

Planning and Zoning Commission Work Session Minutes
May 4, 2017
Conference Room 1-B - 1st Floor City Hall

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Burns, Harder, Loe, MacMann, Rushing, Russell, Strodtman, Toohy

Members Absent: Stanton

Staff: Caldera, Palmer, Smith, Teddy, Zenner

Guests: None

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA: None.

TOPICS DISCUSSED – New Business:

- FY 2018 CIP Discussion - Council Memo Preparation

Mr. Zenner provided a recap of the prior work session and explained the purpose of the evening's meeting was to generate topics for inclusion into the requested Commission memo to the Council regarding the FY18 CIP. He noted that this activity was required by State Statute would assist the Council in their budget retreat Discussion. Mr. Zenner noted that he would prepare the memo and transmit it to the Finance Department by Friday May 12.

There was general Commissioner discussion regarding the departmental presentations and the contents of the CIP. Chairman Strodtman asked Commissioners for their thoughts on the contents of the CIP. Of the comments provided several dealt with downtown trash collection/generation. It was suggested that a study needed to be conducted that would identify opportunities for recycling and potentially include a retro-active provision requiring buildings that changed use to incorporate trash collection rooms into the newly used space. These recommendations were offered in an effort to address the increased trash generated by increased residential development.

A second topic that was discussed dealt with the need for resource allocation to address the parking issue in downtown. A third topic was the need to create a CIP project specifically dedicated to neighborhood traffic calming (similar to the PCCE program) to more effectively fund the existing traffic calming needs. This addition was seen as essential after dealing with the Ridgemont subdivision issues and understanding the delays that residents had experienced.

Two additional topics were discussed - a study on the reuse of the Ameren site and the need for greater transparency and accountability as it related to CIP projects in general. Commissioners expressed concern that there was limited accountability relating to the who, what, when, and why of CIP projects and that a perception of favoritism in the allocation of projects and their prioritization exists within the community. It was the Commissions belief that a better explanation of the core facts relating to CIP projects may help in dispelling that perception.

Chairman Strodtman asked if the Commissioners had further comments - none were offered. Mr. Zenner summarized the discussion and indicated that he would prepare the required memo and forward it to the Finance staff as requested. He thanked the Commissioners for their input.

ACTION(S) TAKEN: The April 20, 2017, minutes were approval. No other votes or motions were made.

Meeting adjourned approximately 6:55 p.m.