

CITY OF LEWISTON  
PLANNING BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES for February 6, 2017

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- I. **ROLL CALL:** The meeting was held in the City Council Chambers on the first floor of City Hall and was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Chairperson, Bruce Damon, chaired the meeting.

**Members in Attendance:** Bruce Damon, John Butler, Normand Anctil, Sandra Marquis, Paul Madore, Pauline Gudas and Michael Marcotte

**Associate Member Present:** Sonia Taylor and Zachary Pettengill

**Staff Present:** David Hediger, City Planner, Ed Barrett, City Administrator, Lincoln Jeffers, Assistant to the City Administrator, Heather Hunter, Finance Director, David Jones, Public Works Director, Paul LeClair, Fire Chief and Linda Tripp, Administrative Assistant

- II. **ADJUSTMENT TO THE AGENDA:** None

- III. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

- IV. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

The Board is being asked to provide the City Council a favorable recommendation for adoption of the FY 2018 Lewiston Capital Improvement Program.

No public were in attendance.

Bruce Damon welcomed distinguished guests in attendance then opened the meeting to all present and encouraged all members to participate in the discussions.

Pauline Gudas initiated a discussion regarding the Kennedy Park Master Plan. The board feels there is a real need for more security in the park in order to protect any additional funds invested. Michael Marcotte inquired if the City had a total investment value for Kennedy Park and Heather Hunter said the data could only be found by viewing previous LCIP documents. Ed Barrett stated that some portions of the park are currently covered by security cameras and that the City could consider looking at adding additional coverage. The board discussed a recent incident of vandalism and questioned if the offender was identified. It was confirmed that the offender had been identified and that it was mostly accomplished with the assistance of the public and not the security cameras.

Discussion was had regarding the Radio Replacement Project.

Sonia Taylor questioned the cost of maintenance for Kennedy Park landscaping and David Jones stated that there is a continued consideration for use of low maintenance plants.

Normand Anctil requested a review of the Riverfront Island Project and Ed Barrett clarified small scale improvements proposed including improved handicap parking.

Bruce Damon inquired about Mill 5 and wanted to know if the City had a total of the cost incurred for the project from 1991 to date. Heather Hunter stated she would gather the required information and it would be provided to the board when completed.

Parking garage discussion began with Bruce Damon inquiring how many future parking spaces still need to be provided by the City in order to complete the original agreement with Platz Associates. Ed Barrett stated that number is still in question as they are working on a variety of options but the number is around 300. John Butler questioned shuttle service during future construction. There was much discussion between all parties. The board finds the cost of the project to be an overwhelmingly large amount of money. Bruce Damon finds the proposed parking garage in LCIP 2018 to be premature and feels it should be moved to 2019. John Butler agreed that moving the project to 2019 would be best. Ed Barrett stated that if the downtown is to be redeveloped then parking spaces will be a requirement.

Michael Marcotte inquired about the Sabattus Street Fire Station Replacement Project. Paul LeClair spoke about the need to plan for fiscal year 2019 and stated that looking at alternate sites near existing stations for acquisition would likely place the City in a better bargaining position.

Bruce Damon questioned David Jones on future equipment acquisitions and asked if they could be done within the operating budget. David Jones agreed that would be preferred. Ed Barrett clarified that capital expenses have often been made outside of the operating budget in order to keep property taxes under control as much as possible.

Bruce Damon questioned David Jones regarding the funds needed for the Lewiston-Auburn Water Treatment Program – Contingency Need. David Jones stated that the current system was installed in the late 1800's and while some repairs have been made over time the project is in the LCIP to allow for any future need as well as possible emergencies.

Michael Marcotte asked David Jones about the need to replace one of the sidewalk sweepers and wanted to know how many the city currently owns. David Jones said while he was not certain of the quantity he would get the information to the board.

The board reviewed the agenda for the next Planning Board meeting with David Hediger then agreed to delay the recommendation for adoption of the FY 2018 Lewiston Capital Improvement Program until the next regularly scheduled meeting on February 13, 2017.

**V. READING OF MINUTES:** Adoption of the January 23, 2017 and January 30, 2017 draft minutes.

The following motion was made:

**MOTION:** by **Pauline Gudas** to accept the January 23, 2017 draft minutes as presented. Second by **Paul Madore**.

**VOTED:** **6-0-1 (Passed - Sandra Marquis Abstained)**

The following motion was made:

**MOTION:** by **Pauline Gudas** to accept the January 30, 2017 draft minutes as presented. Second by **John Butler**.

**VOTED:** **7-0 (Passed)**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT:** The following motion was made to adjourn.

**MOTION:** by **John Butler** that this meeting adjourns at 7:45 p.m. Second by **Pauline Gudas**.

**VOTED:** **7-0 (Passed)**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is for Monday, February 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sonia Taylor, Secretary