



Agenda

Finance Committee Meeting
September 17, 2007 – 5:00 pm
City Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

DATE 9-17-07 TIME 11:55

SERVED BY Yolanda Green

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SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

INFORMATIONAL AGENDA:

6. UPDATE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS (GALEN BULLER)
7. UPDATE ON PURCHASING ALTERNATIVE FUEL CITY VEHICLES (ROBERT RODARTE)
8. UPDATE ON CAPITAL CITY CAB (SAFE RIDE FOR WOMEN) (SEVASTIAN GURULE)
9. UPDATE ON 2007 DESIGN WEEK (MELISA COLLETT)
10. REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL FUNDING FOR SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY FOR FY 08/09 (PAT HODAPP)

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DISCUSSION:

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 - A. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF GRANT AGREEMENT – CONSTRUCTION OF SEWER LINE TO SERVE A PORTION OF THE 2400 BLOCK OF AGUA FRIA; NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
50. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DESIGNING UP TO \$300,000 OF THE CITY'S 2008 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (CIP) BOND FOR A CITY OWNED PERMANENT INDOOR ARTS MARKET AT THE RAILYARD (COUNCILOR CHAVEZ) (ROBERT ROMERO)
 - A. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF 2008 CIP BOND (ROBERT ROMERO)
51. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF REVISION TO CITY OF SANTA FE INVESTMENT POLICY – COLLATERALIZATION TO INCLUDE U.S. AGENCIES AS ALLOWED BY STATE CODE (HELENE HAUSMAN)
 - A. REVIEW OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS OF JUNE 30, 2007 (HELENE HAUSMAN)
52. OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION
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Interpreter for hearing impaired is available through City Clerk's Office upon 5 days notice.

**SUMMARY OF ACTION
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Approved [amended]

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**MINUTES OF THE
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1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Chair Karen Heldmeyer, at 5:15 p.m., on Monday, September 17, 2007, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilor Karen Heldmeyer, Chair
Councilor Christopher Calvert
Councilor Carmichael Dominguez
Councilor Matthew Ortiz
Councilor Rebecca Wurzbarger

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Kathryn Raveling, Finance Director
Yolanda Green, Finance Division
Melessia Helberg, Stenographer.

There was a quorum of the membership in attendance for the conducting of official business.

NOTE: All items in the Committee packets for all agenda items are incorporated herewith by reference. The original Committee packet is on file in the Finance Department.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Wurzbarger moved, seconded by Councilor Calvert, to approve the Agenda as published.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote [Absent: Councilor Ortiz].

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Wurzbarger moved, seconded by Councilor Calvert, to approve the following Consent Agenda as amended.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote [absent: Councilor Ortiz].

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5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

MOTION: Councilor Dominguez moved, seconded by Councilor Calvert, to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 4, 2007, as presented.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote [absent: Councilor Ortiz].

MOTION: Councilor Wurzbarger moved, seconded by Councilor Calvert, to amend the agenda to move to the Consent Calendar Discussion as the next item of business.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote [absent: Councilor Ortiz].

CONSENT CALENDAR DISCUSSION

- 29. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DIRECTING STAFF TO REPORT TO THE GOVERNING BODY ON THE RECENTLY INSTALLED, HIGHLY VISIBLE ELECTRICAL POLES (COUNCILOR BUSHEE). (ROBERT GALLEGOS)**

Robert Gallegos Introduced Nick Shiloh, the Energy Officer.

Councilor Wurzbarger said there has been a lot of controversy about the appearance of these poles. She asked, given our earlier discussion about the easements and what can and can't be done, if this is just a Resolution which asks staff to do work which results in our not being able to do anything. She asked what we really can do, except to have staff come back and tell us that PNM has the authority to do these, and that they are ugly.

Mr. Gallegos said there has been some easement granted by the City for the Siler Road portion of this. He said the Resolution will get staff to go back and look at the Facility Plan, which deals with siting and appearance issues, to confirm we've covered all of our basis. He said the negotiations have been finished with PNM. This will provide a final review before we bring it to the Council.

Councilor Wurzbarger didn't want this to be a philosophical statement and put additional work on staff for no reason.

MOTION: Councilor Wurzbarger moved, seconded by Councilor Calvert, for approval of this request.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote [absent: Councilor Ortiz].

Councilor Ortiz arrived at the meeting at this time

44. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT – INSTALLATION OF SHARE THE ROAD BICYCLE SYMBOLS (SHARROWS) ON SELECTED STREETS; HIGHWAY SUPPLY, LLC. (RICK DEVINE)

Councilor Wurzbarger said she personally has received a lot of criticism on the SHARROWS, if these are the bicycle symbols painted on the street. She would like some kind of assurance that this does what it is supposed to do, because she is hearing from constituents that they find it confusing. She said this isn't a small amount of money being expended.

Robert Romero said the members of BTAC could explain how much they like them and how much they help.

Councilor Wurzbarger said she is sure BTAC like them. Her problem is that constituents who aren't bicyclists, who are drivers, find them to be intrusive and confusing.

Mr. Romero said the recommendation to spend these funds comes from BTAC. He said staff sees both sides of the issue, but this is a recommendation from that Committee. The BTAC was charged with recommending to the Council how to spend the Trails funding.

Chair Heldmeyer said the Council is charged with overseeing the recommendations of this Committee.

Councilor Wurzbarger said she has heard from a sufficient number of constituents to cause her to question this, particularly in light of spending \$92,000. She asked to what degree was the "other side" heard during those hearings which led to this recommendation.

Mr. Romero said there is a lot of literature behind this, and staff could bring that back to this Committee so you can judge for yourself, commenting that most of the stuff staff has is positive. He said Rick Devine deals with this, and is not at work.

Councilor Wurzbarger said she is concerned about constituent response, as opposed to literature. The question is, what kind of input was there from the "opposing side," which would have countered the recommendation made by this Committee.

Mr. Romero said he will look at the minutes from previous BTAC meetings where this was discussed. He doesn't recall attending a meeting where there was any opposition to these, but it could have happened at a meeting he didn't attend.

Councilor Wurzbarger said she feels as if she's voting on a consent item which has no statement of the opposite position, and she knows that exists in the community.

Councilor Calvert said these usually are accompanied by signs on the side of the road saying, "share the road." The intent is to encourage alternative modes of transportation in the City. This is symbolism on the road and, in conjunction, signage which tries to educate the public to do that. He believes it serves a good purpose. He understands some people might object because they want the road for their car, but we are trying to share in the City, and believes this is the intent.

Councilor Wurzbarger clarified that the objections were not from people who said they didn't want to share the road, and the objections weren't to the signs. The objections were with respect to what was painted on the pavement, and this is what she is questioning.

Chair Heldmeyer said she also heard from constituents, probably the same people. She said the intent is to share the road, but people get confused when they see the picture of a bicycle and wonder if it is a bicycle lane, and if they aren't supposed to be there. This is the confusion. She understands about the sharrows and the signs. She said, frankly, we have no empirical data about whether they work. She knows the BTAC Committee likes them. However, the question to be raised is what is the role of the BTAC Committee. That Committee is designed to represent a certain sub group of the City, and to make recommendations from their point of view. However, when there is more than one point of view, and multiple points of view, we shouldn't just approve it because it is approved by BTAC and we have to let them get what they want. She believes we need facilitated discussion between the parties in order to arrive at a consensus opinion. She said this is a small subset of that more general discussion.

Councilor Wurzbarger said, since this is a consent item, she would like this to come back to Finance.

MOTION: Councilor Wurzbarger moved, seconded by Councilor Dominguez, to bring this item back to the Finance Committee, with the information requested, and that it come back as a public meeting.

DISCUSSION: Chair Heldmeyer said this can be done at the next Finance Committee.

Councilor Calvert said there shouldn't be any confusion, because bicycle lanes are delineated by a solid white line on the right side. He said there could be more education for those who don't under the symbols. He believes there has been a lot of publicity, and several articles in the paper, but we can always improve education for those who are still confused. He said this is something which is done nationwide, and not just something being done in Santa Fe. He believes a benefit has been proven.

