

**CITY OF MASON
PLANNING COMMISSION & CITY COUNCIL
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM WORKSHOP
MINUTES OF FEBRAURY 25, 2019**

Sabbadin called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Maple Room on the second floor at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason MI.

Present: Councilmembers: Schaffer, Madden, Brown, Vogel, Whipple, Droscha, Ferris
Planning Commissioners: Sabbadin, Howe, Perrault, Barna, Shattuck
Absent: Planning Commissioner: Waxman (gave notice)
Also present: Deborah Stuart, City Manager, Michelle Pietsch, Director of Finance, Elizabeth A. Hude, AICP,
Community Development Director, Nyjah Bunn, MSU- Spartan Newsroom Reporter

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM 2019-2025

City Manager Stuart presented the Capital Improvements Program (CIP). The CIP process was discussed. Members of both City Council and Planning Commission discussed recommended projects by category.

The Parks category of the CIP was discussed in further detail.

- Droscha noted improvements for Rayner Park are scheduled for 2023-2024. He suggested improvements for the park should be focused on before the other parks in the schedule because Rayner Park is important to the community.
- Schaffer supported Droscha on the issue of Rayner Park. Improvements cannot wait.
- Vogel also supported the idea, and discussed the rationale for the scheduled improvements for the parks. Vogel also noted that more engagement is needed on the matter.
- Brown asked questions about the quantity of use for the park. Moreover, is the trail included in the improvements?
- Whipple asked about a plan to survey the users of the park.
- Community Development Director Hude said that a part of the process is to survey the users of the park and give them opportunities for recommendations.

The Motor Vehicle Pool Category of the CIP was discussed in further detail.

- Vogel noted there are makes and models similarly priced to the Ford vehicles in the CIP, and questioned why the CIP has Ford vehicles included and no other makes.
- Schaffer noted Ford has problems with rear end exhausts.
- Sabbadin noted that Ford no longer makes the cars that have the rear end exhaust issues.

The transition of the City of Mason servers to Office 365 Exchange was discussed.

The Library Category of the CIP was discussed in further detail.

- Droscha asked if the improvements would impact the roof. Staff answered that it would not.
- Brown asked for more information about other library renovations in the area and recent Capital Area District Libraries (CADL) investments in their facilities.
- It was noted that if the deed is not corrected, the project will not move forward.
- City Manager Stuart agreed that the deed needs to be corrected where the City of Mason owns the building

without deed restrictions for the project to move forward.

- Staff noted to investigate into specific items of discussion more and plans to provide feedback on these matters.

On March 12, 2019 at the Regular Planning Commission Meeting, there will be a public hearing regarding the approval of the CIP. Prior to this hearing, staff is hosting an open house in the Sycamore Room from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. to give the public an opportunity to give input.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:13 p.m.



Anne Klein Barna, Secretary