A Public Works Committee meeting was held at the City/School Administration Center in Rapid City, South Dakota, on Tuesday, December 31, 2019, at 12:30 p.m.

A quorum was determined with the following members answering the roll call: Evans, Armstrong Strommen, Modrick
Absent: Roberts

City Staff present:
Dale Tech, Public Works Director
Pauline Sumption, Finance Officer
Jeff Beigler, Parks and Recreation Director
Doug Sloan, Recreation Division Manager
Shannon Truax, Public Works Administrative Coordinator

(Note: For sake of continuity, the following minutes are not necessarily in chronological order. Also, all referenced documents are on file with the Master Agenda.)

Adoption of the Agenda
Motion was made by Modrick, second by Strommen and carried to adopt the agenda.

General Public Comment
NO DISCUSSION

Consent Item Public Comment
Item 16
Melissa Frein, commented on her observation that there are not many general swimmers, which means her son would need to share swim lanes, hindering his ability to improve.
Cole Kincart, commented that new policy would hinder his ability to improve and be competitive in swim competitions.
Liz Willis, commented that swimming is a lifelong sport and requesting that this issue be moved to a public discussion and vote.
Nathan Cotts, commented that they want City to reconsider change of policy since he feels this is a safety issue. He requests that City find an amicable solution, as this solution will stifle children’s ability to improve.
Sherry Cotts, concerned that by turning away non-profit organizations who are willing to pay for the use of the facility, it becomes a burden to tax-payers
Steven Kirsch, concerned that this policy diminishes the opportunities for youths. He stated that this is a safety concern as the swim lanes are overcrowded and space available to them makes practices ineffective.
Duncan Olney, stated that changing the policy so that number of lanes is determined by program, not by number of swimmers, is a problem. They have met with Park and Recreation Advisory Board and he does not believe the number of swimmers in other programs justify the changes that are being proposed. He believes this policy will penalize his organization for growing by restricting the number of lanes they can utilize, thereby limiting the number of kids who can participate in his program.

Consent Items – Item 1-16
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Modrick, second by Evans and carried to approve Items 1-16 as they appear on the Consent Items with the exception of Item Nos. 14, 16.

1) Approve minutes of December 10, 2019.

ITEMS FROM THE MAYOR’S OFFICE

2) PW123119-01: Confirm the reappointments of Joe Jarding, Kristofer James and Doug Wilson to the Rapid City Trenching Board.
3) PW123119-02: Confirm the reappointment of Karen Gundersen Olson to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

ENGINEERING

4) PW123119-03: Approve Change Order 1 F to Simon Contractors of SD, Inc. for 2019 Street Patching Project, Project #19-2469/CIP 50844 for a decrease of $8,224.84.
5) PW123119-04: Approve Change Order 1F to J.V. Bailey Co., Inc. for Joint Sealing Panel Repair Replacement Cambell Street, Project #18-2472/CIP 50445 for a decrease of $9,108.60.
6) PW123119-05: Authorize the Mayor and Finance Officer to Sign Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement between the City of Rapid City and KTM Design Solutions, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for Jolly Lane to Reservoir Road Trunk Sewer Extension, Project No. 14-2121 / CIP 51005 in the amount of $128,608.00.
7) PW123119-06: Authorize Mayor and Finance Officer to Sign Amendment 1 with Ferber Engineering Company, Inc. for 38th Street Reconstruction Clifton Street to Range Road, Project No. 15-2232/CIP 51716.1 & 50716.2 in the amount of $18,500.00.
8) PW123119-07: Authorize Mayor and Finance Officer to Amendment 1 with FMG Engineering, Inc. for Disk and Haines Avenue Intersection project, Project No. 16-2347/CIP 51121 in the amount of $49,000.00.
9) PW123119-08: Authorize Mayor and Finance Officer to Sign an Agreement between the City of Rapid and Skyline Engineering, LLC for Construction Administration for the Downtown Lighting, Project No. 19-2500 / CIP No. 51228, in the amount of $47,230.00
10) PW123119-09: Authorize Mayor and Finance Officer to sign a contract amendment with Chamberlin Architects for Project No. 2527 / CIP No. 51249 Star of the West Restrooms.
11) PW123119-10: Authorize Mayor and Finance Office to Sign an Agreement between the City of Rapid City and Bartlett & West for Professional Services for Water Booster Pump Station Design Criteria Update, Project No.19-2550/CIP No. 51234, in the amount of $54,900.
12) PW123119-11: Authorize Mayor and Finance Officer to Sign an Agreement between the City of Rapid City and HDR Engineering, Inc. for E Main Street N Bridge Emergency Repair, Project No. 19-2560 / CIP No. 51247 In the amount of $13,296.00.
13) PW123119-12: Request from Fisk Land Surveying & Consulting Engineers, Inc. for a Variance to Waive the Requirement to Install Sidewalk per City Ordinance 12.08.060 along Heidiway Lane for the property located west of the intersection of Heidiway Lane/Heidiway Court (Proposed Lot 5, Block 3 of Dunham Estates).