Chair Heldmeyer said there is only one source to get these things, so it can't be that widespread.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote, with Councilor Wurzbarger and Councilor Dominguez voting in favor of the motion, and Councilor Ortiz and Councilor Calvert voting against. The result was a tie vote, and the Chair voted in favor of the motion to break the tie and approve the motion.

EXPLAINING HER VOTE: Chair Heldmeyer said it probably will be a short public hearing, because she doesn't think there are that many people upset about it, but she believes it is important to keep the public process open.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR DISCUSSION

INFORMATIONAL AGENDA

6. UPDATE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS. (GALEN BULLER)

Mr. Buller said this is an update of what has been done to date, and a glimpse of what we will be doing in the future. He said we have a three-pronged approach to strategic planning, due to the large work force, and the number of services which are provided.

Prong One

One piece is the one on which the Council has been working – the city-wide strategic planning – which has involved the Council, and to some extent, department heads, which takes some doing. The Council established nine initiatives which were approved by the City Council, noting a tenth one was added for all those services ordinarily performed by this City and needed to be addressed as well. He said, from a policy perspective, this is budget driven and looks at the broadest of brush strokes in its first analysis. He said we are now trying to bring this piece of the planning to a more focused state, and explained that process.

Chair Heldmeyer said the departments and divisions were asked to provide ways to save money, which they mostly did not.

Mr. Buller said they were asked to match goals to initiatives, which they did. The Council was asked to identify the top ten goals, which was done. He said there is a lot of information, all of which hasn't been brought together. During budget the past year, there was some attempt to bring this together. However, without getting our arms around the revenue side, it was difficult to use the expenditure side, because we didn't have the revenues.

Mr. Buller said the goal right now is to initiate that process this fall, hopefully in October, so we can have pushed it another notch prior to moving into the next budget process. This will require some more conceptualization about revenues.

Prong Two

Mr. Buller said the second prong is an ICMA project. ICMA will provide bench marks for other cities similarly situated, and to the extent possible, cities with the same kind of tourist industry with the

same other kinds of characteristics. He said no city has it exactly. He said the ICMA people came in August to meet with large groups of department heads, and then to go department to department and talk specifically with the departments about the kind of information which would need to be provided and what they would get out of that information. He said there are fourteen services generally provided by cities – fire, police, streets and such.

Mr. Buller said in September, questionnaires were sent by ICMA to each of the departments requesting a wide variety of information to show what we do in these fourteen areas. ICMA will take that information, and over the next two months will do a "truth testing." They come back over the next few months, and for any area where there is a "red flag" in the data provided, work with the City to get that data so it is as correct as possible. Out of this will come a report as to how we do, vis a vis these performance standards which other cities are setting. There are other benefits, but for strategic planning purposes, this is the main one. He said the questionnaires are due by September 25th to ICMA so it can begin its analysis.

Prong Three

Mr. Buller said the third prong is "division-wide strategic planning." He said we've had the "30,000 foot look at strategic planning," which looks more at initiatives and at policy and the work we do, and what is involved. He said there is an important piece we need to look at in the middle, which we are looking at it mostly at a division level, sometimes at a section level. He has asked the consultant with the City to help guide divisions through a process which will look at the initiatives and the SWAT on one hand, and the ICMA results on the other, and develop for the division a mission, goals and objectives, and then take it to tasks, projects and project schedules for projects critical to the division. This is so we can see how a particular division will react through its projects, its tasks, with a mission, with goals, so they are thinking more broadly than just the tasks, all the way that the Council provided to all the departments. The idea is then to tie the performance-based standards to whatever merit objectives the Council would like to see, whether pay or other. It would also create a basis for any kind of budget and budget adjustments, because the performance standards would set real numbers.

Mr. Buller said the goals, objectives, tasks, projects, project schedules would give real life to the kinds of activities in which the division is engage, which are in conformance with the initiatives the Council has asked the departments and divisions to perform. As a result, there should be unified vision, and we should be able to make sense of the SWAT analysis.

Mr. Buller said we are just now starting this process, and a few departments and divisions already have begun – Housing and Community Development is in progress. We are now working on a vision plan with the Police Department. The Water Division has done it, as well as other divisions, some of which are more focused at this time on completing the ICMA questionnaires.

Mr. Buller said he has committed to go to each department, and to some divisions, and meet with people to see what is happening and such. He said we discuss this level of strategic planning at every senior staff meeting. The hope is that this division of strategic planning will bring it all together for the work that gets done on the ground, and we can look in both directions from this strategic planning, and say

that we are doing what the Council is asking us to do in broad brush strokes, and we are doing it as well as or better than national performance standards would suggest that we do. We will have standards which we can use to show improvement, but this is a lot of work. He said by the end of the year, we will have a better sense of how all of this is being tied together. The middle prong should "tie the bow around it," but because of that, it is the hardest one.

Chair Heldmeyer said when this came up about dealing with how departments were going to evaluate what they are doing, she asked him if the Council could be included in that. One of the Council duties is evaluating the City Manager, and we haven't had a particularly good strategy to do that. She asked if ICMA could come and talk to us as a body, about how we can do a better job of evaluating and giving direction to the City Manager. She hasn't heard that this is happening yet.

Mr. Buller said ICMA is fairly good about providing ideas on how a process can work, although this hasn't been done with the Council. When we gear up again, this is something we can do, and perhaps we can start gearing up next month. He did ask them to do this for the City Manager's office, which is not one of the fourteen areas. He said ICMA spent a morning helping him to identify quite a few. He said it isn't difficult to what the City Manager's office should be doing, but it has to put numbers to it, or a quantitative.

Chair Heldmeyer said she will settle for qualitative.

Mr. Buller said this can be done, and this is where we ended with them. He is working on creating a 15th for the City Manager's Office.

Discussion

Chair Heldmeyer asked if these questionnaires are so complicated that people can't do them at one time.

Mr. Buller said they are time consuming, not complicated. He said the ICMA questionnaires are very detailed. He said September and October are very busy times in this strategic planning for the departments.

Councilor Wurzbarger said she would be curious to have one of the first departments to come back to Finance and show us a product before we get to December. She is interested in getting a strategic plan, so we can decide, for example, that Housing and Economic Development will do the following three things, and ask them if they can do it with fewer people, more people, additional technology and such. She wants to see what this will look like as we continue to do it.

Mr. Buller said he will be happy to do this. He said this is really more process than product and he can generate a report at any time, which doesn't help very much. The process is what really matters and that we keep our eye on that. He said some people are already doing this, and a lot of people are excited about doing this.

Chair Heldmeyer said what really matters is that this be useful information, something useful to the Council in setting budget priorities.

Chair Heldmeyer said she heard Mr. Buller mention revenue. She said "way back when," part of the whole idea of strategic planning was to figure out the kinds of questions Councilor Wurzbarger just asked: Should we be doing X, and do we have the money to do it. If not, why not, and how can we do it better. She said because of demands for certain things to be done, the revenue piece is running way ahead of the rest of this. We are talking about increasing revenue for specific things, before we're discussed whether or not this is the best way to go. She said, given timing and that things have to get on the ballot for March, she understands this. She is very uneasy that we are this point, and even more uneasy about the future, because it's always easy to say we need more money, but not always easy to ask for it.

Chair Heldmeyer said she hopes, at some point, and what should have been one of the first parts of the strategic planning will be brought in – that we talk about how much it costs to run a city this size, why and if there are things we can do to make it less expensive. Then, having done those things, where do we stand fiscally, vis a vi's revenue. She said every single strategic budget that she's seen for any other City, the first half of it are ways to save money. The second half, once that is done, is to decide where we go. She said at one point, Jim Romero had a thought exercise with departments: If we would let you keep your budget and spend it any way you want, where would you cut 10%. She believes this is an excellent exercise, although she doesn't know if it was complete.

Chair Heldmeyer said people are afraid to say they can save money, because they are afraid it will be taken away and given to another department or division. She said we need to do this, because it is basic bottom line economics. It has to be done in order to be taken seriously by the public as well.

