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CITY OF ALBANY
CIP JOINT WORK SESSION
City Hall
Council Chambers
April 12, 2010
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Wes Hare called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

INTRODUCTION

- Wes Hare gave an introduction

COMMUNITY NEEDS

- Greg Byrne gave an overview of Community Needs section.
- Floyd Collins suggested that extending sewer to the Springhill Road should be added to this section.
- Dala Rouse commented that Draperville was annexed into the City a long time ago and still does not have water service.

ACCESSIBILITY

- Greg Byrne gave an overview of Accessibility section and highlighted accomplishments made by the City in the past year.

PARKS

- Ed Hodney gave an overview of the Parks section, and pointed out that all parks projects in the CIP are identified in the 2006 Parks Master Plan.
- Ed said that the Sunrise Park project scheduled for FT 2010-2011 is being delayed one year due to lack of funding.
- Mike Styler expressed concerns regarding the status of construction of Kinder Park. Ed said that the project is nearing completion and that funds are already budgeted to complete the work.
- Floyd Collins suggested that some or all parks projects could be delayed to save money for immediate parks needs. He also suggested that the project descriptions provide more detail on why the improvements are needed.
- Dala Rouse suggested that other parks projects be prioritized over the YMCA project.
- Floyd Collins asked if the Deerfield Park project included on-site parking. Ed said that it would be included in the project scope.
- Ed confirmed that any unspent parks operating funds are placed in a parks contingency fund.

PUBLIC FACILITIES

- John Bradner gave an overview of the Public Facilities section.
- Fire Department is currently looking for a site for a new downtown fire station. They need a 1.25 to 1.50 acre site, located in the downtown area between Hill Street and Washington Street.
- Floyd Collins asked how many fire stations will be needed to serve the existing UGB at buildout. John Brander said 5 stations will be needed, but some of the existing station locations would need to change or additional stations would be needed.
- Greg Byrne suggested incorporating a fire station location into the South Albany Area Plan.
- John Bradner provided an update on the Station 12 seismic upgrade project. Design and construction will take 18 months to complete.
- Bessie Johnson asked how much a fire station and training facility would cost. Bradner said \$6 million for a station and \$4.5 million for the training facility.
- John Bradner gave an update on the police station property acquisition.

REVITALIZATION

- Wes Hare gave an overview of the Revitalization (Kate Porsche was not able to attend)
- Floyd Collins asked that the amount of private investment be shown in the introductory text.
- Stewart Taylor reported that CARA just secured a \$4 million line of credit and has drawn \$1.5 million for the RCM Homes and Broadalbin Promenade projects.

STORMWATER

- Diane Taniguchi-Dennis gave an overview of the stormwater section.
- Floyd Collins asked that the introductory text explain that much of the new stormwater requirements are driven by unfunded state and federal mandates.

TRANSPORTATION

- Diane Taniguchi-Dennis gave an overview of the transportation section and highlighted major projects. There is also an increase in the state gasoline tax that will go into effect in January 2011.
- Floyd Collins pointed out that the project for North Albany Road between Quarry Road and the railroad tracks is missing from the CIP. Staff will add the project back to the unfunded section.
- Floyd Collins said that pedestrian access on Gibson Hill Road was needed, and specifically to Gibson Hill Park.

WASTEWATER

- Diane Taniguchi-Dennis gave an overview of the wastewater section. She explained that the wastewater fund is burdened with debt from the water reclamation facility project and that limited capital money was available. The limited funds available are being used to complete capacity-related projects.
- Floyd Collins asked that the City re-evaluate the schedule for replacing old deteriorated sewer pipes.
- Bessie Johnson said that the City should stick to the task force plans with regards to maintaining the sewer and water system.
- Dala Rouse raised a concern that utility rates not be raised too high to avoid scaring away new investment in the community.

WATER

- Diane Taniguchi-Dennis gave an overview of the transportation section and highlighted major projects.
- Dala Rouse asked why the water replacement project in her neighborhood was delayed five years. Diane said it was due to lack of available funds due to other priorities (Broadway Transmission Main) and the lack of water rate increases. Staff will evaluate the timing of the project in question.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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