

APPENDIX D

Public Input Sessions

OVERVIEW

The involvement of the public in the CIP process is a commitment of the City and Planning Commission. However, it is often difficult to generate interest and engagement by the community in such a broad and technical endeavor. It has been recognized in the past, but even more so this year that the greatest impact of the public on the CIP actually occurs before the CIP process itself.

Prior to department heads submitting revised CIP information, the Planning Commission held a Public Input Session. As one of the main identifiers of needs, the public's comments are considered and discussed by Planning Commission and City staff at all subsequent CIP meetings. The Planning Commission held a public hearing to obtain input regarding future capital projects on December 11, 2018.

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. CLOUD PLANNING COMMISSION

A meeting of the St. Cloud Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Members present were Anderson, DeVine, Czech, Estevez, and Mund. Staff present were Jim Flaaen, Matt Glaesman and Ashley Skaggs.

2020-2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM / PUBLIC INPUT SESSION #1

ACTION TAKEN: None

Flaaen introduced the 2020-2025 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and explained the six-month process required to complete the document each year. This year also includes the Capital Equipment Program (CEP) which focuses on equipment purchases that do not meet the capital expenditure threshold. Anderson asked about public input via social media. Flaaen noted the response has been weak.

Mund opened the public hearing and invited testimony. The following persons testified:

Louise Clinton, 1546 8th Ave SE – She asked about University Dr expansion projects that are listed in the document's ICI category. If the projects are not going to happen, they should come out of the plan.

Glaesman noted that the ICI category is used as a reminder of past discussions regarding certain projects. With the new acquisitions surrounding the University Dr area, it may be time to rethink its place in the document.

John Fruth, 2020 9th Ave SE – He asked if park improvements at the recently acquired Talahi Woods will be addressed in the document.

Glaesman stated there are no plans for development of the park at this time due to a deed restriction.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. CLOUD PLANNING COMMISSION

A meeting of the St. Cloud Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Members present were Anderson, Ballantine, Becker, DeVine, and Mund. Staff present were Jim Flaaen, Matt Glaesman and Ashley Skaggs.

2020-2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PUBLIC INPUT SESSION #2

ACTION TAKEN: Anderson/Ballantine/Approved (5-0)

Flaaen presented the draft 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Program document and explained the process that has taken place thus far.

Mund opened the public hearing and invited testimony. There being no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed. Becker asked about dollars spent in the Public Works Department. Glaesman stated that a better job is being done to identify the demand for improvements. Projects that are not programmed at this time have been prioritized based on need. Anderson asked about the RiverWalk project. Glaesman clarified that the RiverWalk Master Plan identified two phases. Phase I of that plan has been split into two affordable phases for the purposes of the CIP.

Ballantine asked about the airport parking lot expansion project and the possibility of charging for parking in the future. Glaesman explained that the project will be paid for through multiple sources and paying for parking may be a part of the solution. Lewis noted the need for resurfacing on 16th St S. Glaesman noted that the project is in the draft document, but it is not a programmed project due to limited dollars.

Anderson made a motion to approve the 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Program. The motion was seconded by Ballantine and carried unanimously.