

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN FY22-27 WORK SESSION

VIA ZOOM

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021

PORTSMOUTH, NH

TIME: 6:30 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Becksted, Assistant Mayor Splaine, Councilors McEachern, Whelan, Lazenby, Kennedy, Huda, Tabor, and Trace participating from their respective homes.

### PARTICIPATING STAFF:

Karen Conard, City Manager; Nancy Colbert Puff, Deputy City Manager; Robert Sullivan, City Attorney; Valerie French, Deputy City Clerk; Various Personnel (listed below with presentations)

Mayor Becksted called the Work Session to order at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor Becksted explained that the Capital Improvements Plan is designed as a wish list for future projects with some being needs and others desires. He stated these are not funded until they are bonded through Council vote.

City Manager Conard gave a brief review of the Capital Improvements Plan process for systematic analysis of upcoming projects which includes input from residents. She then outlined the timeframe of the public hearing on February 8, 2021 and adoption on March 8, 2021. A power point presentation ensued with the following personnel outlining their specific requests:

Fire Chief Germain

Police Chief Newport

Nathan Lunney, School Administrator

Abby Mills, Finance Department, Permanent Records Storage (in conjunction with City Clerk)

Planning Director Walker, Planning Department

Craig Welsh, Portsmouth Housing Authority, Court Street Project

Public Works Director Rice

Alan Brady, Information Technology

Brian Goetz, Deputy Public Works Director (Water System)

Terry Desmarais, Engineer (Sewer System)

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Police Department's long-time need for a new facility as the current location continues to deteriorate.
- Implementation of the Prescott Park Master Plan.
- Portsmouth Housing Authority having an item within the Capital Improvements Plan as it is not a city department
- Diversity Training which was felt to be an expense item for Human Resources.
- Hanover Parking Facility
- Street paving/sidewalks
- I-95 Barriers
- Mechanic Street Pump Station
- WWTF issues
- McIntyre Project
- Islington Street Corridor Project

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Becksted opened the Public Comment:

Marc Urguess- stated he appreciates the comments regarding finishing Islington Street as there have been promises made in the past that this would be finished by 2020 and it keeps getting pushed back farther and farther.

Andrew Bagley – stated with COVID-19 and the need to tighten the budget it is an impossible task to do what needs to be done, but does agree that Islington Street should not be pushed back.

Councilor McEachern moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Huda. Motion passed on a 9-0 roll call vote.

At 9:00 p.m., Mayor Becksted closed the work session.

Respectfully submitted by:

Valerie A. French CNHMC  
Deputy City Clerk