



Rochester Hills

Minutes

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Members: Gerard Dettloff, Dale Hetrick, Greg Hooper, Nicholas O. Kaltsounis, David A. Reece, C. Neall Schroeder, Emmet Yukon

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Boswell called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

ROLL CALL

Present 9 - William Boswell, Deborah Brnabic, Gerard Dettloff, Dale Hetrick, Greg Hooper, Nicholas Kaltsounis, David Reece, C. Neall Schroeder and Emmet Yukon

Also Present: Ed Anzek, Director, Planning and Economic Development
Paul Davis, City Engineer
Roger Moore, City Land Surveyor/Stormwater Manager
Keith Sawdon, Director of Finance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2010-0201 April 20, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes

Correction to Minutes: Add Keith Sawdon, Finance Director, as "also present".

A motion was made by Schroeder, seconded by Yukon, that this matter be Approved as Amended. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Boswell, Brnabic, Dettloff, Hetrick, Hooper, Kaltsounis, Reece, Schroeder and Yukon

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications were brought forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public came forward to comment.

NEW BUSINESS

2010-0200 Request for Adoption of the 2011 - 2016 Capital Improvement Plan (Public

Hearing)

Mr. Anzek stated the Planning Commission held a CIP workshop on April 20, 2010, reviewing all the projects as well as the relevant financial impact. Questions raised at that meeting have been addressed, and Mr. Sawdon will go over these changes in the actual CIP book. Messrs. Davis and Moore from Engineering Services are also present to comment on questions that were not answered at the last meeting.

Mr. Sawdon indicated that staff has addressed comments made by the Commissioners and public that were in attendance at the April 20th meeting. One item that came up is that the City has been including items that, on an individual basis, may not qualify as capital improvements, but in a whole because of the dollar amounts, staff felt these items should be kept in the Plan. On page 3, more detail has been added about current on-going replacement programs. Another question was why certain projects had been moved to a completed status when they were not fully completed, i.e., MR05F - Adams Road Irrigation System. This project has been reinserted back into the plan with a completion date of 2014 (page 11). MR-42C - M-59 Rehabilitation - Adams to Crooks, has been moved back into the plan to be completed in 2011 (page 14). MR-42D - M-59 Sound Barrier Installation has been reinserted back into the plan with a completion date of 2011 (page 14). PK-04D - Spencer Park Splash Pad has been moved to the pending projects section (page 71). The Major and Local Road Conditions Maps have been updated. It was also suggested that the term "reworked" be changed to "pending" for several projects. The term "pending" will cover items being reviewed, reworked and on a pending status. The final version of the plan will have a new cover. These are the major changes made to the draft document.

Mr. Anzek explained that a citizen submitted a project relative to drainage on Hillview and brought forward a question needing clarification tonight concerning where the drainage flow will go if the swale is repaired. Mr. Moore summarized the improvements being considered - replacing the culverts and opening the ditches. After repair, the drainage will follow the same water course.

Regarding MR-04A - Walton Road Rehabilitation, Mr. Davis stated that within the last week the City has received an interagency agreement with the Road Commission for moving this project forward. The agreement defines how the project will be paid for and who is responsible for what amount/percentage. This will be going before City Council in the near future. The City's portion of payment for this project is not expected until 2011, so it will not affect the current budget. Mr. Davis then explained why MR-13 - Dequindre Road, has been pushed back. Mr. Davis summarized notes from an October 2009 meeting indicating that the last federal highway program was over-programmed when it was initially passed. To address this overage, the federal government rescinded federal funds from the states, and Michigan is expected to lose \$262 million in federal funding. The Road Commission had to reassess its funding based on this loss of revenue, and Dequindre Road construction, going to five lanes, has been pushed out until 2018, with right-of-way approval in 2016. The question is whether this project should remain in the current CIP, as 2018 is beyond the scope of this plan. Staff has tried to keep projects going forward out of the pending projects section. The Road Commission has decided to do a

more immediate repair (overlay) to address Dequindre as it exists today without any widening. This is projected for 2013, and is not currently included in the CIP. The project could be added now or addressed in next year's plan. The maintenance overlay is 80% federally funded, and the City's portion would be 5% of the remaining 20%. It is suggested that MR-13A, MR-13B and MR-13C be reversed, as road construction will probably move from the south to the north. The consensus is to use the year 2016 for all three segments of the Dequindre Road project and to update this project in future CIPs as more becomes known.