Mr. Buller said a good strategic plan requires that you prioritize, and if something isn't prioritized very highly, it is harder to come before the Council and justify those expenditures, and part of what it should be doing.

Chair Heldmeyer said the Council looks forward to movement on this, and said the Council wants to be included.

Mr. Buller said, "Absolutely, we want the Council included."

7. UPDATE ON PURCHASING ALTERNATIVE FUEL CITY VEHICLES. (ROBERT RODARTE)

A Memorandum dated September 17, 2007, with attachments, to the Finance Committee, from Robert Rodarte, Purchasing Officer, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "1."

Chair Heldmeyer said there was an article in the paper that we're doing better with alternative fuel vehicles. However, there was a quote saying that certain vehicles weren't being purchased because of the difference in price between alternative fuels and non-alternative fuels. She said this specific direction

wasn't given in the Resolution, nor has it ever been given by this body. She said Mr. Rodarte is going to tell us how he decides to buy what vehicle.

Mr. Rodarte said the article in the paper was misleading. He said in purchasing a vehicle, we have to come up with the wants and real needs of the department. He said in breaking down a vehicle in terms of a diesel or unleaded or E-85 vehicle, we are looking at a \$6,000 cost difference, with the diesel being much more expensive. He said when you change out the transmission, it is another \$2,500. It is a matter of economics for the department. He said they might need other components to the truck, rather than have a diesel engine.

Mr. Rodarte said at that particular time, there were several vehicles going to Streets which felt it didn't need a diesel with that much horsepower to justify the purchase. He said if someone does need a vehicle of this nature, such as the Fire Department which uses a lot of diesel vehicles, they budget those and we purchase them. It is all a matter of needs of the department and not economics.

Councilor Calvert said one of the main objectives of this policy is to reduce greenhouses gases and cut down on emissions. He said Mr. Rodarte has taken this to heart and tried to work on this. He has concerns as to whether the E-85 fuel is furthering that goal, and whether it is a sustainable fuel in the long run. He said the arguments are more sound for the other fuels, but there is a debate on E-85. He doesn't know whether we want to be pushing for E-85 vehicles, given that the effect is debatable, and the energy isn't equivalent gallon-for-gallon. He asked if this has been considered in doing the cost effectiveness – a gallon of E-85 isn't the same as a gallon of diesel or biodiesel or unleaded which doesn't produce the same amount of energy.

Mr. Rodarte said there are several factors he has been considering. He said the E-85 is like a designer fuel and the correct thing to do. He said we are seeing hundreds of alternative fuel vehicles coming out, so we are following the trend and doing it. He said stats are coming from GM and Ford, and if you take a regular vehicle, such as a Ford F-150 pickup truck, and compare the notes, for a 32-gallon tank of fuel, you are losing 80 miles per tank load on using E-85. He said the price of E-85 on June 30, 2007, was \$2.74 per gallon versus \$2.81 on unleaded. He said we are doing it here because this is the guidance. He said, with regard to biodiesel, there really is no comparison with regard to the amount of mileage you will get from it, commenting that you definitely lose a lot in using biodiesel versus regular fuel. He said before, everybody was saying you get better mileage, but you don't.

Mr. Rodarte said he did a comparison on two vehicles using E-85, two identical vehicles purchased at the same time, and one traveled 12 miles a day and the other 120 miles a day. He said this is the only time he really saw that mileage really made a difference on long term driving. He said we may see it on the 39 new police vehicles. If commuters are using them, we will see a nice increase in fuel usage, but in the City, we will lose a lot of miles per gallon.

Mr. Rodarte asked the Committee to look at the information in the packet [Exhibit "1"], noting the landfill is going 100% with biodiesel. He said by January 2008, we will have good information as to how they're doing. He said they had to do two things, one was to see there was no violation of the warranties with their big equipment. He said January 1, 2007, this is all they'll be using at the landfill, with the

exception of older trucks which can't use alternative fuels. At the BRT recycling center, they are using biodiesel to run the whole operation, which is really good and doesn't violate any kind of warranty work.

Councilor Calvert believes we need to keep an eye on these kinds of things. He said E-85 is being pushed by the auto industry and big business, because it is good business for them. He doesn't know that it really will benefit the goals we are trying to further. He understands the clean air and emissions portion, but we need to ensure that it is energy efficient as well.

Chair Heldmeyer said what she heard Mr. Rodarte say is that the City is ordering the alternative fuel police patrol vehicles, many of which will be used for commuting, and we will do comparisons. She said everything is in flux. She said there are lots of ideas out there, but we don't know which ones will pan out. We don't know which ones will have unintended consequences. She said we really need to keep track of this. She said there is encouragement to departments, which could be using alternative fuel vehicles such as biodiesel or a hybrid, to think outside the box. She said we all received emails asking why so many people in the City drive pickups, when there never is anything in the back of the pickup, and can we think about different kinds of vehicles. She said in any bureaucracy, there is a tremendous tendency toward inertia. She asked what kind of movement we've had in that direction.

Mr. Rodarte said we are getting the word out to several departments. For example, Economic Development had the opportunity to buy regular SUVs, but wound up purchasing hybrids which are nice vehicles. He said Parking is looking at smaller vehicles for the meter readers, and are testing electric vehicles which will be on the streets this week. He said with the new Energy person on board, there will be more education, and he will be working with him about this.

Councilor Calvert said a hybrid costs more up front, but you have to package the vehicle cost and the projected fuel costs over its expected life. We have to be flexible enough to allow that up front cost, knowing that down the road there will be overall savings, and will cost less.

Chair Heldmeyer would like Mr. Rodarte and the new Energy Officer to report back to this Committee and/or Council every six months with data on what is being done, what has worked, what hasn't worked, and the direction in which you are moving. She said he is trying to determine what will make the policy work, but that may change over time.

Councilor Wurzbarger said she would like to look at alternative vehicles as well as alternative fuels. She doesn't understand why employees drive cars around the downtown area to do parking tickets – saying it is a one-mile area and they could use a scooter, a very small electric cart or bicycles and such.

Chair Heldmeyer noted that some of the parking people do ride bicycles.

8. UPDATE ON CAPITAL CITY CAB (SAFE RIDE FOR WOMEN). (SEVASTIAN GURULE)

Mr. Gurule reviewed the information in his memorandum of September 14, 2007. Please see this memorandum for specifics on this presentation.

Chair Heldmeyer said we need to make a decision on this very soon, and since we can't vote on this, she has told Mr. Gurule this Committee will give him direction, and on the basis of that direction, to take something to the Council in two weeks.

Councilor Ortiz asked the source of the funds for this program.

Ms. Raveling said she has just been pulling funds from cash reserves, and there never has been a set budget.

Councilor Ortiz asked if make this a long term program, would we continue to deplete cash reserves, or would we allocate a specific line item from a particular department's budget.

Ms. Raveling said funding would have to be identified, reiterating no funding is identified at this point.

Councilor Ortiz said half of the transports are under the "other" category, and asked what this is.

Mr. Gurule said in the slips completed by the taxi drivers, it identifies the point of origin. He said many point of origins identify specific locations or the name of the business, for example, the Cowgirl, La Posada, etc. Those which are not clearly identified, or just have an address, are falling under the "other" category.

Councilor Ortiz asked if half of the rides are originating from a private address to another destination.

Mr. Gurule said it is an address which is not clearly identified, and in more than 2,000 transports we haven't spent the time to identify the specific name of the structure on the address.

Chair Heldmeyer said research needs to be done on those to figure out the point of origin.

Mr. Gurule said there is a report with more conclusive information, and he will email it to him tomorrow, and he will sort it and see if he can get that information.

Councilor Ortiz said since this is for information, what item would be on the Council Agenda, and would it be for the continuation of the program, and if so, an FIR would be needed for \$130,000 for one year.

Mr. Gurule said this is correct. He said currently transportation is being provided only for women, although concern has been expressed as to why this program is not for men as well. The response is that the City responded to the sexual assaults which were happening and this program was designed specifically for this reason. He said the \$130,000 annually would have to be increased significantly to expand the service to men as well.

