



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

City Plan Commission

Monday, July 17, 2017

4:00 PM

3rd Floor Conference Room

CIP Meeting

Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tim Kabat at 4:00 p.m.

Council Member Medinger arrived to the meeting at 4:08 p.m. Council Member Neumeister arrived to the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Present: 8 - Paul Medinger, Randy Turtenwald, Tim Kabat, Scott Neumeister, Corliss Tischer, Elaine Yager, Paul Schoenfeld, Jacqueline Marcou

Excused: 1 - Vacant 1

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

*Valerie Fenske, Finance Department
Polly Marcou, Finance Department
Ken Gilliam, Fire Department
Craig Snyder, Fire Department
Kelly Krieg-Sigman, Library
Russ McClintock, Library
Jim Krueger, MTU
Ron Tischer, Police Department
Jacky Greshner, Information Technology
Mike LaFleur, Streets
Steve Carlyon, Parks
Jay Odegard, Parks
Mark Johnson, Water
Art Fahey, La Crosse Center
Tim Acklin, Planning Department
Andrea Schnick, Planning Department
Sara Olson, Planning Department*

OTHERS PRESENT:

*Council Member Ostrem
Council Member Marshall
Council Member Janssen
Council Member Olson
Chris Baldus, La Crosse Tribune*

Agenda Items:

1. [17-0938](#) 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Program Budget

Attachments: [PROJECT BUDGET 2018-2022 DRAFT 07 03 17](#)

Comments from the Mayor and Director of Finance and Purchase/Treasurer

Valerie Fenske noted there are significantly more requests than money available. Mayor Kabat noted there is a self imposed ceiling of \$7,500,000. The timeline for this process includes department head presentations today and August 14th. In the past, the commission has then directed staff to make further adjustments. There is also a public hearing on August 21st. The final report will be received by Plan Commission on September 11th. The recommendation from that meeting goes to the full council for approval. New projects can be added at the department head meetings and public hearing.

CIP Presentations - some presentations may not be heard until the August 14, 2017 meeting:

Airport – No staff commented on this item.

Alley Paving – Randy Turtenwald reported item 15 of \$20,000 is for standard city-wide alley repairs. A motion was made by Turtenwald, seconded by Marcou, to add a new item to pave the alley from Jackson St to E-W alley between 20th and 21st Streets for \$4,000 SOF 4 and \$8,000 SOF 10. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote.

Fire Department – Ken Gilliam reported on several fire department requests. He noted item 21, exhaust removal at stations 1,3 and 4, is critical for health and safety. He noted items 22 and 23 could be split 50/50 between 2018 and 2019. Item 24, decontamination rooms, is a high priority. Item 25, ALS, is also critical. Item 26, a new fire station, is a big ticket item, but is absolutely critical. Item 27 could be moved out to 2019. Item 28, refurbish fire safety house, should be moved to 2018. A motion was made by Yager, seconded by Marcou, to change item 22 to \$40,000 in 2018 and \$40,000 in 2019, change item 23 to \$17,500 in 2018 and increase 2019 by \$17,500, to move out item 27 to 2019, and to move up item 28 to 2018. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

Harbors/Docks/Waterways – No staff commented on this item.

La Crosse Center – Art Fahey reported on the single La Crosse Center request, which is an Arts Board project for the new building.

Library – Kelly Krieg-Sigman distributed handouts to the commissioners. She noted they are seeking funding for one of the two projects, either main library first floor flooring, carpet and shelving or main library circulation desk and new flooring. She also noted the carpets are 12 years old and the shelving is from 1965. No action was taken.

Miscellaneous/Special Projects – Randy Turtenwald noted we shouldn't fund maintenance with capital dollars, for example in item 39. Andrea Schnick addressed that this request is because TID 9 closed recently, so a source of funds is needed to maintain the International Business Park; it mostly covers mowing. Mayor Kabat agreed that it should be moved to the operating budget. No action was taken.

Special Projects items 102-115 still need to be addressed.

Parking – This is no longer a header category in the budget.

Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department – Steve Carlyon reported on the Parks items. He would like to request item 40, Riverside Bandshell, be changed to \$100,000. Item 41 can move out to 2019. Item 42 stays as is. Item 43 can move out to 2019. Item 44 stays as is and would complete the boulevard ash tree removal and replacement. Item 45 can move out to 2019. Item 46 can move out to 2019. Item 47, ball field fence replacement, can be changed to \$25,000. Item 48 can move out to 2019. Item 49 can move out to 2019. Item 50 stays as is. Item 51 stays as is. Item 52 can move out to 2019. Item 53 stays as is. Item 54 stays as is. Item 55 can move out to 2019. Item 56, Roesler Park, can be changed to \$375,000 and SOF 10. Item 57 stays as is. Item 58, Bluffview Park improvements, can be changed to \$375,000 and SOF 10. Item 59 can move out to 2019. Item 60 stays as is. Item 61 can move out to 2019. Item 63 stays as is. Carlyon then noted item 72 under public buildings for asbestos abatement and remodel of the Council Chambers is the top priority in this category. Carlyon then addressed item 105, which was a request by the Heritage Preservation Commission together with Bring Back Myrick Park Zoo, is a request they support. Item 109 is also an item they support although not requested by Parks. Item 135, install sidewalk in Myrick Park, was a request by GENA that they would be in support of. Item 196 can move out to 2019. Item 197 stays as is. Item 213 stays as is and is a high priority. Item 240 can be deleted. Item 242 stays as is and is a high priority because of a softball tournament planned and contracted for several years. Item 249, Trane All Abilities Park, can be changed to \$800,000. Item 250, Erickson Park improvements, can be changed to \$600,000. Item 253 stays as is. This concluded Carlyon's report.

A motion was made by Medinger, seconded by Schoenfeld, to change item 40 to \$100,000, to move out item 41 to 2019, to keep item 42, to move out item 43 to 2019, to keep item 44, to move out item 45 to 2019, to move out item 46 to 2019, to change item 47 to \$25,000 in 2018 and \$25,000 in 2019, to move out item 48, to move out item 49, to keep items 50-54, to move out item 55 to 2019, to change item 56 to \$375,000 and SOF 10, to keep item 57, to change item 58 to \$375,000 and SOF 10, to move out item 59 to 2019, to keep item 60, to move out item 61 to 2019, to keep item 63, to keep item 105, to keep item 135, to remove item 196, to keep item 197, to keep item 213, to keep item 240, to change item 249 to \$800,000, and to change item 250 to \$600,000. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

Mayor Kabat requested an update for the August 14th meeting from Parks, Engineering and Planning on what neighborhood projects are underway, planned for or requested for future; Turtenwald is taking the lead on this research.

Police Department – Ron Tischer reported on the two police requests. He noted item 65 is in addition to \$100,000 in funding from this year and would provide fencing and an overhang. The total estimate for this parking lot construction is \$800,000-\$950,000. Mayor Kabat requested Tischer report the study results at the August 14th meeting. Item 64 is for a new law enforcement center, as the department will outgrow their current facilities within the next 10 years. They need space for training facilities and improved locker rooms among other features. The 2018 funding of \$50,000 would be for the design process. No action was taken.

Public Buildings – Jacky Greshner reported on item 66, noting that IT has outgrown their current space, and a 5th floor remodel includes repurposing public works and includes creating an emergency operations center. Randy Turtenwald reported on items 68-71 noting that all need to be replaced. Fire alarm replacement is the top priority. The elevators are an ADA requirement, but otherwise a convenience. The air handler and boiler are equal priority. Item 72 was addressed in the Parks report. Mike LaFleur noted 73 could be moved out to 2019, item 74 can be removed from 2018, and item 75 stays as is. A motion was made by Neumeister, seconded by Tischer, to

move out item 73 to 2019 and to remove item 74 from 2018. The motion carried 8-0 by voice vote.

Street Improvements – Mike LaFleur and Randy Turtenwald reported on these items. Items 148, 149, 152, 155, 157, 164 and 165 stay as is. Item 128 stays as is. Turtenwald is checking on the estimate for item 130. Item 131 is an annual project. Items 132 stays as is. Items 133-137 are GENA requests and stay as is. Items 138 and 139 stay as is. Items 140, 141 and 142 can move out to 2019. Items 143 and 144 stay as is. Item 145 can move out to 2019. Item 146 stays as is. A motion was made by Turtenwald, seconded by Medinger, to move out items 140, 141, 142 and 145 to 2019, and to add a new item for curb and gutter project and contract paving for George Street – West George Street to Stoddard Street for \$400,000 and SOF 4. The motion carried 8-0 by voice vote.

Streetscaping – Tim Acklin noted that item 188 is a Heritage Preservation Commission initiated project. Randy Turtenwald noted items 151 and 188 go hand in hand. Turtenwald will work with Acklin to get a better estimate and combine items 151, 188 and 189. Scott Neumeister reported on item 190, noting it is for safety in the neighborhood. No action was taken.

TIF Districts – Mayor Kabat noted staff will work out TIF 7 requests. A motion was made by Yager, seconded by Schoenfeld to move out items 198-203 to 2019. The motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. TIF 11 items stay as is; Jason Gilman will report next month. TIF 12 and 13 items stay as is. A motion was made by Medinger, seconded by Tischer, to delete item 235, to delete item 238, and to move out item 243 to 2019. The motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. TIF 15 items were previously addressed. TIF 16 and 17 items stay as is.

Transit – Jim Krueger reported on this category. Mayor Kabat noted item 260 stays as is for now and Board of Public Works is looking into it.

Water/Sanitary Sewer/Wastewater Facilities/Storm Sewer/Storm Water Facilities – Mark Johnson reported on the various utility items. He noted item 76 needs to include 48" in the description. He noted item 80 is actually a replacement and that it could be changed to \$1,000,000 in 2018 and \$1,000,000 in 2019. He noted 93 could be deleted. A motion was made by Medinger, seconded by Marcou, to change item 80 to \$1,000,000 in 2018 and \$1,000,000 in 2019, and to delete item 93. The motion carried 8-0 by voice vote.

Items in this section, 116-129, are sometimes split 50/50 with city SOF 4 and the utility SOF 27. Randy Turtenwald noted items 122-124 are a 3 phase project and could be moved to TIF 15 and SOF 30. Items 173 and 174 could also be changed to TIF 15 and SOF 30. A motion was made by Turtenwald, seconded by Schoenfeld, to change items 122, 123, 124, 173 and 174 to TIF 15 and SOF 30. The motion carried 8-0 by voice vote.

A motion was made by Turtenwald, seconded by Neumeister, to change item 149 to TIF 15 and SOF 30. The motion carried 8-0 by voice vote.

A motion was made by Marcou, seconded by Medinger, to move out items 261, 262 and 266 to 2019, and to change item 265 to TIF 15 and SOF 30. The motion carried 8-0 by voice vote.

A motion was made by Turtenwald, seconded by Schoenfeld, to move out item 128 to 2019. The motion carried 8-0 by voice vote.

Next Meeting Date/Agenda Items

The next meeting is August 14, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Since the remaining department head presentations should be brief, the commission decided to move the public hearing to this meeting date, as well. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers. The August 21, 2017 meeting is canceled.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Medinger, seconded by Marcou, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Tim Kabat at 5:39 p.m.

Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.

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