

MINUTES

Springfield Planning Commission
Work Session
Springfield City Hall—Jesse Maine Room
225 Fifth Street, Springfield

February 7, 2006
6 p.m.

PRESENT: Steve Moe, Chair; Frank Cross, Lee Beyer, Greg Shaver, members; Bill Grile, Greg Mott, Dan Brown, Ken Vogeney, Steve Rudolf, Jeff Pascal, Brian Barnett, Chuck Gottfried, Pam Meyer, Springfield staff; Joe Leahy, City Attorney.

ABSENT: Gayle Decker

1. Public Works Capital Improvement Program Presentation

Commissioner Moe called the meeting to order.

City Engineer Ken Vogeney and Assistant City Engineer Steve Rudolf presented the draft 2007-2011 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Mr. Vogeney noted the CIP's subtitle, "A Community Reinvestment Plan," which better explained the purpose of the document to the public.

Mr. Vogeney noted that the item would be considered by the City Council in a work session on February 13, with a public hearing and action to follow on March 6.

Mr. Vogeney noted the addition of a category in the CIP for the Justice Center.

Commissioner Beyer asked if staff kept projections of projects that went out longer than five years. Mr. Vogeney said yes, and that work appeared in several planning documents, such as TransPlan. Responding to a follow-up question from Commissioner Beyer, Mr. Mott said the CIP was traditionally always a five-year document. Mr. Mott also noted that the City had a public facilities plan that extended out 20 years. He called attention to criteria in the CIP that the projects must be consistent with the master plan, which was actually a reference to the Public Facilities Master Plan and TransPlan.

Mr. Vogeney called attention to a change in the definition of neighborhood improvements.

Mr. Vogeney noted the distribution of errata sheets showing adjustments to the project descriptions and amounts.

Mr. Vogeney noted the map posted on the meeting room wall showing the location of projects.

Mr. Vogeney reviewed additions to the CIP, including the implementation of the Gray-Jacqua agreements; the Jasper Road extension; the Jasper Road sewer trunk extension; and the 48th Street extension from Main to Daisy streets.

Mr. Brown indicated that bidding could happen for the Jasper Road extension this year, but that was not a certainty. Commissioner Beyer asked if the wetlands permits had been applied for. Mr. Vogeney said yes. Mr. Brown added that the intersection at Main Street was the biggest hurdle in the project because the State had stipulated it must be evaluated to determine what needed to be done in the future when there was full build-out in the area. It was Springfield's position that the evaluation was needed, but the project had an immediate benefit as well, and there was no reason to postpone construction for that reason. Commissioner Beyer said that if the State believed that the road was one day to be a State highway, the issue of how to handle the interchange was a State

issue.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Cole, Mr. Vogeney indicated there could be right-of-way issues associated with the Jasper sewer trunk extension. Responding to a follow-up question from Commissioner Beyer, he said that the project would relieve pressure in the Main Street system but there was still a great deal of capacity in the system.

Mr. Vogeney called attention to the projects in the CIP intended to support development.

Commissioner Beyer determined from staff that improvements inside the individual developments would be borne by the developer. Mr. Vogeney indicated there was a potential of a cost-share for the Jasper Road trunk sewer from property owners along Mountain View. Commissioner Beyer asked if the City's systems had sufficient capacity to handle the development. Mr. Vogeney said that staff would update the sewer plan to determine where capacity was needed.

Mr. Mott asked if the Jasper Road trunk line would handle the capacity from areas not now allowed to develop. Mr. Vogeney said the sewer had neither been designed nor built and he was not sure how much capacity the system would have. The trunk system that exists now was adequate to serve all the land that was planned to be served now.

Commissioner Beyer asked if the sewer line would be big enough to handle development that was likely to happen 30 to 40 years in the future along Jasper Road. Mr. Vogeney was unsure he could answer the question at this time. He said the trunk sewer being designed connected to the existing system and he was unsure what capacity existed in the existing system from 42nd Street continuing west. Commissioner Beyer suggested that staff look into that issue when it was sizing the system as he believed there was much development potential in the area out into the future. Mr. Vogeney said staff would take that into account.

Mr. Vogeney called attention to the list of projects next to the map mounted on the meeting room wall.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Cole about the costs associated with the fire station improvements and if they were site-specific, Mr. Vogeney responded that the City had extra drainage funds to ensure that there was enough money to complete the projects. The costs were based on projected site-specific estimates, and it was possible costs farther out would be adjusted. The projects were not designed yet and each would be a little different.

Commissioner Shaver asked if another overlay for Pioneer Parkway was scheduled. Mr. Vogeney said yes, from Q Street north to the new intersection. Commissioner Shaver asked if the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money was gone. Mr. Vogeney said the CDBG allocation process was just starting and would be addressed through a different process. There was currently one project in the CIP under consideration for CDBG funding, the West High Street project.

Commissioner Carpenter asked how many people were in the low-vision community to justify a proposed \$70,000 allocation for signalization. Mr. Barnett said the purpose of the line item was to be able to respond to requests that were made by the public. The City had a civil rights obligation to make reasonable accommodation, and does so in new construction. He said some funds must be available for low-cost responses in some areas, and perhaps audible or tactile signals could be needed in some locations. The money could be allocated over a number of years.

Commissioner Cole asked about the reduction in the medians in Mohawk. Mr. Barnett said the first ten feet of the medians were cut back because people were running over them. The second stage of the project would be to enhance the delineation of the medians with lighting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

(Recorded by Kimberly Young)