Councilor Wurzburger said she does not think this program should be extended at this point in

time. It was designed to respond to a crisis situation, and that has been resolved, although the problem of rape in the City has not been resolved. She is not comfortable, financially, in proceeding with this program at this time. She would like to get the retro evaluation and wants to understand more clearly the "other" situation. She more noted more than half was from bars, and we don't know whether they took advantage because of fear and/or it was a convenient way to get home. She wants to revisit the question of what is the proper role of the City providing rides home, recognizing that we have passed through the crisis. This is her recommendation going forward to Council.

Responding to the Chair, Mr. Gurule said the County has changed its program, and will extend it through the end of this year. However, they now will be charging riders between \$3 to \$5 per person, depending on the number of people in the cab. In addition, they will have the option to utilize the service outside the City limits, if they are willing to pay the cab fare for the final destination.

Chair Heldmeyer said the County program also works within the City limits.

Councilor Wurzbarger suggested perhaps a cooperative program with the City and County. She said we still could have some kind of option if a person is being stalked and worried about getting home safely, as opposed to a generic concern about getting home safely, and it would be in the public good to consider providing. She likes the County program, in that people are paying. She would like to rethink all of this before we continue this program.

Chair Heldmeyer said we don't differentiate employees from patrons of bars and restaurants. She pointed out that two of the sexual assaults, which weren't attributed to the person who is dead, were committed on women as they walked home from a bar at 2:00 a.m., from work. This gives her some pause. She wonders if Councilor Wurzbarger is saying to stop the program now, or that Mr. Gurule bring forward an idea for a limited period of time during which these questions can be answered, or for staff to work out something with the County. She said Mr. Gurule needs to know what to bring to the next Council meeting, and what message we are delineating very clearly for the public.

Councilor Calvert said he doesn't believe we can stop this program "in a second," and we need to give time for education of the public, and notification to the public, so they aren't expecting it. However, we need better information, especially on the "other" category. He has no problem in funding this for the intended purpose, but he doesn't want people taking advantage for other purposes not intended.

Councilor Dominguez said we would like for every member of our public to feel they have a safe ride home, whether female, young, old, or whatever. He said how you determine that is tricky. He asked if information was collected on the ages of the women who were served.

Mr. Gurule said no.

Councilor Dominguez said that might help.

It was the consensus among the Committee to give direction to Mr. Gurule: to come back to the City Council with some kind of recommendation for a transitional period which focuses on the fact that the

crisis appears to be over, but still leaves the door open for a limited program, for someone who is threatened, feels threatened or is afraid for whatever reason, and put that out to the public and see what kind of response we get; and to give a one month extension on the limited program, and in the interim to provide information with regard to "other," and during this month, she wants to know why people were using this service.

Chair Heldmeyer asked if the period between now and the next Council meeting also fits into this transitional period as well.

Councilor Wurzbarger said until it is approved by the Council, this Committee can only make a recommendation, so the program would be in effect through that time, and through the recording of the minutes for this meeting it requested that people use this program only if they really, really, really think they need it, because we believe the crisis situation for which this program was created have changed.

Councilor Calvert said we should be working with other segments of the community, such as businesses which stay open late, to get them to work a "buddy" system for their employees in going to the parking lot and such, so it doesn't just fall on the City to help in this area. Everyone needs to take some responsibility, especially those businesses which stay open late. We also need to look at making our transit system more of that safe haven as well.

Councilor Wurzbarger suggested that we could do something where cabs will pick up several fares at a time, rather than only one person occupying a taxi.

Chair Heldmeyer said the City now has a Domestic and Sexual Violence liaison with the Police Department, and she is meeting with various segments of the community over the next two months. Perhaps we can ask her to include this issue as one of the questions discussed – how the community thinks this issue should be addressed.

9. UPDATE ON 2007 DESIGN WEEK. (MELISA COLLETT)

A copy of "Solution Development's Design Week Santa Fe 07, Budgets, In-kind Contributions and Sponsorship Opportunities," is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "2."

A copy of "Schedule of Events, Design Week 07, Santa Fe," with attachment, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "3."

Melissa Collett presented information in this regard and reviewed the schedule of events.

Councilor Wurzbarger asked Ms. Woodspring how she will go about evaluating who actually comes, from where, and the actual number of attendants, as opposed to "20 people coming to everything over and over and reporting them as 2,000 people."

Naomi Woodspring, said the questions are embedded in the registration form, noting it is available

on line. It clearly says all events are free, but nobody can attend events without completing a registration form. There are multiple ways to complete and submit the form, including on-line and in person at 519 Cerrillos Road. She believes the majority will be done when people arrive, and there will be a small "army" of volunteers helping people to complete those forms. She said they also will be able to extrapolate all the material through the website to come up with stats.

Councilor Wurzbarger asked if there is a sense at this point of how many people are pre-registered.

Ms. Woodspring said she has received a number of inquiries, but she doesn't have this information with her. She believes our program is exciting, and spoke about her experience with another firm.

Chair Heldmeyer noted there is a networking and business development program section, and said basically these are people who are advertising their services, and asked if the City is paying them to do that, or if they are doing it for free.

Ms. Collett understands they have arranged these on their own to coincide with Design Week, but no speaker fees are being paid to them.

Chair Heldmeyer asked if we are considering them as an in-kind contribution.

Ms. Woodspring said no, this was a partnership with the Santa Fe Alliance and in the original response to the RFP. It is using its name recognition, but these are business development workshops, not advertising of services. She made the parameters very clear.

Chair Heldmeyer said she read about this in the press release, she is concerned we are getting someone from Nike and someone as a major consultant to Walmart. She asked who is paying their expenses.

Ms. Woodspring said that is all private foundation money from McCune. They did research on Nike and the consultant to find out their policies and why they were considered leaders in the sustainability movement. She would be happy to send those links to the Committee.

Chair Heldmeyer said there are two reasons they are leaders: One is out of the goodness of their heart and seeing the error of their ways, the other is covering up a lot of other corporate sins by embracing environmentalism, and ignoring the under paid workers behind the curtain. It makes her very uneasy that these people are being chosen as keynote speakers in something which is being sponsored by the City and may be taken as a point of view being put forward by the City. She knows it isn't entirely "your" fault that the City didn't do a good job, and it is the fault of people who are not here. She said the idea that this is a "stand alone," thing isn't the way to think about it. This is being sponsored by the City, and the City is the one who is putting these people forward. She hopes people will attend and ask them a few questions about how "wonderful they are not."

Chair Heldmeyer said it bothers her that so little oversight of content was given to this particular

event by the City, which is its principal sponsor and funder. She said if we do this again, she hopes that doesn't happen. She said people providing outside funding often have their own set of agendas.

Ms. Woodspring said she used a larger definition of sustainability, which includes people and culture, and used the UNESCO definitions throughout this process. She did a lot of research into the restructuring of sweat shops by Nike. It is far from perfect, but it did go into the mix. She said sustainability, in terms of UNESCO, just like the word heritage means people, buildings, cultures and seen as a whole.

Chair Heldmeyer said the people sitting in their board rooms are not necessarily being so inclusive, but we'll see when they show up.

Councilor Calvert said there is nobody specifically from Walmart on the program, but it is someone who has Walmart as a client.

Chair Heldmeyer said he is the principal environmental consultant to Walmart.

Ms. Woodspring said no, he is part of a team. She said Rocky Mountain Consulting, Avery Levens and his wife are the primary consultants for Walmart. She said Gib Ellison was brought into the process considerably later, and he handled a very specific segment of sustainability practices, consulting for Walmart. It is a very large team, and she will email a Fortune article which profiled the entire team.

Chair Heldmeyer said she should look at his website, and might not agree with this definition.

10. REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL FUNDING FOR SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY FOR FY 08/09. (PAT HODAPP)

Ms. Hodapp reviewed the information and recommendation from her Memorandum dated September 17, 2007, to the Finance Committee.

Councilor Wurzbarger said she likes to go on the record as being the only that is for increased taxes, and she will vote to continue the funding as we have it, because she doesn't believe, politically, there is a chance of passing another tax. She said, for the record, she believes we should do a property tax for libraries, which makes sense to her at \$28 annually on a \$300,000 house. However, she isn't going to put that out there right now, except as an opinion and a commentary.