Mr. Kaltsounis asked how bridges are classified in the CIP. It was suggested to add a "bridge section/map showing current condition and replacement schedule" in the Plan. Mr. Anzek explained bridge repair/replacement is usually a stand-alone project in the CIP. The City owns four bridges, but they are pretty new. Mr. Davis is not sure that any project where the City does not have a percent share in the cost should be included in the Plan. Bridges are inspected every other year, and the City could ask the County to share inspection results. A map showing the condition of each bridge could be included in the next Plan. Mr. Sawdon cautioned the Commission about including county bridges in the Plan, as the CIP feeds into the budget and forecasting models. A map showing the status should be fine, but when project numbers and date structures are assigned, it starts to feed into other things.

Mr. Davis then updated the Commission relative to two MDOT projects that are not currently in the CIP, but because of recent information, may be considered for insertion. Because additional funding is available in the 2010 budget, two projects are now being considered for Auburn Road, one short-term (overlay on all six miles within the City) to begin in August of this year, and the other an extensive long-term project. MDOT would like either the County or the City to take ownership of Auburn Road. The other project is the Crooks/M59 interchange. MDOT has decided to do a design/build on the interchange. They have sent RFP's out for a design/build engineer, and open bids will occur in October for a spring 2011 construction. This is good news, but the issue is that the northerly limit of the project ends at Star-Batt. MDOT will see if the contractor for the interchange would consider completing Crooks between Star-Batt and Hamlin, but the problem is who is going to pay for it. This is a project that no one is able to fund. If Council were to consider this project at the time the interchange was completed, it would be a fund balance issue. It was suggested the date for the M59 interchange be moved forward and the Crooks Road from Star-batt to Hamlin project be added to the Plan.

This concludes the presentation.

Chairperson Boswell opened the public hearing at 7:51 p.m. Seeing no public come forward for comment, the Chair closed the public hearing at 7:51 p.m.

MOTION by Kaltsounis, seconded by Schroeder, that the Rochester Hills Planning Commission Approves the Capital Improvement Plan, with revisions documented in the minutes by staff, that has been proposed for the years 2011-2016. The Rochester Hills Planning Commission has determined the following:

WHEREAS, the Municipal Planning Act, Act 285 of Public Acts of 1931, as amended, requires the Rochester Hills Planning Commission to annually accept a Capital Improvement Plan for the benefit of the health, safety and welfare of the community as those criteria relate to the physical development of Rochester Hills; and

WHEREAS, the Rochester Hills Fiscal Office has consulted with the City's professional staff who carry on the business of planning for and providing for the present and future needs and desires of the citizens of Rochester Hills; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Improvement Plan is meant to consider the immediate and future needs and goals of Rochester Hills, as identified by the public, City Boards and Commissions, and the Mayor's staff, in light of existing projects and plans and anticipated resources; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Improvement Plan is a flexible document, necessarily meant to be reevaluated and amended each year, to project into the six (6) succeeding years, and further amended as needed to address practical realities as they relate to policies and philosophies of relevant Boards, the City Council and the Mayor's office.

WHEREAS, the Capital Improvement Plan is a guide and forum to aid the Rochester Hills Mayor's Office and the Rochester Hills City Council in making decisions regarding the physical development and infrastructure maintenance of the City and determining what, if any, resources can or should be available to carry out City Council's policies and budgetary decisions; and

WHEREAS, the components of the Capital Improvement Plan have been subject to public hearings, public review, and committee reviews over the course of several years and a duly noticed full Public Hearing on May 4, 2010 and further previous invitation for public input on April 20, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the components of the Capital Improvement Plan were arrived at through a point system using variables that included, among other things, whether the project has begun, funds committed, sources of funds, prior City Council decisions and Planning Commission or administrative recommendations and decisions.

RESOLVED, that the Capital Improvement Plan presented for review on April 20, 2010, and presented with changes, referenced in the document from Keith Sawdon, the City's Finance Director dated May 4, 2010 (on file), for review and as revised on May 4, 2010, is adopted by the Rochester Hills Planning Commission on May 4, 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Plan should be published and attested to according to law.

A motion was made by Kaltsounis, seconded by Schroeder, that this matter be Adopted. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Boswell, Brnabic, Dettloff, Hetrick, Hooper, Kaltsounis, Reece, Schroeder and Yukon

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was brought forward for discussion.

NEXT MEETING DATE

June 1, 2010

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business to come before the Commissioners, and upon motion by Kaltsounis, the Chair adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:03 p.m.

William F. Boswell, Chairperson
Rochester Hills Planning Commission

Sandi DiSipio, Recording Secretary