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SAINT PAUL LONG-RANGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, September 12, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

Central Library – 4th Floor Conference Room

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:	Rebecca Airmet, Larvel Bunker, Joel Clemmer, Kellie Charles Connor, Jacob Dorer, Diane Gerth, Chai Lee, Mary Morse Marti, Noel Nix, Paul Raymond, Paul Sawyer, Michael Steward, Darren Tobolt, Gary Unger
Members Excused:	Amy Huerta
Members Absent:	Samakab Hussein
Visitors and City Staff Present:	Daley Lehmann, Bruce Engelbrekt, John McCarthy – Office of Financial Services Kristin Beckmann – Mayor’s Office Russ Stark – City Council Ellen Stewart – Parks & Rec Paul Kurtz, Anne Weber – Public Works Holly Huston – City Council Jane McClure - Villager

1. Approval of the Agenda.

Mr. Unger moved for approval, Mr. Nix seconded. All approved.

2. Approval of July 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Raymond moved for approval, Mr. Dorer seconded. All approved.

3. Ratify the July 11, 2016 votes.

Mr. Dorer moved approval, Mr. Raymond seconded. All approved.

4. CIB Discussion with Deputy Mayor Beckmann and Council President Stark

Council President Stark started the conversation by thanking the CIB for its hard work and for all that the committee does. He stated that the CIB Committee does an invaluable service

to the City and are a strong voice for the community. Council President Stark then went into talking about two big projects that planning money had been allocated to – Scheffer Recreation Center and Fire Station 20. He went on to talk about how funding to these projects will reduce the amount of money available in the next CIB cycle. Council President Stark went on to talk about how this is an opportunity to look into the future for better community engagement and move the capital budget process in a new direction. He also talked about implementing new ways to look at capital projects through a racial equity lens and using data-driven decision making process.

Deputy Mayor Beckmann gave an explanation of the future facilities index that the city plans implement. She stated that Saint Paul will be looking for data around buildings to establish the condition of the roof, boilers, etc. She also went on to say that having this data will better help move the conversation regarding capital investments and capital maintenance. Deputy Mayor Beckmann added that the city had a lot of success at the Arlington Hills facility and will be looking to replicate much of that success in the Scheffer Recreation Center with youth development programming and incorporation of library services. The Deputy Mayor stated that racial equity and youth development are major priorities for the city and major steps will be taken to implement those priorities. Council President Stark added that the city has a big need for capital maintenance and that there's been bias towards new things over maintaining and improving what we already own.

Both Deputy Mayor Beckmann and Council President Stark reiterated the goals of the next CIB cycle. They wanted to “hit pause” on doing a large task force process and use the money not already allocated to capital maintenance. At the same time the city in conjunction with the CIB committee and the community will create a new inclusive capital budgeting process.

Mr. Unger stated that he was in favor of using additional money for capital maintenance. He said that it's easy to build a big new building and forget about it. He was happy to see the city take steps to fix what we own.

Ms. Gerth stated that everyone loves the new shiny building but it's hard to think of the maintenance that has to go along with it. She stated that she had served on the capital maintenance sub-committee several times and she understands that the maintenance need is overwhelming and frustrating. She added that community input on capital projects should be a top priority for the city. She urged that the city and CIB Committee commit to having a legitimate public process that uses the community as a partner for the city.

Deputy Mayor Beckmann stated that it is tough to put a hold on community proposals for two years, but she also doesn't want to give false optimism to the community because a majority of the money is already allocated. She also said that the city will take the time to do a new capital process and the city will do it well.

Mr. Dorer worried that CDBG funds not being allocated will hurt the local CDC's. Mr. McCarthy stated that the city will still be allocating CDBG funds. Mr. Sawyer stated that the role of the CIB Committee will be to look at what projects are put forward, regardless if they are CIB, MSA, or CDBG.

Ms. Airmet stated that she would like to see money set aside to fund community projects.

Mr. Lee stated that he was in favor of a data-driven process. He talked about how the city would know what to fund or fix if we didn't know what needed to be improved. He also added

that racial equity is very important. He wants to see the process more accessible and representative by making the capital budget process more racially equitable.

