

City of Pflugerville



Minutes - Final

Monday, April 1, 2024

6:00 PM

Regular Meeting

1611 Pfennig Lane

Capital Improvement Advisory Committee

1. Call to Order

Chair Jonathan Coffman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners Andrew Crain, Allison Thompson, Sally Decelis, Matthew Tiemann, and Lee Simons, City Attorney, were in attendance. Commissioners Nicholas Hudson, Bradley Hickman, and Amanda Maedgen were not present.

City Staff in attendance: Jeremy Frazzell, Director of Planning & Development Services, Nathan Jones, Current Planning Manager, Abby Morrison, Public Works Services Director, Brandon Pritchett, Public Utilities Director, Jeff Dunsworth, Assistant Director- Utilities Engineering, Katie Kam, Assistant Director of Traffic and Transportation, Robyn Miga, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services, Samantha Fleischman, Planner I, Kristin Gummelt, Planner I, Shane Mize, Parks & Recreation Director, Evan Groeschel, Operations Director, and DeeDee Martinez, Development Services Coordinator.

2. Citizens Communication

No one addressed the committee.

Mr. Crain moved to close the Citizens Communication. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion. All present voted in favor. The motion to close the Citizens Communication passed.

3. Consent Agenda

Chair Coffman read through the one Consent Agenda item, to approve the meeting minutes from last fall. Mr. Crain moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion. All present voted in favor. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed.

- 3A. Approve the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee Minutes for the August 7, 2023 meeting.

Approved on the Consent Agenda

4. Discuss and Consider

- 4A. Receive a semiannual report regarding the progress of the City's Capital Improvement Plan.

Ms. Morrison introduced the Semiannual Report regarding the progress of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). She mentioned that this report on the City's active CIP projects is filed with the City Manager's office to satisfy the requirements of the state statues. Ms. Morrison noted that during the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting she will review the upcoming fiscal year 2025-2029 CIP plan, including all active and future planned projects.

Ms. Morrison went over the Program Overview. She highlighted the City's 58 active projects throughout the CIP, of which, 41 are in the design phase and 17 are in the construction phase.

Ms. Morrison stated that through coordinated efforts, and through communication with Regional, State and Federal partners, the Public Works Services Department is working to get the best value for residents, while also delivering the project as quickly as possible.

Mr. Dunsworth presented the active utility projects, which he referred to as the Big 3. He then gave details about the 3 facilities projects underway. The first is the Water Treatment Plant Expansion which is approximately a \$160,000,000 project. The second is the new Wastewater Treatment Plant which is approximately a \$250,000,000 project. The third is the 15-mile water line. This water line is bringing water from the lower Colorado River to Lake Pflugerville. It is a \$130,000,000 to \$135,000,000 project.

Mr. Dunsworth elaborated on the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project by saying it has been under construction for approximately a year. Mr. Dunsworth added that this Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project is the most important project to the Capital Improvement Plan. He said, "no water, no new development." This project is 35% complete, expanding from 17.7 million gallons a day (MGD) to 30 MGD to ensure the City of Pflugerville can meet future demands through the year 2040. The City's funding partners involved in helping with this project are from the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA), a federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) program and from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), which is a state agency that delivers clean water and drinking water.

Mr. Dunsworth reviewed the Secondary Colorado River Water Lines – Raw Water Line (RWL) by explaining it brings water from the Colorado River through East Austin and a portion through Travis County and Lake Pflugerville. He also went over the project timeline.

Mr. Dunsworth reviewed the Wilbarger Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility Project. He explained that the project is a 6 MGD facility in the far East area of Pflugerville. It serves growth and development in the Wilbarger and Cottonwood Drainage Basins. The funding partner for this project is the TWDB. The City is searching for funds from the WIFIA Program as well. He mentioned this project is beneficial because it is going to eliminate some of the City's wastewater lift stations that are assumed to be a high risk to the City.

He went over the status of the Wastewater and Water projects that are underway. He said one Wastewater Project has been completed and most of the rest are bidding this year. Of the Water Project, five have been completed and the others are soon to bid in the spring.

Mr. Dunsworth reviewed the Water and Wastewater CIP. He said the screen shot demonstrates how vast the program is. He concluded by mentioning that the CIP at-a-glance is available on the City's website and provides more detailed information.

Dr. Kam introduced the Transportation CIP projects and the Drainage projects. She went over the projects in progress beginning with the five-year current CIP. The visual she presented highlighted the projects funded by funds other

than the 2020 General Obligation Bond (GO) and those funded by the 2020 General Obligation Bond. She noted that the takeaway was that all the projects in progress are moving to completion.

Next Dr. Kam reviewed the projects by the type of transportation projects. She explained that Reconstruction Packages are the projects where they go in and take an existing street and rip-off the pavement and rehabilitate it. Dr. Kam went over the progress of these ongoing projects and the timelines of four areas being worked on throughout the City.

Dr. Kam reviewed the Intersection projects, which she said are mostly intersection projects involving traffic signals. She pointed out that the City of Pflugerville received a Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) grant of over \$2,000,000 to implement some Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements at several intersections. She concluded by saying that some of the traffic signal projects in progress only need to be scheduled for installs to be completed.

Lastly, Dr. Kam reviewed the third type of transportation project. She explained they are the big roadway projects, which are to either expand existing roads or to build an entirely new roadway. These types of projects are at 90% to 100% in the design phase. Some have even started utility relocation.

Dr. Kam concluded her presentation by going over the Parks CIP. She reviewed the projects and the timelines for the Parks Department.

Mr. Frazzell asked the Advisory Committee to consider the items presented to make a recommendation to the Council.

Chair Coffman thanked everyone for the presentation and said he appreciated the updates.

Ms. Thompson questioned what would happen if it did not rain enough to keep the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) able to fulfill the City's contract with them. Mr. Pritchett answered by explaining that the City's short-term goal is to go with LCRA. However, the City's long-term goal is to leverage the fact that it has a large wastewater Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) from our East all the way to FM 973. He further explained that the City can take the water from Manville and Aqua and leverage the infrastructure improvement that the City is doing at the water treatment plant. Therefore, we will be able to take that water from them that we haven't paid for, that is kind of drought resilient, and either return it to ourselves or maybe work with the City's partners to the north in Williamson County to take the flows they are buying from LRCA and give it back the City of Pflugerville. This will enable the City to have a more drought resiliency that is not responsible for priority calls. He concluded by explaining that priority calls are when there is a drought, and everybody gets rationed.

Mr. Crain asked the staff presenting, if after the next 5 years, they are anticipating any additional significant development and infrastructure

improvements? Or if out to 2040 citizens can expect that their tax obligations are going to stabilize, or if they expect the City will be going into maintenance mode?

Mr. Dunsworth answered that at least on the utility side, the greatest expenditure for the Big 3 is over the next 8 to 10 years. Everything else should be less severe. Also, he said that as far as benefits to the community, the City is always seeking funding and loans. The loans are low interest loans, and the repayments to the EPA are deferred for 5 years. He anticipates that the new customers will help pay off the loans. He predicts the cost is going to only go up, therefore the time to build is now before costs go up.

Chair Coffman concluded the presentation by stating that the City staff has been working hard to find more funding opportunities.

Chair Coffman asked for a motion to recommend that the item goes to Council. Ms. Thompson moved the motion to recommend. Mr. Crain seconded the motion. All present voted in favor. The motion to recommend passed.

5. Adjourn

Chair Coffman adjourned the meeting at 6:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Coffman, Chair

Capital Improvement Advisory Committee

Approved as submitted on this ____ day of _____, _____