

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Capital Improvement Plan FY2009-2014

March 18, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.

Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers

City Council Present: Mayor Ferrini, Assistant Mayor Blalock, Councilors Novelline Clayburgh, Dwyer, Smith, Kennedy, Spear and Raynolds

City Council Absent: Councilor Pantelakos

Officials Present: John P. Bohenko, City Manager; Judie Belanger, Finance Director; Andrew Purgiel, Controller; Steve Parkinson, Public Works Director; David Allen, Deputy Public Works Director; Cindy Hayden, Deputy City Manager; Alan Brady, Communications Supervisor; Christopher LeClaire, Fire Chief; Steve Bartlett, School Business Administrator; Dr. Robert Lister, Superintendent; Michael Magnant, Police Chief; Jon Frederick, Parking Manager; Rus Wilson, Recreation Director; Gail Cunningham, Controller; Peter Rice, Water & Sewer Engineer; Robert Sullivan, City Attorney; and Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk

At 6:05 p.m., Mayor Ferrini called the work session to order.

City Manager Bohenko said we are here this evening to discuss the Capital Improvement Plan prior to its proposed adoption this evening. He advised the City Council that the City Charter requires that the CIP be adopted before a budget can be delivered to the City Council. City Manager Bohenko said a summary sheet of the CIP has been provided for the City Council to work from and Controller Purgiel will make any changes the City Council requests and new copies will be provided to the City Council prior to adoption.

Councilor Raynolds said the only items that we need to discuss this evening are those projects requesting funding for FY09.

Councilor Dwyer asked if the City Manager is looking for a consensus by the City Council regarding projects during the work session. City Manager Bohenko said he would like to receive consensus on any items the City Council would like changes made to.

I. Vehicle and Equipment Schedule

City Manager Bohenko spoke to rolling stock and said anything removed this year will need to be put in for funding in a future year. He spoke to the time and effort spent by the staff in preparing these requests for funding. He advised the City Council the request for \$25,000.00 under Fire Communications can be removed because of the recent grant received.

Councilor Smith asked if any of the funding for Community Notification System could be removed. City Manager Bohenko advised the City Council that the funds are needed in order to create a database.

The City Council agreed to remove \$25,000.00 from Item 45 – Fire Communications.

II. Buildings and Infrastructure

Councilor Smith asked if the funding for the New Police Station Feasibility Study could be removed or moved out a year. Police Chief Magnant said the Police Commission and Department would like to move forward this year with the funding request.

Councilor Reynolds said he would not support the funding for this study and requested to receive more information relative to the request. He said that the funding should be moved to next year.

Mayor Ferrini said that the Feasibility Study can be discussed during the Police Department Budget Work Session on April 17, 2008.

Councilor Spear asked for information relative to the timing of this study and if other items related to funding for the Police Department could be pushed to future years. City Manager Bohenko said if it is concluded that the Police Station should be relocated the funding requests for items for the current Station would be removed.

Councilor Kennedy expressed concern with a funding request for Fire Station 3 so close to the funding for replacing Fire Station 2. City Manager Bohenko informed the City Council that we are bumping up against environmental issues at Fire Station 3 and the funding is being requested for FY10.

Councilor Dwyer said that Item 76 – Reclamation of Former Stump Dump for Recreational Use, Item 80 – Artificial Turf Athletic Fields, and Item 83 – Indoor Pool Building Rehabilitation are areas that were addressed by individuals during the public comment session at the last City Council meeting relative to the need for a comprehensive study of our recreational needs. She said that these areas of funding could be replaced and put towards funding a study of our recreational needs.

Councilor Reynolds said he agrees with Councilor Dwyer however, he would like to leave the funding for the Reclamation of Former Stump Dump for Recreational Use.

City Manager Bohenko said that we could move Items 76, 80 and 83 out to FY10 and add \$25,000.00 to Item 86 – City Wide Facilities' Capital Improvements for a comprehensive study of our recreational needs.

The City Council agreed to the following:

- *Item 76 – Reclamation of Former Stump Dump for Recreational Use – FY09 reduced by \$25,000.00.*
- *Item 80 – Artificial Turf Athletic Fields – Removed \$50,000.00 from FY09*
- *Item 83 – Indoor Pool Building Rehabilitation – Removed \$500,000.00 from FY09 and added to FY10*

Councilor Novelline Clayburgh asked if the study of our recreational needs could be done in conjunction with the architectural review of fields for the Middle School. City Manager Bohenko said it cannot be done in a vacuum.

Councilor Smith asked if the funding is needed this year for Item 68 – McIntyre Federal Office Building – Phase I and requested that the \$25,000.00 funding request for Item 64 – Land Acquisition be removed. City Manager Bohenko said that the funds go towards matching grants and we need to show that we have funding available if a grant is received.

The City Council agreed to remove \$25,000.00 from Item 68 – McIntyre Federal Office Building - Phase I.

Councilor Dwyer spoke in support of Item 63 for Land Acquisition and said it is a good time to acquire land.

Councilor Kennedy asked how much money is in the Conservation Land Fund. City Manager Bohenko responded approximately \$800,000.00.

Assistant Mayor Blalock said that the funding for Land Acquisition is a structure savings plan and he would not support its removal.

Councilor Spear said he would like to see funding approved for a plan for the Jones Avenue land. He said that this project could be listed for identification purposes for a future year.

III. Information Systems Management

City Manager Bohenko advised the City Council that last year Item 90 – Information Technology Upgrades and Replacements was listed in several places in the budget and this year it was removed from the general fund column and is listed in non-operating. He said that a schedule of replacement has been established and he would like the funding to remain listed in one area.

Councilor Reynolds spoke to Item 89 – Television Studio and said that he views this as a structure capital investment plan for the future. He suggested requesting \$30,000.00 for a study this year.

IV. Transportation Management

Councilor Novelline Clayburgh questioned Item 102 – Replacement of Parking Meters. City Manager Bohenko said he would request to hold a work session with the City Council regarding this matter and no funds would be expended until a work session has been held. City Manager Bohenko said the funding needs to remain however; because funding is needed to replace meters before they start failing.

Councilor Smith advised the City Council that the Parking Committee is reviewing the issue of parking meters and said he supports holding a work session regarding this matter.

Councilor Kennedy asked if a study has been done on our accessibility of transportation in all levels. City Manager Bohenko said a study was done and he could have Parking Manager Frederick come before the City Council in the future to discuss this matter and the various facets.

Councilor Smith inquired if we are prepared to move forward with Item 103 – City Complex Pedestrian Way Improvements and install the sidewalk connecting to the back of the building.

Councilor Kennedy said she would like to have a report on Item 104 – Wayfinding System before the adoption of the budget.

Councilor Reynolds asked if Item 119 – Sagamore Avenue/Sagamore Creek Bridge Replacement is an 80/20 match with federal and state funds. City Manager Bohenko said that is correct. Councilor Reynolds suggested installing a rubber mat system on the bridge because of its hazard to bicyclists.

Councilor Kennedy said we need a roadway master plan. Public Works Director Parkinson addressed the process used for selecting roadway improvements. He said that the roadways are reviewed each year through the computer program.

Councilor Kennedy asked if we have a plan to address Item 130 – Traffic Modeling Project. City Manager Bohenko said that the system will review how traffic flows. Public Works Director Parkinson said we are trying to create a system that is site specific for the City of Portsmouth and its streets.

Councilor Smith asked if Item 125 – Ceres Street Improvement is for a handicap ramp. Deputy City Manager Hayden said that this funding request is separate from the Riverwalk Improvements. She said that the funding is for improvements to Ceres Street because there is a great deal of pedestrian and vehicular traffic in the area.

V. Enterprise Funds

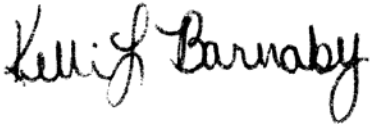
City Manager Bohenko informed the City Council that there has been a change in the funding requests and Deputy Public Works Director Allen will speak to those items.

Deputy Public Works Director Allen said originally it was planned to do Items 154 & 166 – Wide Area Radio Meter Reading System project over two years but we are requesting funding to complete the project this year in order to have everyone on the monthly billing system. He informed the City Council that funding for Item 160 – Water Source Augmentation and Item 161 – Maplewood Avenue Waterline Replacement has been removed and put into FY10.

Councilor Dwyer asked why funding for Items 160 & 161 have been moved out to FY10. Deputy Public Works Director Allen said that the funding was moved due to the time of the projects.

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Ferrini closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelli L. Barnaby". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelli L. Barnaby, CMC/CNHMC
City Clerk