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Teri Rennia, City Council President
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MINUTES
PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
City Council Work Room, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton
Monday April 7, 2014

Called to Order. Called to order by Planning and Community Development Committee Chair Webb at 8:37pm.

Council Members Present: Jerry Motsavage, Joseph Mihalko (Committee Member), Teri Rennia, Lea Webb (Committee Chair), Chris Papastrat, John Matzo, Bill Berg (Committee Member)

Council Members Absent: None

Also Present: Melissa Enoch, Sustainable Development Planner; Angela Holmes, City Clerk; Gary Holmes, Commissioner of Public Works; Philip T. Krey, City Engineer; Leigh McCullen, Senior Planner

ITEMS CONSIDERED

Discussion. The Planning and Community Development Committee met with representatives from various City Hall departments to review the proposed Comprehensive Plan, including both previously reviewed chapters and Chapter D, entitled "Infrastructure".

Chapter C, "Transportation". Councilwoman Webb revisited Chapter C, originally discussed at the Planning Committee Meeting held on April 2, 2014, and asked the following question:

- 1.4. What grant funds might be available to implement the recommendation regarding the removal of North Shore Drive?

Chapter D, "Infrastructure". The questions, items of concern or other matters identified in Chapter D which require further review at the Joint Sessions are as follows:

- 1.1. What FEMA/SEMA funding might be available for the implementation of the City's established priority projects regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan? What resources might be available at Broome County? How many of the properties within Broome County's plan are located within the City of Binghamton? Confirm which department is supposed to be in charge of this effort. Have any of the planned sewer separations been completed?
- 1.3. In what ways can the City partner with Broome County to implement this recommendation?
- 1.4. What have the Department of Public Works and Engineering already done to support this goal?
- 2.3. Philip T. Krey noted that there are planting restrictions within fifteen (15) feet of a flood wall or levee. Research and amend recommendation accordingly.
- 2.4. How many credits has the City earned? Gary Holmes noted for the record that the Department of Public Works will need to meet with the consultants to discuss this recommendation further, and that this item may need to be amended.
- 2.5. Mr. Krey and Mr. Holmes noted for the record that the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Plant is not required to reduce the infiltration and inflows (I/I) to the Plant. While the Plant does not want to *increase* combined I/I, it is not mandated by a consent order to *reduce* the I/I. The sentence in this recommendation regarding the consent orders needs to be researched and revised accordingly. Mr. Holmes noted for the record that the Department of Public Works will need to meet with the consultants to discuss this



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recommendation further, and that this item may need to be amended. Additionally, Mr. Holmes noted for the record that separating combined sewers may not have an impact at the Plant. Who was involved in the focus group which developed this recommendation? Mr. Holmes noted that other communities have successfully reduced I/I in other ways. Council asked Mr. Holmes to provide a list of these municipalities. What does New York State require the City to do regarding I/I? How should the City balance the capacity of the Plant with requirements from New York State? How have other communities achieved this balance?

- 3.2. What is the status of our continued efforts to achieve these goals?
- 3.4. What is the estimated cost of a wireless meter system? Amend recommendation to include a cost/benefit analysis. Are there any grants available to implement these upgrades? Mr. Holmes noted that the Department of Public Works is working with firms on a cost estimate for this and will provide one to City Council.
- 3.7. Is the City eligible for this grant?
- 3.8. Amend recommendation to include a cost/benefit analysis. Are there any grants available to implement these upgrades? Mr. Holmes noted that the Department of Public Works is working with firms on a cost estimate for this and will provide one to City Council.

Public Comments. City Council reviewed a memo from the Department of Planning, Housing and Community Development, dated April 7, 2014, outlining all public comments received between March 24, 2014 and April 4, 2014 regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

Adjournment. Motion to adjourn at 9:20pm.
Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Rennia .

Voice vote, none opposed.