

SAINT PAUL LONG-RANGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 9, 3:30 – 5:30 pm | Rondo Community Library

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:36 by Chair Darren Tobolt.
- II. Roll Call – Quorum was not established, the committee reviewed planned agenda items, but without quorum, was unable to take action.
 - a. Members Present: Darren Tobolt, Demetrius Shaw, Lauren Dees-Erickson, Pat McQuillan, Raymond Hess, and William (Liam) O'Brien
 - b. Members Excused: Elsa Vega Perez, Jack Fei, Pang Yang, and Robert (Brian) Jackson
 - c. Members Absent: Abdi Ahmed, Abshir Ali, and Carl Johnson
 - d. Community Members and City Staff Present: Office of Financial Services: Nichelle Bottko Woods, Shannon Forney; Office of the Mayor: Noel Nix; Parks and Recreation: Alice Messer, Public Works: Anne Weber; Jay Willms City Council Chief Budget Analyst, Hallie, Katie Maberg – ED of Great River Conservancy Project
- III. Approval of Meeting Agenda and Minutes did not occur due to lack of quorum
- IV. Budget Amendment Resolutions
 - a. Parks Resolutions: Alice Messer presented the following Budget Amendment Resolutions and answered committee questions. The following resolutions were forwarded to the City Council without Committee recommendation following the meeting for approval to avoid project slowdowns:
 - i. RES PH 23-296 Mississippi River Learning Center Bud Amd \$8M: Project Mississippi River Learning Center & National Park site with \$8M State bonding funds. An additional ask of \$20M to state is currently pending. Operational considerations still in process, and the timeline includes a design process expected to last 2 years. Total project cost could be \$60 Million and include a mix of public and private funding. \$8M would provide official plans to move the project forward.
 - ii. RES PH 23-307 Phalen Pk Hmong Plaza Bud Amd MN Dept of Admin: \$432 from Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund for construction of Hmong Cultural Plaza. Which includes Implement necklace, irrigation, plantings.
 - iii. RES PH 23-311 Hillcrest Heights Port Authority Contribution Bud Establish: Accept \$500K from Saint Paul port authority to design a new park at the Heights. Hillcrest -planning and engagement.
 - b. Public Works Budget Amendments: Anne Weber presented the following Budget Amendment Resolutions and answered committee questions. The following resolutions were not forwarded to Council without committee recommendation and will appear on next meeting agenda.
 - i. RES PH 23-274 Budget amendment for 2019 Project Closeouts: Ongoing effort to closeout projects. County / Federal / Sewer amts budgeted but then actuals need balancing. 3 projects had excess funding from MSA, which was put aside for contingency funding.

- ii. RES PH 23-308 Adding repurposed federal funding to the CCB Kellogg Ph 1 Project and the West Side Signal Project: Federal Funding for Bruce Vento \$1M- was federally earmarked with Betty McCollum Transportation funding, but the timeline wasn't met, and this resolution repurposes the funds to the West side signal project. Will not take action at this time, as we don't have quorum, but will appear next month.

V. New Business

- a. Local Option Sales Tax: Noel Nix from the Office of the Mayor presented: Public outreach whether to authorize a 1% sales tax. 75% go towards roads and maintain streets, 25% towards park facilities for deferred maintenance. About \$100M backlog of deferred maintenance. Playgrounds should be replaced 15-20 years, St Paul keeping them for 40 years. Downtown parks - river balcony proposal. Multipurpose athletic complex (soccer, pickleball, etc. magnet facility). Road investments for residential street reconstruction. Sales Tax investments must be made in regional investments, i.e. arterials rather than residential. Expected revenue for sales tax? About \$1 billion over the next 10 years. How much do we spend on road repair right now?
- b. Capital and Deferred Maintenance Project Review: Nichelle Bottko Woods from the Office of Financial Services presented the proposal review materials, instructions, and deadlines. 126 project proposals were received and the committee was divided into three groups to review. Instructions on scoring / ranking for proposals were reviewed.

VI. Announcements

- a. Next Meeting: Monday, November 13, 3:30 - 5:30 pm

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Chair Tobolt at 5:04 pm