Councilor Wurzbarger asked if she will be coming back with a request for the same dollars as previously.

Chair Heldmeyer said this is a pre-budget informational item to get people thinking about what they might want to do in the next budget.

Ms. Hodapp said this idea didn't come from her. The \$28 is the price of one book, and many libraries have either a regional library supported by a mill levy.

Councilor Wurzbarger would like to see this. What she would like to see at Finance, is a proposal to fund the Library in this manner, in perpetuity, until another Council decides to do it another way. She does not think we should continue to revisit this.

Chair Heldmeyer said it is on the agenda because of misinformation. It has been said there is no money to fund the library after this year, and that is a misstatement, because there is money if the Council puts it into the budget.

Chair Heldmeyer said in the absence of direction from the Council, Kathryn will continue to do this in the same way.

Councilor Wurzbarger left the meeting at this time

DISCUSSION

48. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF ESTABLISHMENT OF POLICY FOR SICK LEAVE INCENTIVES FOR NON-BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES. (CHRISTINE KUEBLI) (Postponed at Finance Committee meeting of August 13, 2007.)

Ms. Kuebli presented information from her Memorandum of August 15, 2007.

Chair Heldmeyer said she thought an employee had to be sick in order to take sick leave.

Ms. Kuebli said, under the union agreement, employees are allowed to use sick leave for accelerated retirement, pointing out there is no cap on sick leave.

Councilor Calvert asked how employees accrue sick leave.

Ms. Kuebli said there are different rates, depending on longevity, classification status, and years of service.

Councilor Calvert said he likes Option #3, which he believes is better for budgeting, more cost effective, and gets people to take their sick leave.

Ms. Kuebli said if the City is offering a sick leave buy back program, it wouldn't be dealing with these hours at the end of the employees' years of services.

Councilor Calvert said then all of these options are things which are being proposed.

Ms. Kuebli said yes.

Chair Heldmeyer said other policies and practices are needed. She said in many cases, people who don't take sick leave really are working at the job. She spoke about the problem with former Judges who said they never took time off, and ended up with big payouts. She said there is no oversight on this, and she would hope that the supervisors who supervise employees wouldn't let that happen, which is something which needs to go along with this. The other practice is that there are some people they don't want to incentivize to stay, and want them to leave.

Ms. Kuebli said to address this issue, they can use performance evaluations. If they are unhappy with an employee's performance, it should be documented and dealt with.

Councilor Wurzbarger asked if there ever has been a policy, or might be, which provides that employees can use sick leave only when they are sick. She asked if it is given that sick leave can be considered part of the package and another way to get time off.

Ms. Kuebli said it is important to have sick leave available when needed, and employees always have the option to call in for a mental health day. She said AFSCME has tried to deal with the abuse of sick leave. She said this policy has evolved for a variety of reasons as part of the union contracts.

Councilor Calvert said the way policies are set, depends on what you're trying to accomplish – attract and retain people, and such, which is good. However, he said corporate America isn't as generous as others.

Responding to the Chair, Ms. Kuebli said if employees have separate disability insurance, there is a reduction in cost for disability insurance through the City, and it is part of the incentive.

Councilor Ortiz said this was a fallout of the public safety tax. He said it wasn't until Ms. Kuebli presented the bundling idea that he saw there were other objectives and priorities in mind. He said FLMA does not give the kinds of legal protections you would hope it would, and it is being used by the Courts as a ceiling, under the definition of what is a reasonable medical condition, and what is a qualified condition. This is being held to the employee's detriment, not to protect the employee, which is a complete contravention of the law, given where the federal judiciary is now. He said one of the strengths the City still has in attracting employees, is the nature of the benefit package. These are the kinds of incentives which allow the City to keep people, and the bundle offered is a reward or incentive to those who are staying and not abusing the process and the benefits.

Councilor Ortiz said he is unsure whether or not we should think of moving toward a more private sector model, which other governments are using, which is a combined leave structure where there is only one leave, combined leave, which is used for any time off. In some way, it shrinks human resources departments, because you don't need them for ½ of the work being done. It is just leave, calculated at a certain rate, you accumulate it, and in some places you lose it. He doesn't know if we want to be at that place yet. However, the finances may dictate this is the system we eventually will have to choose, and impose that system on the unions, which he believes they would fight.

Councilor Ortiz said he isn't invested in any of these, and all need to be thrown out there, and we

need to see which will work, and which ones won't. He said if these ideas are approved, there will be some response from the three collective bargaining units on what will be popular and what won't, because these give incentives to non-union employees that the unions don't have. He said he has never been one to give to non-unions, but this is the bone he has to throw and is willing to propose throwing it. He appreciates Human Resources work, and the package is better than what he proposed a year ago.

Responding to Councilor Ortiz, the Chair said this needs to be approved by the City Council.

Councilor Ortiz thought personnel regulations are in the form of a resolution, which would require changes to the personnel regulations by the Council. He recommends approving direction to staff to move this forward to the full City Council for its approval in whatever form is appropriate and legal.

Ms. Kuebli said she is concerned, because the personnel rules have remained in place, and then the collective bargaining unit agreements have changed, and she has seen both. She has seen policies which clarify the rules. She has seen where a previous City Manager created an administrative policy which would clarify the rule. One concern she has, if we change the rule, we are really addressing non-bargaining unit employees, so there might be some issue there where we could, potentially, create a clarification through policy, and call it "sick leave incentive policy," and list four different options which pertain to bargaining units.

MOTION: Councilor Ortiz moved, seconded by Councilor Dominguez, to approve going forward in a form which is legal and proper, and in a form which does not place the City in a prohibitive practices situation with any of the collective bargaining agent, and recommend approval, and that recommendation has to for the whole City Council approval.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Calvert said he is unclear what we are moving forward.

Chair Heldmeyer said Councilor Ortiz is moving forward the four proposals, without recommending a specific policy.

Councilor Calvert asked if the Council will get the same package we got, and ask them to look at it to see what they think.

Chair Heldmeyer said these aren't mutually exclusive, in the sense that they all could be available, but you can't do all of them with all of your sick leave. She said what Council Calvert is saying is that he would like to see what we haven't seen here, which is a more specific fiscal impact report [FIR] on this if all of these were adopted. It would be ranges, because you don't know who would take advantage. She believes the Council would want to see these same ranges if these policies were adopted – what is the range of fiscal impact.

Councilor Ortiz said the easy solution is the same administrative solution we use on the collective bargaining agreement, which is a clause providing that these benefits are available "depending on availability of funding."

Councilor Calvert said we temper our experience on how people use sick leave.

Councilor Ortiz said we can't use the experience on sick leave because we are changing the paradigm.

Chair Heldmeyer said right now, we are only talking about non-bargaining unit employees, because we can't unilaterally change bargaining unit agreements. She said the bargaining units may come in for this package in the future, but that will have its own fiscal impact in the future.

Councilor Calvert said there needs to be some basis for giving some sensitivity as to how it might play out. He wants to have more information on how sick leave accrues depending on status, so he can see that picture as well.

Chair Heldmeyer asked if we would like this to come back to Finance before going to Council, after Ms. Price works to get it in a proper and legal format.

Councilor Ortiz said he wants to move it forward. He hopes that the Council knows that the information coming forward at Councilor Calvert's request is a completely, purely hypothetical exercise. He wants this proviso made clear and evident up front to the Council, so we don't get into a debate about how much this costs, and then realize we are talking about different ways to provide different benefits for people. He would like to have this to move forward and to track it. He said if we need additional time, it could come back here, but he would like to move it forward to the Council.

CLARIFICATION OF THE MOTION: Councilor Calvert asked if we want a date specific to move this forward.

Chair Heldmeyer said staff has been given specific tasks, and it would move forward once those tasks are completed.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote [absent: Councilor Wurzbarger].