Mr. Steward asked if Fire Station 20 will still be considered. Deputy Mayor Beckmann responded by saying yes, the city is still looking at funding the design and construction in the future for the Fire Station.

Mr. Raymond stated that in order for the city to make the CIB process more community driven, it's going to make the process less community driven. He stated that the community has always had a hard time with their smaller community projects competing with the city's larger projects and he hopes that the city will somehow find a way to incorporate them both.

Ms. Morse Marti stated that she is very supportive of a data-drive process. She would also like to see better communication between elected officials and the CIB Committee about their priorities.

Ms. Charles Connor stated that having a new CIB process without community input is a bad idea. She also stated that it is tough for the community to compete against projects designated for public safety and she would hope that the city would take steps in addressing it.

Mr. Clemmer stated that he would like to see the city give better explanations of funding sources when talking with the community. He said that many of the new members on task forces had a hard time following the acronyms.

Mr. Nix said that he was very appreciative of Deputy Mayor Beckmann and Council President Stark coming to the committee to speak. Mr. Nix added that he wants to see the process become more inclusive. He also added that he would like to allocate some money towards funding smaller community projects.

Mr. Sawyer thanked everyone for coming to speak to the CIB Committee. He stated that during this process you have to guess what the Council and Mayor's priorities are. He added that he would like to hear what is important to everyone, from elected officials to the community. Mr. Sawyer went on to talk about capital maintenance and the huge capital needs the city has. He added that there has been several changes since the original task force process was created. He said that technology has changed and the population of Saint Paul has changed and he wants to incorporate both into a new way of looking at capital funding.

Council President Stark added that he wants to hear from the community and from the CIB Committee. He said anything that needs to be addressed to contact city staff will be added to the list of things to consider.

5. Action Items

Parks and Recreation

RES PH 16-245: Amending the financing and spending budget in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$539,000 for Metropolitan Council Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment funded for Indian Mounds Regional Park; and accepting the grant funds from the Metropolitan Council through the Clean Water Land and Legacy Amendment, Parks and Trails FY 2016-17 program.

Ms. Stewart gave an overview of the resolution and its funding sources.

Ms. Gerth moved approval. Mr. Nix seconded. All approved.

Public Works

RES PH 16-282: Amending the financing and spending budgets in the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$5,681 to add Ramsey County funding and transfer \$6,580 from MSA Contingency into the Signalized Intersection Program.

Ms. Weber gave an overview of the resolution.

Mr. Lee moved approval. Mr. Nix seconded. All approved.

RES PH 16-289: Amending the financing and spending plans in the capital budget for the Department of Public Works by adding \$254,018 of Saint Paul Sewer Utility funding into the Randolph-Brimhall to I-35E Reconstruction Projects.

Ms. Weber gave an overview of the resolution

Mr. Unger moved approval. Mr. Raymond seconded. All approved.

RES PH 16-290: Amending the financing and spending plans in the capital budget for the Department of Public Works by adding \$34,798 of Saint Paul Sewer Utility funding and \$19,086 Ramsey County Contribution into the Maryland Avenue at Payne Avenue intersection reconstruction project.

Ms. Weber gave an overview of the resolution

Mr. Dorer asked when the construction of this project was going to start. Mr. Kurtz responded by saying it was done.

Ms. Gerth moved approval. Mr. Raymond seconded. All approved.

Office of Financial Services

RES PH 16-294: Amending the City of Saint Paul's 2016 Capital Budget to reflect the reacquisition of the Jimmy Lee Recreation Center from the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul.

Mr. Solomon gave a presentation on how the original facility was financed and what steps the city in undertaking to reacquire it.

Ms. Gerth asked if this would affect the \$11m the city issues annual. Mr. Solomon stated that this would be outside of the \$11m.

RES PH 16-306: Moving CIB Contingency to Public Works' Capital Maintenance fund for reimbursement for work done at the Lafayette Triangle Parking lot.

Mr. Engelbrekt spoke about the Lafayette Triangle project and the city's obligation.

Ms. Gerth moved approval. Mr. Unger seconded. All approved.

6. 2017 Proposed CIB Budget

Mr. Lehmann went through all of the changes in the 2017 Proposed CIB budget from the 2017 Tentative budget.

7. Adjourn

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