Cole, and Administrative Coordinator Sharlene Mitchell

Kroeger presented the 2012 Subcommittee's recommended funding timeline for the approved 2012 projects noting the criteria utilized to determine the placement of projects on the funding timeline. In response to a question from Kooiker, Kroeger indicated that action is required to forward the recommendations to the Legal & Finance Committee. Kroeger advised that public comment can be taken at the Legal & Finance Committee and City Council meetings.

Kooiker expressed concern with the delay of at ATTA project and the lack of notification provided the project applicants. Mayor Hanks indicated that he has visited with ATTA regarding the Subcommittee recommendations and the fluidity of the funding timeline. Mayor Hanks stated that Mr. Ross is aware that the recommendation will be heard before the Legal & Finance Committee and the Council. Mayor Hanks advised that Mr. Ross is aware of the Council's willingness to address an immediate need should ATTA secure the necessary matching funds. Kroeger acknowledged Kooiker's concerns regarding notification of the applicants noting that at the last project update ATTA did address their progress on securing the matching funds.

Weifenbach expressed concern with the placement of the ADA Softball project on the timeline as the project is ready to move forward. Motion was made by Weifenbach, second by Hadcock to move the ASA Softball project to FY-2013 and the Skyline Wilderness Park project to FY-2014. Costello expressed concern that the Skyline Wilderness Park grant funding could be adversely affected by the proposal to delay the 2012 funding to FY-2014. In response to a question from Costello, Green outlined the process for amending the 2012 project funding timeline. In response to a question from Hadcock, Sumption addressed the funding structure of the "pay as you go plan" noting that only the earned revenues are utilized to fund projects. Sumption reviewed the project reserves and the contingency funds available in the plan.

Cole indicated that the Recreational Trails Program grant for the Skyline Wilderness Park project expires in FY-2012. Cole stated that funding the project in FY-2013 will allow the 2012 and grant funding to be utilized consecutively. Cole stated that moving the 2012 funding to FY-2014 would require a shut down of the project construction for FY-2013.

Davis commented on the fluidity of sales tax revenues and the impact that fluidity has on the "pay as you go plan" concept. In response to a question from Weifenbach, Cole addressed the park projects currently under construction. Cole stated that the Skyline Wilderness Park grant was identified in the 2012 grant application. In response to a question from Petersen, Cole stated that extending the 2012 funding to FY-2014 would require the project construction to be shut down for FY-2013 due to the lack of funding.

Kooiker addressed his concern with reallocating projects at this time as the affected organizations have not received notification and are not in attendance to address the placement of their project on the timeline. Kooiker recommended that action on the project funding timeline be continued to allow the affected organizations to be notified and in attendance. In response to a question from Mason, Kroeger indicated that the timeline will provide notification to the applicants as to when their projects will be funded and their matching funds must be in place. Mason encouraged the committee to delay action on the project funding timeline.

A substitute motion was made by Costello, second by Waugh to move the 2012 Pay As You Go Plan to the March 2, 2011 Legal & Finance Committee as presented.

Weifenbach requested that the grant information for the Skyline Wilderness Park project be provided at the Legal & Finance Committee meeting. Hadcock encouraged those organizations having issues with the proposed timeline to attend the Legal & Finance Committee and present their concerns.

Green clarified that the Council has full authority to amend the 2012 project funding timeline as needed and when needed.

Motion carried with Kooiker voting NO.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Special Council at this time, motion was made by Costello, second by Davis and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Finance Officer

Mayor

(SEAL)