- 49. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING SUBMISSION OF AN EXECUTED AGREEMENT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT, CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS BUREAU, FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWER LINE FOR THE 2400 BLOCK OF AGUA FRIA. (STAN HOLLAND)**
- A. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF GRANT AGREEMENT – CONSTRUCTION OF SEWER LINE TO SERVE A PORTION OF THE 2400 BLOCK OF AGUA FRIA; NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT.**

MOTION: Councilor Ortiz moved, seconded by Councilor Dominguez, to approve this request.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Ortiz asked why this is on for discussion and not on consent.

Chair Heldmeyer said this is the first Committee to hear it, and it will go to Public Utilities on Wednesday.

Chair Heldmeyer asked the location.

Mr. Holland said the sponsors for this are Councilors Chavez and Dominguez. He said the 2400 block of Agua Fria is across from Frenchy's on the south side of Agua Fria, on the west corner of Frenchy's Park. It is a gravel road 1700 ft. long, with 20 lots, about 2/3 of which are developed, and currently there is no official City water and sewer there. He said these are family lots. The State has offered a grant of \$75,000. We only will be able to construct 300-400 ft. of sewer, but it is a start. He said Wastewater Division staff will do the design and management of the project, and then either use an in-house contractor, or put it out to bid. He said at least we will get the sewer line connected to Agua Fria. One of the conditions is that at least one household has to be connected.

Councilor Calvert said then we will do this in pieces as opposed to accumulating all of the funds to do the whole project.

Mr. Holland said several of the neighbors requested money from this year's Legislature, about \$400,000 to complete the whole thing. He said there is no additional funding coming this year, so they will have to keep going back to the Legislature.

Councilor Chavez said when this section of Agua Fria was widened in 1992, the City didn't have the money to replace the sewer lines, and we don't have it now, so there is this piecemealing of these sewer lines.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote [absent: Councilor Wurzbarger]

CLARIFICATION OF THE ACTION: Chair Heldmeyer said the motion also includes approval of the Grant Agreement.

50. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING UP TO \$300,000 OF THE CITY'S 2008 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (CIP) BOND FOR A CITY OWNED PERMANENT INDOOR ARTS MARKET AT THE RAILYARD (COUNCILOR CHAVEZ). (ROBERT ROMERO)

A. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF 2008 CIP BOND. (ROBERT ROMERO)

Item #50 and 50(b) were combined for purposes of discussion.

A Memorandum dated September 17, 2007, with attachments, to the Finance Committee, from Kathryn Raveling, Director, Finance Department, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "4."

A copy of "2008 CIP Bond Project Requests," distributed by Mr. Romero, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "5"

A copy of "2008 CIP," distributed by Mr. Romero, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "6"

Councilor Ortiz noted Item A is a request for approval of the bond. He said he was not at the last meeting when we had the discussion on the CIP bond, and recognizes that Councilor Chavez is trying to do what Councilor Bushee was successful in doing, which is putting a resolution up front, in advance of the CIP bond. He said until we have this discussion at Public Works, he doesn't want to consider this, and believes this is "jumping the gun," a bit. He appreciates if Councilor Chavez wants to jump the gun at Public Works, but he is not prepared to do it here.

Councilor Chavez said he wanted to bring it forward at some point in time, and he can't do it after the discussion on CIP, because then it would be a moot point. So, he does it either now or later. All he wants is that it be considered as a part of the CIP list for the next two years. The resolution agrees to allocate \$300,000 to match State money to buy back a portion of the building. He said he isn't trying to disrespect the CIP process, and he is just trying to see if this fits in the process and has merit in the next two-year cycle.

Chair Heldmeyer said this resolution is not preceding the CIP, unlike the other resolution, and is paralleling the CIP, which is very different.

Councilor Ortiz understands that Councilor Chavez just wants to be sure this is considered as part of the CIP cycle, and it is on the CIP list, but we haven't had that prioritization and ranking exercise at Public Works.

Councilor Chavez said he wants to get it on the CIP list for consideration, and also ask the Committee if it would allocate \$300,000 to match the State money which we will receive for this project, so it is two-fold, and is more than getting it on the list for consideration.

Councilor Ortiz said he would be more inclined to support the resolution, if Councilor Chavez is saying that the only way we have to come up with the money in the CIP cycle, is if we're only doing it as a part of the match – to see if these people can get the money from the State, and if so, we'll allocate the resources.

Councilor Chavez said we already have \$150,000 allocated from the 2007 Legislature. The idea would be to match, dollar for dollar, with the understanding that the Legislature would pledge another \$150,000 next year – \$300 from the Legislature and \$300 from the CIP – to buy back a portion of the building for \$600,000 which would appraise at \$900,000. So, there is about \$500,000 of private donations.

Councilor Ortiz asked if he has had discussions with other private building owners on the Railyard to see if we are getting a good deal. He said, essentially, we are taking public money and reinvesting it into the hands of the private developer.

Councilor Chavez said this is correct.

Councilor Ortiz asked if he has reached out to private developers to see if we can get a better deal, or can he get a better deal with the people who are building the other building where the parking garage is.

Councilor Chavez said that most of that space has been pre-leased. He said this could be the last opportunity to have an indoor art market on the Railyard which would complement the outdoor space. These developers/investors approached the City with this idea. He said, in talking to this particular development team, the land leases for the last available parcels in the Guadalupe area are paying a higher land lease than they were a year ago. He said the land leases and sales have gone up within the past year.

Councilor Ortiz asked if there have been discussions with the properties on Baca for this.

Councilor Chavez said there was general discussion in the other Committees, but there didn't seem to be adequate space on the Baca Street portion, which wasn't already master planned. He said in focusing on the Railyard Plan and the Community Plan, it fit best at the north end, because it could be considered part of the art and cultural district. He said for marketing and foot traffic, the Guadalupe portion would be the best location, and would be in conjunction with the outdoor space in that same area.

Chair Heldmeyer said, having seen the projects coming through the BCDDRC, most of the Baca Street projects are live/work, and none are the straight retail kinds of things you will get on the main Railyard.

Responding to Councilor Calvert, Chair Heldmeyer said officially, from Ms. Raveling, we have been told that we have \$21 million instead of \$18.5 million in the coming CIP bond for a variety of reasons, and that it will revert back to \$18.5 in the following two bond cycles, and this is good. However, she is concerned that a lot of these are coming from nonprofits and not from City facilities. The Arts Market would be a joint venture between the arts groups and the City itself. However, turning large amounts of money over to nonprofits, particularly those who want more money because they haven't done a real good job of fundraising, makes her very uneasy. We do have a lot of infrastructure needs in Santa Fe.

Chair Heldmeyer said in the last CIP bond, we included money for ITT and for technology infrastructure as well, and asked if we are doing that in this bond.

Ms. Raveling said this is of great concern to her, and \$500,000 to support ITT just isn't sufficient. That was a definite priority of the entire Council during strategic planning. She said this just won't buy a new system in Planning & Land Use, and that's just one segment among all the needs.

Chair Heldmeyer said the computerization of the irrigation and the availability of technology, once in place, will let us do a better job and save money. This is an investment which is worth making. She said there is still a great deal of prioritization to be made, noting \$150,000 for small sidewalks could be spent in one neighborhood alone. She noted there is a huge cut for ADA improvements from what we have had in the past.

Mr. Romero said in the last CIP Bond, \$600,000 was to go to bring curbs and ramps to ADA standards when we did the paving program, so in this case, we will have to pay this out of the pave/street rehabilitation. He said the Committee still is receiving the same \$300,000 discretionary funding.

Chair Heldmeyer said there is no money for traffic calming, and she had requested numbers on the current commitment. She said at the Public Works Committee meeting where this was discussed, two members asked for traffic calming in neighborhoods in their District. She said if there is an interest, then money should be available.

Councilor Calvert understands the point about nonprofits, but a lot of that is in the Railyard. He said it is trying to bring closure to that project which ultimately benefit the City's investment. He believes this is a higher priority.

Chair Heldmeyer said threatening to withhold the infrastructure from the Plaza and the Alameda because not enough money has been raised for the Park, is a threat. She said this is the part which would affect the businesses and the nonprofits there more than what is in the park. It is always possible to "dial back" a park plan, or to phase in a park plan. She said everybody has always agreed that the Plaza and the Alameda are the first priority. She doesn't like that threat.

