

# **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

## **Capital Improvement Plan FY2005-2010**

March 22, 2004 – 6:30 p.m.

Conference Room A

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

Officials Present: City Manager Bohenko, Deputy City Manager Hayden, Planning Director Holden, Public Works Director Parkinson, Deputy Public Works Director Allen, Parking & Transportation Director Burke, Fire Chief LeClaire, City Auditor Purgiel, Water & Sewer Accountant Cunningham, Police Department Budget Coordinator Senecal, Police Captain DiSea

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

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 to increase the funding back up to \$1,000,000 as in the past. He advised the City Council that projects have been identified in the plan through FY2010. The Planning Board adopted the CIP on January 22, 2004 and the City Council will be holding a public hearing on the plan at the March 29, 2004 meeting. In accordance with the Charter the City Council will need to adopt the CIP prior to April 19, 2004 when they are scheduled to receive the entire budget for review. He recommended that the City Council take action on the plan at the April 12, 2004 City Council meeting.

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 advised the City Council that there is funding to replace one ladder truck in FY05 and the second ladder truck in FY06. He also discussed the need for a study to replace Stations 2 and 3. City Manager Bohenko said he would recommend that a committee be established to oversee the replacement of the two stations.

Police Captain DiSea spoke to the funding request for a mobile communication post this project is identified for FY06. He advised the City Council that the department is looking to other communities to share the costs of this project. He also addressed the need for improvements to the indoor training range.

Public Works Director Parkinson discussed building and infrastructure improvements. He spoke to improvements to the stump dump for the creation of recreational fields.

Deputy City Manager Hayden discussed funding for the redevelopment of the Thomas J. McIntyre federal building on Daniel Street. She also reviewed with the City Council the improvements that have been made to Peirce Island. Slides were presented to show what the island looked like prior to the improvements and how the island appears presently.

Planning Director Holden addressed improvements to various schools such as the Middle School.

Parking and Transportation Director Burke addressed the various projects recommended for this FY05 and those identified for future years. He spoke to transit infrastructure improvements that would be federally funded. He discussed a pilot program that will be established for web based credit card parking payments and if that is successful it would be expanded to other area such as paying for parking garage passes, filing appeals to parking tickets, etc.

Deputy Public Works Director Allen reviewed the Enterprise Funds for the Sewer Department. He addressed various grants that are available to the City for projects. He spoke to the brick box repairs, upgrades to the Gosling Road pump station and long term control plan to address sewer overflows. He then reviewed the Enterprise Funds for the Water Department. He addressed the annual water line replacement project, upgrades to the scada system, reviewing water augmentation, Madbury Treatment Plant upgrades, Osprey and Hobbs Hill water tank improvements.

City Manager Bohenko advised the City Council that a firm would be retained to perform a study on our water and sewer rates. He said we need to ensure that we are maximizing our rate structure.

City Auditor Purgiel reviewed the debt services with the Council. He said that our debt service is 9.7% of the general fund budget.

Councilor Whitehouse suggested that \$25,000 be added to the funding for Phase III of the Peirce Island Master Plan to move forward. He said there is a possibility that the Old State House could be located at the Peirce Island Parking lot area. He said that he would recommend taking the money from the stump dump project.

City Manager Bohenko said any changes to the CIP should take place at the April 12, 2004 City Council meeting.

Councilor Grasso said she feels it is important to move forward with the stump dump project for the creation of fields for the kids in the community. She also said that she does not want to see the amount of the CIP increased over \$1,000,000 for FY05. City Manager Bohenko said that there would be a need in the future to increase the CIP to \$1,500,000 but not at this time.

At 8:00 p.m., Mayor Sirrell closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk