

# **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

## **Capital Improvement Plan FY2006-2011**

January 31, 2005 – 6:30 p.m.

Conference Room A

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City Council Present: Mayor Sirrell, Assistant Mayor Grasso, Councilors Ferrini, Pantelakos, Hynes, Raynolds, Whitehouse and St. Laurent

City Council Absent: Councilor Marchand

Officials Present: City Manager Bohenko, Deputy City Manager Hayden, Planning Director Holden, Public Works Director Parkinson, Deputy Public Works Director Allen, Peter Rice, Public Works Department, Parking & Transportation Director Burke, Fire Chief LeClaire, City Auditor Purgiel, Water & Sewer Accountant Cunningham, Police Administrative Captain DiSesa, School Business Administrator Torrey, Webmaster Brady, and City Clerk Barnaby

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### **I. Call to Order**

Mayor Sirrell called the work session to order at 6:30 p.m.

### **II. Introduction**

City Manager Bohenko reviewed the Charter requirements for the adoption of the Capital Improvement Plan. He said the funding for the CIP was reduced last year to \$750,000, however he is recommending increasing the funding to \$1,200,000. He advised the City Council that projects have been identified in the plan through FY2011. The Planning Board adopted the CIP on January 20, 2005 and the City Council will be holding a public hearing on the plan at the March 21, 2005 meeting. In accordance with the Charter the City Council will need to adopt the CIP prior to April 16, 2005. He reminded the City Council that the Capital Improvement Plan does not bind the City Council to any of the projects it just identifies them in the plan.

### **III. Presentation Overview of Projects**

Members of the City staff provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the CIP. Fire Chief LeClaire discussed the need for replacement of Fire apparatus and equipment. He addressed the need to replace Stations 2 and 3. He said that both buildings are undersized, overcrowded, and do not meet current requirements or needs.

Police Captain DiSesa spoke to the funding request for a mobile communication post, this project is identified for FY06. He addressed the need for improvements to the indoor training range. He also spoke to the need to upgrade the security system for the Police Department. The existing system is over thirteen years old and the company that installed/supports the system cannot do any further enhancements until the infrastructure of the system is replaced.

Public Works Director Parkinson discussed building and infrastructure improvements. He spoke to improvements to the stump dump for the creation of recreational fields. He discussed the need to aerial photograph the City, which was last done in 1994. The aerial photography is an important tool for mapping the city's infrastructure. He discussed improvements to the Congress Street area.

School Business Administrator Torrey discussed the second phase of the fire sprinkler system at Dondero and Little Harbour Elementary Schools. He spoke to the renovation and possible new construction at Portsmouth Middle School. The funding for this project has been identified for FY08 and FY09.

Deputy City Manager Hayden discussed funding for Phase I and Phase II redevelopment of the Thomas J. McIntyre federal building on Daniel Street. She also discussed the implementation of the Peirce Island Master Plan. She spoke to the open space public access improvements to Sagamore Creek Headlands. She discussed the continuation of playground improvements in the city. She also spoke to the Piscataqua Riverwalk and the \$1.5 million that has been secured through Federal funding.

Planning Director Holden discussed land acquisition project, which funds the purchase of land that has been determined should be municipally owned. He also spoke to the process of preparing a new Master Plan and funding to support specific work projects as identified through the planning process.

Parking and Transportation Director Burke addressed the various projects recommended for this FY06 and those identified for future years. He spoke to transit infrastructure improvements that would be federally funded. He discussed funding for major renovation needs to the original High Hanover Parking Facility structure. He also discussed the projects listed for public transportation improvements. He spoke to the citywide traffic signal upgrade program and the replacement of various bridges throughout the city.

Peter Rice, Public Works Department reviewed the sewer projects. He addressed Phase III of the sewage improvement program, which addresses system upgrades, Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades and sewer system extension.

Deputy Public Works Director Allen reviewed the water projects. He discussed the annual water line replacement program, water source augmentation, water tank replacements, and the Madbury Treatment Plant upgrades.

City Auditor Purgiel reviewed the long-term debt service forecast with the Council. City Manager Bohenko addressed our bond rating and capacity to bond. He advised the City Council that we keep our net debt hovering at 10% of the general fund budget.

#### **IV. Questions and Discussion**

Assistant Mayor Grasso asked City Manager Bohenko which projects would be effected if the funding for the CIP were reduced. City Manager Bohenko said he would need to evaluate that and report back to the City Council. She asked City Manager Bohenko to look into the creation of public restrooms in the downtown area.

At 8:15 p.m., Mayor Sirrell closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk