CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM COMMITTEE MINUTES  
City of Rapid City, South Dakota  
Second Floor – Council Chambers  
8:30 A.M., June 17, 2022

A Capital Improvements Program Committee meeting was held at City Hall, 300 Sixth Street, in Rapid City, South Dakota, on Friday, June 17, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order and the following members were present: Ritchie Nordstrom, Jason Salamun, Darla Drew and Greg Strommen; the following members arrived during the course of the meeting: None; and the following were absent: Ron Weifenbach.

Others present included: Finance Director Pauline Sumption, Deputy Finance Director Tracy Davis, Public Works Director Dale Tech, Police Chief Don Hedrick, Fire Chief Jason Culberson, Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Biegler, Capital Improvements Program Manager Amber Sitts, Operations Management Engineer Rod Johnson, IT Director Jim Gilbert, Communications Coordinator Darrell Shoemaker and Administrative Coordinator Heidi Weaver.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA  
Motion was made by Salamun, second by Nordstrom and carried to adopt the agenda.

CONSENT ITEMS  
-- Items 3 – 7  
There was no motion made regarding the consent items. Therefore, each item was read and voted on.

Strommen read in to Approve Minutes for May 20, 2022. Motion was made by Nordstrom, second by Drew to approve. Motion carried 4-0

Strommen read in item (No. CIP061722-03) Approve Capital Plans for Government Facilities – (Fire & Emergency Services, Parks & Recreation, Summary). Motion was made by Nordstrom, second by Drew to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

Strommen read in item (No. CIP061722-04) Approve Capital Plan for Fire Vehicles. Motion was made by Drew, second by Nordstrom to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

Strommen read in item (No. CIP061722-05) Approve Capital Plan for Parks & Recreation. Motion was made by Drew, second by Nordstrom to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

Strommen read in item (No. CIP061722-06) Approve Capital Plan for Information Technology. Motion was made by Drew, second by Nordstrom to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

NON-CONSENT ITEMS  
-- Items 8 – 9  
Strommen read in item (No. CIP061722-01) Acknowledge Financial Report (Summary, DCA Charges and Debt Service). Davis, first report they are seeing, through the end of April 2022. There is nothing to report. Motion was made by Drew, second by Salamun to acknowledge. Motion carried 4-0.

Strommen read in item (No. CIP061722-02) Approve Capital Plan for PW Infrastructure. Sitts stated this was the new report for the year. They did not add anything new because a lot of the bid prices are coming in higher. Balance shows $4 million but that is intended to carry forward for
the next year’s projects. They essentially have $237,000 left in 2027. Tech told Nordstrom that the project that includes, Iowa, Tallent, etc. is included in the $1.8-million-dollar pavement project. This can include surface treatments, patching, repairs, and pavement overlays. This is not a full reconstruction. Tech stated the prices on the current 5-year-plan are dollar amounts that would cost to do the project today. These prices are re-evaluated each year considering the prices of everything involved. Tech said there is no projected amounts that he could give to predict what prices could be in the future. Motion was made by Drew, second by Salamun to approve. Tech said portions of Carriage Hills Drive and Canyon Drive are poor. The project will be rehabilitation with new pavement and some guardrails. Drew thanked the Public Works Department for the work on the roads in the “gap” because they are very nice and no longer have backed up traffic. Tech stated that the Wonderland Drive area have reconstruction coming due in 2023-2024-2025. The Wildwood Drive project will start next year. Motion carried 4-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS – Items 10 - 12
Strommen read in item (No. CIP052022-03) Approve 2023-2027 Five Year Government Facilities Plan (This item was continued from the May 20, 2022 CIP meeting.) Nordstrom clarified that the Journey Museum Safety / Security Upgrade, the Monument request and the Library ADA Restroom Upgrades were already taken off of the last spreadsheet. The Police Department and Fire Department are going to move their requests to the year 2028. Sumption clarified that the state doesn’t care how we spend this money, we get 2% as a general sales tax rate. State statute “used” to say that 1% went to the general fund and 1% had to go to Capital Improvement but they changed the law where now the cities can decide on their own what they want to do with that 2%. Biegler stated that he wasn’t expecting all of his projects to be funded but he didn’t want all of them to be dismissed either. There is a need to get all of the projects done and they have put off for a very long time. Biegler offered to remove parking lot maintenance for $500K; Golf Course Bridge Replacement for $300K; Swim Center Deck Replacement for $300K and reduce the playground equipment to $123,519. The Five-Year Plan is balanced at $1,173,519. Nordstrom said that six out of the twenty Vision Projects belong to the Parks Department. He suggested the mayor consider putting $250K in the Parks General Fund Budget. Salamun thanked Sumption, Biegler, Hedrick and Culberson for their willingness to forgo some projects to get the 5-year plan balanced. Motion was made by Nordstrom, second by Salamun to make the changes offered by PD, FD and Parks. Motion carried 4-0.

Strommen read in item (LF060122-04) Salamun lead the discussion regarding the potential of adjusting some of the Vision Funds and the possibility of decreasing the percentage and giving more funds for infrastructure. He said the citizens would likely have to vote on it. He suggested considering 70% to infrastructure and 30% to Vision; versus the 58% infrastructure and 42% Vision that we have now. He would like it to be considered in the future. Drew thinks the Vision money should stay allocated as it is because that’s what the people voted for. She said the City might want to consider a road tax or frontage fee for the new developments. We need contractors to help with those costs. Salamun said the decision on Vision Funds is an ongoing discussion. He thinks the city should limit the amount of Vision Funds that go to non-profit organizations. The Parks and CIP budgets are part of the quality of life, they should have a better say on what projects they want completed. He thinks the voters would be more willing to reallocate vision funds instead of getting a tax increase. He said this is a good discussion to keep having. It is not urgent, but a change does need to happen. Strommen stated this was a good conversation and that no motion was needed at this time.

PW Director Dale Tech asked for a point of privilege to recognize Amber Sitts and acknowledge her 14 years of service with the city. She is leaving and will be missed.
Strommen said the next meeting would be Friday, July 15, 2022 @ 8:30 a.m. / 2nd Floor Council Chambers.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the committee, motion was made by Drew, second by Nordstrom and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 a.m.