Responding to Councilor Calvert, Chair Heldmeyer said she went to the meeting where the Railyard got re-kicked off and there was a timeline that went around the room at the CCA, and in the middle of the timeline, were 4-5 years during the previous administration where nothing was done, but we had a nice office and 4-5 people not doing it. She said it was never the intent of the Community Plan that everything had to be done at the same idea, the idea was that the Plan had to be done, but that other projects would go in over time, and with reasonable coordination. Everything doesn't have to be there for the Railyard to work.

Councilor Calvert said it doesn't, but it's going to work a lot better if it does come together at the same time, because some things are dependent on others, and if those aren't there, it won't function as well as it could.

Chair Heldmeyer said the three important things which need to be there to make things work, are infrastructure which is being put in by the Railyard Corp., for which it borrowed money from the state to do, and the infrastructure being put in by the City, which is outside the site itself, and the Plaza and the Alameda as well as the parking garage which is almost done

Mr. Romero said it will be turned over to the City on September 27, 2007, when everything will have been done to the parking garage possible without power and water. He said can't be opened, but the contractor has done everything he can do, based on the infrastructure available to him at the garage. He said the first floor of the parking garage will be usable very soon, based on the letter we are expecting from CID any day.

Councilor Calvert spoke with Bill Hone today who told him he is working to get clearance to use part of it, but it is still conditional on fire issues.

Mr. Romero said staff went to CID to ask for a temporary occupancy for events this winter, so we can use the first floor.

Chair Heldmeyer asked if the water will be attached to the sprinklers by then.

Mr. Romero said they are going to allow us to do it because we're on the first floor, and it will be either our employees or shuttle type employees, so it won't be the general public going in and out of the building. He is working with CID and the State Fire Marshal and will do whatever they ask us to do, so we can have this available. It can be used for valet type parking as well.

Chair Heldmeyer like to see on the CIP budget, the kind of reasonable give and take that she believes took place in the last CIP budget, which resulted in 75-80% of the money being spent in Districts #3 and #4, because that is where the need was seen, because of give and take by Councilors. She commented this is well over budget, and there will have to be some give and take.

Mr. Romero said he added what was recommended at Public Works, and the reason it is well over the \$18.5 million.

Chair Heldmeyer said some of these things are large amounts of money, or small amounts which will have big impact, and to her some of these are things we have to do, some are more discretionary. She noted she would like to see if there is money in a pot somewhere and the reason some aren't on the list, but if there isn't, then we need to talk about refilling the pot. She said the old power plant building and park is interesting. The power plant is a significant historic structure, and we have a legal responsibility not to have demolition by neglect. The park is something which can and should be included in Councilor Ortiz's list of parks, especially since District #2 is getting short shrift in that.

Chair Heldmeyer said if the artists lobby the Legislature for the Arts Market, and get some of the funds, and the City gets some of the money, it fits with our CAT Plan and our Economic Development Plan in terms of partnerships.

Chair Heldmeyer said safety is a priority for everyone. She said when she sees the fairly small amounts for the recurring projects, the things we really should be doing, she gets concerned, and when she sees what isn't included she gets concerned. She said there is \$300,000 for Miscellaneous Safety, and \$200,000 for Tennis Court Rehabilitation – something's wrong here. She said some of it is "we've always done it this way." She hopes there is a lively and fruitful discussion at Public Works, and that the Councilors on that Committee will be glad to hear recommendations from Councilors who are not on it, particularly since nobody from District #2 is on the Public Works Committee.

Councilor Calvert asked, with regard to telecommunications, if this amount were to be increased, if it could be used to increase the implementation of the computers and the police vehicles.

Chair Heldmeyer said we haven't seen the plan, but she did ask for a copy of the Public Safety Plan at Public Safety Committee tomorrow, and was told it isn't available because of the Chief's illness. A lot of that will be available in the money which is being allocated toward traditional public safety.

Councilor Calvert said "we" are also waiting to see how the State would weigh in, in terms of matching funds, or paying part of the tab, but he doesn't know where that information is.

Councilor Ortiz said in one of the previous bond cycles, a majority of the funds went to Districts #3 and #4, and that was the cycle for 2004, and of that allocation, \$5 million was for the Southside Library, and \$1.7 million was for Fire Station #8 because it was under-served, and there was a bulk of different allocations for the different parks which had been long neglected on the south side of town. He said the process, as he hopes it occurs at Public Works, will be a give and take process based on the priorities. He said it is looking like the process which was used when he first came on Council, which is put it all up there and "see what sticks." He said this kind of process will be difficult to prioritize.

Councilor Ortiz said initially, he was a critic of the Railyard. He does appreciate the need to finish some of the more important elements. However, in the current allocation, the amount being requested for the Park overwhelms some of the allocations being made for other parks. This is a significant chunk of money for something where we need the infrastructure in place.

Councilor Ortiz said, with regard to the indoor market, if we give the private developer \$600,000 of public money, what happens next and what is the plan – who will do it, is the City responsible. We don't have to answer these kinds of questions in a CIP allocation. We can say, as we did with the Southside Library and the Railyard, this is just for bricks and mortar and we'll determine the operational afterward, and that could be sufficient he supposes. However, unlike the requests from Warehouse 21, and La Familia, places where we know they have an organization which will be doing the program, and unlike the parks where we have City crews or they are built into the budget, his concern with this Resolution and this Arts Market is who is going to do it. He knows who will do it for the Farmer's Market, and for Warehouse 21, but he is unclear who will run this for the Arts Market after we give this money.

Councilor Chavez said they have been asking those questions, and we have a series of resolutions which are developing policies and procedures for use of the indoor space which has been dedicated at the new Civic Center. This additional space would be managed and operated in the same fashion. This project also has money from the Monte Sereno Annexation Agreement which is specifically to fund a permanent arts incubator. However, because there was confusion at the Legislature between this incubator and the arts incubator, we will need to change the language.

Councilor Ortiz said then with regard to the policies still being developed, the City will offer the space in the new Civic Center not on a first come, first served basis, but on an open enrollment type basis.

Councilor Chavez said it will need to be some sort of jury process, the same way that we would jury in other shows and the Plaza Vendor program. Many of the arts organizations already are jurying themselves, which are using outdoor City space – Cathedral Park, the Plaza, and other areas – so we have a structure in place internally to jury the pieces which will be in the Civic Center.

Councilor Ortiz said then the public center on the Railyard will be similar to the Civic Center.

Councilor Chavez said yes, with regard to promoting quality, local arts and crafts.

Councilor Ortiz said then it's not like a process where we buy the space and look for someone to come in, or give it to one particular group to run.

Councilor Chavez said no, unless we selected that group to manage the space, noting they don't have all of the questions answered, but they are moving in that direction.

Chair Heldmeyer asked what staff is working on the policies and procedures.

Councilor Chavez said Sevastian Gurule, Jeanne Price and Sabrina Pratt.

Councilor Dominguez said he has the same questions as Councilor Ortiz. It sounds to him like we have, to some degree, an indoor arts market at the Civic Center.

Councilor Chavez said yes, it is 2,500 sq. ft., and the idea is to have another 2,500 sq. ft. on the Railyard, for a total of 5,000 sq. ft. He said this isn't really a lot of space, considering the wealth of talent and products from the area.

Councilor Dominguez said then it is to look for additional indoor space, not to establish it.

Councilor Chavez said that is a fair summary. The idea is to have permanent indoor space at the new Civic Center and permanent indoor space at the Railyard to supplement the outdoor space.

Councilor Dominguez said he is a supporter of arts and crafts show, noting his wife has participated in the Girls, Inc. Arts & Crafts Show, and now coordinates the whole Labor Day and Fiesta Arts & Crafts Show, so he understands what this means. He said the Railyard, because there is an arts component, is in support of the Economic Development Plan, even without the indoor Arts Market. He said the Indoor Arts Market is an additional amenity to supporting the Plan, and combined with what exists, supports the economic development plan.

Councilor Chavez said "we" also have resolutions supporting the indoor art market on the Railyard property, 2006-10, directing staff to look at possible locations for a permanent, indoor art market on the Railyard.

Councilor Dominguez said that is part of this current resolution.

Councilor Dominguez said he has concerns about the process. He wants to respect that process, and try not to "jump the gun," and said hopefully we will have that debate at Public Works. He said any of the Councilors could have drafted Resolutions to proceed, before we have the discussion about the CIP in general.

Chair Heldmeyer said Councilor Chavez is in an unusual situation, in that he sits on neither Finance nor Public Works, so has to do an "end run" to get his voice heard.

Councilor Chavez said it really isn't an "end run," and he wouldn't come to Public Works and the Finance Committee to do that. This is the only way he can get this done, but it is not an "end run."

Chair Heldmeyer apologized for use of the term "end run."

Councilor Calvert said, page 2, lines 18-19 of the resolution, provides, "2. The city would be responsible for its proportionate share of the ground lease payment." He asked what this means.

Councilor Chavez said it means somebody has to pay the ground lease on the 2,500 sq. ft. that we will be using as part of our economic development.

Councilor Calvert asked if this is permanent.

Councilor Chavez doesn't know.

Chair Heldmeyer said it is until the bond is repaid.

Councilor Chavez said Sabrina or someone from Economic Development probably could answer these questions. The Resolution is to have this project to be considered as part of the CIP, taking into account some funds are allocated for this, and there will be potential sales from "our" work out of this facility. He noted the balance of the space will go for market rate, but he doesn't know what will be the land lease cost for this 2,500 sq. ft., and this will have to be worked out.

Councilor Dominguez said typically finds the "Whereas" as being findings of fact, and that somewhere those have been identified. He said the first Whereas provides: "Whereas the community needs a permanent indoor space for the sale of arts and crafts produced locally in order to best promote the arts and crafts industry." He asked if the Economic Development Plan supports that finding of fact.

Councilor Chavez said you can point to different documents which speak to that need – the Railyard Community Plan, the Economic Development Plan – and it is in the Cultural, Arts and Tourism Management Plan. It is in many documents.

Councilor Dominguez said the third Whereas provides, "Whereas, the 2007 New Mexico state legislature approved \$150,000 for an indoor arts market facility..." He said to match that, an allocation of \$150,000 would be needed with the assumption that the Legislature would give another \$150,000. He asked what if the Legislature does not do so.

Councilor Chavez said, for the project, "the world ends." He said the Legislature typically funds projects which are matched by the City because this means we are committed.

Councilor Dominguez said if we allocate the \$150,000 and the Legislature doesn't match it, what happens.

Councilor Chavez said we could keep it on the CIP list for another two years, if there is support, and perhaps work with the developer to extend its timeline and allow us more time to do the fundraising.

Councilor Chavez said it is an investment, and the questions are valid, noting that it was one of our priorities for the 2007 Legislative Session. The Santa Fe delegation recognized the need and were willing to fund it. He believes they would be willing to fund it again this year, if we have matching funds.

Councilor Dominguez said he has always been concerned about how we advocate for our youth in general. As it pertains to this specifically, he hopes as we establish these policies and procedures that we dedicate some of the space to the youth, consistent with the philosophy and intent.

Chair Heldmeyer asked Ms. Garcia to pass this request to Ms. Pratt.

Councilor Dominguez wants to be sure we continue to place an emphasis for our youth people who are involved in the arts community.

Councilor Chavez said we do invest a lot in public art, and participate with the schools and do arts programs within the schools, and the venues need to provide a space for emerging as well as established artists and youth artists.

Chair Heldmeyer would like to cooperate with some of the arts programs which we fund from the Children & Youth Fund and the 1% for the Arts. She assumes this will be an open loop in this regard.

Chair Heldmeyer said the Agenda says this item is "Request for Approval," however, the packet said basically this was to be a discussion of the CIP. She said Mr. Romero indicated he didn't want this Committee to do anything final on this until it went to Public Works.

The Committee consensus was in agreement with this statement by the Chair.

Chair Heldmeyer said it is important that the Chair of the Public Works Committee be made aware that other Councilors may want to be part of that discussion when that happens.

**51. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF REVISION TO CITY OF SANTA FE INVESTMENT POLICY –
COLLATERALIZATION TO INCLUDE U.S. AGENCIES AS ALLOWED BY STATE CODE.
(HELENE HAUSMAN)**

MOTION: Councilor Ortiz moved, seconded by Councilor Dominguez, to approve this request.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote [absent: Councilor Wurzbarger].

A. REVIEW OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS OF JUNE 30, 2007. (HELENE HAUSMAN)

Ms. Hausman reviewed the Investment Portfolio as of June 30, 2007, which is contained in the Committee packet.

Responding to a question from the Committee, Ms. Hausman said in the last fiscal year, the City earned more than \$15 million in interest on these types of funds.

Chair Heldmeyer asked the intention to invest over time.

Ms. Hausman said the priority is to protect the principal, and we are invested in a fair number of AAA rated Fannie Maes, and she isn't worried about them because of that. The City is limited to AAA investments by the policy. She has been working closely with our financial advisor at First Southwest and has gotten good advice. The City just placed \$66 million cash into securities to earn 5% for the longer term. She said everything purchased, with the exception of one piece, is over 5%. The last piece was a Jicarilla bond the City just purchased at over 4.5%, but it was higher than what we were earning on some of the other municipal bonds.

Chair Heldmeyer said if the rates really fall a lot, then they can cash those in.

Ms. Hausman said they can call them. The City also has a fair amount of money in money markets which can be moved to take advantage of the best options. One of the lower performers is a money market, and she is investigating other alternatives for investment of those funds. There is an investment in Federated, which for market-related reasons, has been going up and down. It is a mutual fund and not a money market, and under the strictest definition of our policy, we are limited to money markets. There is a former City Attorney's Opinion which says we could invest in this mutual fund, but at the time it was more stable. As soon as the share price goes up sufficiently, the City will divest itself of it so our principal is in a more stable position.

Ms. Raveling said the U.S. Treasury Bonds went to zero, but they were once high interest rates and secure. This is a good thing for the City when it is issuing bonds, but we have not been able to purchase any at a decent rate.

Ms. Hausman said we purchased one in July, at barely over 5%, and that window came and went quickly.

Councilor Calvert asked if we look at liquidity versus return – the longer the term, the better the rate – and do we try to get a mix.

Ms. Hausman said the money markets are available within 24-48 hours, but we positioned a significant amount of money during the past three months into securities, five years out, paying close attention to the yield curve.

Chair Heldmeyer said we'll have a better idea when the feds take action.

Ms. Hausman said that is tomorrow.

Councilor Calvert asked that the handouts to the Committee be in color in the future.

52. OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A copy of "City of Santa Fe, Total Gross Receipts Taxes Collected, July 2001 through June 2008," is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "7."

A copy of "City of Santa Fe, Lodgers' Cash Report for the month of August 2007," is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "8."

Chair Heldmeyer noted the GRTs rebounded after last month. She noted Lodgers' Tax is down two months in a row, and asked the reason.

Ms. Raveling said there aren't many people who haven't paid, which indicates to her something is happening in the industry that the revenues are not coming in as anticipated.

Chair Heldmeyer asked if this data can be correlated with the occupancy reports from Rocky Mountain Lodging Association.

Ms. Raveling said she will look at that and report back to the Committee.

Ms. Raveling said she has recently begun a report between categories, noting the last two months have been really high for "unclassified." She said Ms. Hausman has submitted a request to the State to see if it can explain this. She said this would distort any category which is down, and whether it really is down.

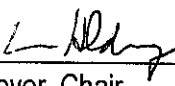
Ms. Raveling said construction GRTs are up by 33%, which is good, but we need to be cautious and not build on that revenue, because it tends to be cyclical.

53. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

There were no matters from the Committee.


54. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, and the Committee having completed its Agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

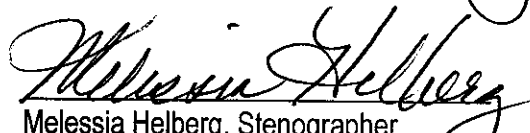


Karen Heldmeyer, Chair

Reviewed by:



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