SOLID WASTE

14) PW123119-13: Evans commented that there is an open position at this facility and questioned seeking proposal while we have not yet selected a leader for this facility. Modrick asked why we would move forward while this position is vacant. Tech advise that Jeff Barber has accepted that position and this proposal will assist Mr. Barber in moving forward to making future plans.
Tech advised this is a process which will take months to move this plan forward, so delays at this point gain the City nothing. Tech advised that this item has no cost and a scope of work has not been determined. This item will be brought back before the Council before any additional decisions are made. Tech advised that Dan Coon, Assistant Public Works Director, will have oversight for this project. Evans asked if inclusion of members of the Sustainability Committee could be considered in the selection of the Consultant. Tech advised that consultant interviews do not determine scope of work, interviews are to ensure qualification. Evans stated that he wants to ensure that the firm that is selected shares the philosophy of the City, not their own philosophy. Authorize staff to Seek Proposals for Professional Services for the Solid Waste Master Plan; Project No. 19-2561; CIP No. 51229.

Motion by Strommen to Approve. Second by Modrick. Motion Carried.

15) PW123119-14: Authorize purchase of a new Komptech Topturn X63 Compost Pile Turner from Source Well for a total of $575,520.00. This cost will be reimbursed 50% through SDDENR grant 2020-SW-200.

**ITEMS FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION**

16) PW123119-15: Evans stated that he is concerned that there is no justification for this change, and could potentially be detrimental to the safety of children. Modrick asked Biegler to explain the justification for the change. Biegler explained the current priority use plan bases lane allocation on the US Swim website registration. The number of swimmers did not accurately reflect the number of swimmers using the facility. Biegler stated that lane allocations would be based on the number of kids using the facility, instead of the number of kids registers on the swim team website. This also allows the facility to make seasonal adjustments to the allocation. The adjustment of 50% would apply Monday through Thursday evening swim teams, allocating each team 50% of the available lanes. The current use is that 55% of the participants from GREAT, and 45% from RC Racers. Modrick questioned why we would allocate lanes for public use when the lanes for private use are overcrowded. Biegler stated that the facility is not always available to the public because of the prioritization of private swim teams. Modrick suggested taking public lanes away from the general public to make more space available to the private teams who are currently utilizing the space. Strommen asked Biegler about dedicating additional lanes to reallocate public space to the private organizations, if they are not being utilized. Strommen asked who schedules the participants to attend which practices and number of swimmers using each lane. Biegler verified that decision is managed by the coaches of the individual teams. Strommen commented that the City does not dictate the way the lanes are assigned by the private organizations. Evans commented that limiting the resources available to the teams will impact the quality of the instruction the children received. Coach Olney advised that they are limited because of the limited resources available in the facility. Olney commented that he doesn’t think this policy accommodates future changes to team memberships. Biegler stated they have had staff monitoring the use and offering additional space when it is available. Sloan stated that based on age, teams recommended the maximum number of ten children under 10, for older children no more than six, although there is no set recommendation. Sloan reminded the committee that this is a public use facility, with 450 current pass holders, and it needs to also be available to the other citizens of Rapid City. They receive numerous complaints from pass holders that there is no space available because of the prioritization of swim teams over the general public. Sloan stated they have given the swim teams additional space when it is not being utilized by the general public. Biegler reminded that this is a publicly funded program, available for public use and dedicating additional space to private organizations will impact the services the City can provide for the general public, to prioritize organizations which provide only 4% of the revenue generated for the support of the
facility. Approve Resolution No. 2019-097 entitled A Resolution Altering the Rapid City Parks and Recreation Department Priority Use Policy. Motion by Strommen to Approve. Second not made. Substitute Motion by Modrick to send to Council without recommendation, Second by Evans. Motion Carried.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

ADJOURN

Motion by Strommen to Approve. Second by Evans. Motion Carried Unanimously.