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February 18, 2009

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
CAPITAL PLANNING**

The Committee on Capital Planning held a meeting on February 18, 2009, with Chairman Sean O'Donovan presiding and Committee Member Alderman William Roche also present and voting. Also present were Alderman Rebekah Gewirtz, Administrative Assistant Jessie Baker, Ellen Schneider from SPCD, Ken Costa from Auditing and Finance Director Ed Bean.

The committee was informed that the bid opening for Albion Park was scheduled for February 19th and that construction would begin in July, after the architectural design phase is completed. Chairman O'Donovan made it clear that neighbors would like to see the project get started as soon as possible.

Mr. Costa gave an overview of the city's financial picture with respect to the debt service being paid and Chairman O'Donovan questioned the feasibility of completing the parks projects. Mr. Bean stated that renovating the parks would add value to the neighborhoods and that the majority of the funds should be spent in FY-10.

The committee also discussed tax issues and Mr. Bean addressed a local meals tax and a hotel tax. Alderman Roche expressed concern over the public accepting these additional local taxes.

The Committee discussed matters before it and took action on the following 14 items:

185952: Communication from Mayor - Conveying the City's FY09 Capital
Investment Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be placed on file

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

186010: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to appropriate \$200,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to install decorative benches and barrels.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be placed on file

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

186012: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to appropriate \$76,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to seal, coat and paint various school

RECOMMENDATION: Should be placed on file

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

186013: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to appropriate \$50,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to reconstruct private ways.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be placed on file

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

186014: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to appropriate \$20,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to install bulletin boards at parks and

RECOMMENDATION: Should be placed on file

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

186015: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to appropriate \$20,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to install a new water heater at the Healey

RECOMMENDATION: Should be placed on file

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

186016: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to appropriate \$20,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the to install a new water heater at the Kennedy School.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be placed on file

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

186017: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to appropriate \$12,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to purchase a jack hammer kit for the skid steer

RECOMMENDATION: Should be placed on file

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

186018: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to appropriate \$6,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to purchase two 8" spare plow blades.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be placed on file

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

186019: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to appropriate \$5,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to purchase a trailer for the skid steer bobcat.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be placed on file

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

186020: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to appropriate \$3,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to purchase a John Deere plow attachment.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be placed on file

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

186021: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to appropriate \$700 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to purchase forks for the skid steer bobcat.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be placed on file

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

186044: Communication from Mayor - Requesting to appropriate \$41,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for DPW to purchase a tree chipper.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be placed on file

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

186045: Communication from Mayor - Requesting to appropriate \$15,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the IT Dept. to install a screen and projector in the Aldermen's Chambers.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be placed on file

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor