

## MINUTES

Springfield Planning Commission  
Springfield City Hall  
Jesse Main Room  
225 Fifth Street, Springfield

January 7, 2003  
6 p.m.

PRESENT: Tim Malloy, Chair; Lee Beyer, William Carpenter, jr., Jim Burford, Steve Moe, Greg Shaver, members; Mel Oberst, Al Peroutka, Don Branch, City of Springfield staff.

ABSENT: Marilyn Philips, member.

Commissioner Malloy called the Springfield Planning Commission Work Session to order at 6:05 p.m.

### 1. 2003-2008 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Springfield's CIP is a five-year plan for funding and construction of the City's public facilities which is updated annually. Projects were selected from a long list of needed capital improvements. Because of limited revenues, many projects cannot be funded during the next five years. The public input process for the CIP was started in October when citizens, organizations, and City staff were asked to suggest projects for consideration in the CIP.

Mr. Peroutka City Engineer reviewed the draft *FY 2003-2008 Capital Improvement Program* document and a map that illustrated the location and status of projects. He noted that few new projects were being proposed.

In response to questions from Commissioners Shaver and Commissioner Burford, Mr. Peroutka said that drainage crossings would be a part of the extension of sewer services along Franklin Boulevard in Glenwood. He said that in the absence of a master plan for the area, he hoped some activities would occur through the redevelopment planning process that would help identify locations for culverts beneath the road. Mr. Peroutka also said that, if funds allowed, the pump station along 19<sup>th</sup> Street would be removed from service.

Mr. Peroutka described a new project to install curb bump outs on West D Street near the Kelly Street intersection where the bike path exits Island Park, reducing the crossing distance, and a drainage project for the area south of Highbanks Road, which was expected to undergo development.

Mr. Peroutka indicated that a project, not shown on the map, was being proposed for three years of funding at \$100,000 per year. It was a metro-wide Corps of Engineers study to look comprehensively at water resources in the metropolitan area. He said that the City Council had authorized the City Manager to enter into negotiations with the Corps for the feasibility phase of the project, which will take approximately two years and result in studies and reports that identify potential projects. Cost sharing is generally equally shared and City staff will take the opportunity to focus on activities such as drainage to meet the City's environmental obligations for water quality. The Council has final approval of the negotiated agreement.

Commissioner Beyer asked what waterways were included in the project. Mr. Peroutka said the Cedar Creek, McKenzie/Oxbow, Maple Island Slough, and Millrace areas would be among those included in the project.

Mr. Peroutka drew the Commissioners' attention to the fact that no projects were being funded out of the Street Fund. He said that small maintenance projects were moved to the Maintenance Division's budget to be managed

as part of regular operations, although a few street sealing overlays were funded from the Transportation Reimbursement Systems Development Charges (SDC) as preservation projects. Mr. Peroutka said two street rehabilitation projects, on 21<sup>st</sup> Street this summer and 69<sup>th</sup> Street next summer, would be funded with shared federal funds.

Commissioner Beyer asked if the City was meeting its goals for frequency of street sealing to preserve streets. Mr. Peroutka said that the City was behind in its maintenance and preservation goals because of lack of funds and estimated that it would take approximately \$1 million per year to catch up and an additional \$600,000 per year to preserve the streets according to the City's standards.

Commissioner Shaver asked what effect funds from Transportation System Maintenance Fee assessed to homeowners would have on the CIP. Mr. Peroutka replied that he would expect another \$200,000 to be available for capital preservation projects.

Commissioner Shaver stated he wanted to see replacement of protected only left turn lights with protected/permitted left turn lights included in the CIP. He explained that he felt the protected/permitted lights significantly improved traffic flow and safety at most intersections. Mr. Peroutka said that these projects could be eligible for funding as capacity enhancing traffic control projects under the improvement portion of the Transportation SDC.

Commissioner Moe asked for clarification of the stormwater crossings. Mr. Peroutka explained that it was a new project budgeted for this year. The City is awaiting the results of the TGM study to establish the location of crossings, then will place culverts beneath roads prior to the overlay project in 2004. He said the Jasper Street extension project was also waiting for development activity. The City has budgeted for half of the estimated \$3.5 million cost. Mr. Peroutka indicated that development activities would likely be contingent on the extension of Highway 126, which was delayed because of wetlands and right-of-way issues, and the Oregon Department of Transportation's reluctance to issue permits for the Main Street and Jasper Road connections.

Mr. Peroutka noted that the South 32<sup>nd</sup> Street Improvement was being funded from proceeds of the sale of the old sports center property. Several commissioners commented on the need to coordinate the City's projects with the State's projects in that area.

Commissioner Shaver reiterated his wish to see the replacement of protected only left turn lights included in the CIP. Commissioners discussed several intersections in the area that had traffic flow problems.

***Commissioner Shaver, seconded by Commissioner Beyer, moved to recommend to the City Council acceptance of the 2003-2008 CIP with the additional encouragement to include projects to convert protected only left turn signals to protected/permitted signals. The motion passed unanimously, 6:0.***

Commissioner Malloy adjourned the Work Session at 6:50 p.m.

(Recorded by Lynn Taylor)

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