

I. Call to Order

Members in attendance: Brian Borah, Jason Williams, Dallas Wheatley, Michelle Metzler City Staff Liaison: Jon Rauscher (Public Works Director), City Council Liaison: Bryn Oakleaf.

Call to order by Jason

II. Public Comment

None

III. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by: Jason

Second: Brian

Decision: 3-0-1 (Dallas was not present at Nov meeting)

IV. Council Liaison Updates

Bryn: Budget will require ~5% increase in taxes. It's been a difficult year with inflation.

Jason: Kudos to staff for excellent communication with public

Bryn & Jon: Some of the infrastructure /capital projects had to be slightly scaled down for this budget, but we feel that it's an acceptable compromise.

V. Staff Liaison Updates

Jon: Main Street Revitalization updates:

- Will require lots of contract work before we get to bidding phase.
- Right now we are trying to make work as appealing as possible for contract workers
- Still a few appeasements left.
- Hope is to get have a bid to contractors out next month.
- Have to demonstrate progress by September in order to maintain funding, but this should not be a problem

Jon: VTrans met w community regarding DDI project.

Jon: Parking garage on Abenaki Way updates.

Jon: Bridge project – on the horizon. In early phases

Bryn: update on historic preservation ordinance / incentives

VI. Discussion/Approval: Commission Roles (Chair, Secretary)

All agreed to discuss Work Plan first, before discussing commission roles.

Overview of major roles

Jason stepping down as Chair. Discussion of Chair roles and call for nominations

- Brian self-nominated for Chair. No other nominations.
- Motion for Brian as Chair: Brian
- Second: Michelle
- Decision: unanimous.

Call for Vice-Chair nominations. Michelle self-nominated;

- Motion for Michelle as Vice-Chair: Michelle
- Second: Jason
- Decision: unanimous

Call for Secretary nominations. Jason self-nominated.

- Motion for Jason as Secretary: Jason
- Second: Dallas
- Decision: unanimous

VII. Discussion/Approval: FY23 Work Plan

Introduction from Jon about the intended role of MIC

Overview of “Must Dos” and “Recommended” Initiatives in the FY23 work plan.

Bryn: Energy efficiency day – 1st Wednesday in October – another opportunity for MIC input

Members decided to monitor the St Stephen’s project for now and remove it from area of focus. They also decided to remove the “protection of natural areas” project from MIC focus. Members agreed with the remainder of the work plan.

Jon agreed to share updated draft of FY23 Work Plan memo before next month’s meeting

Members discussed implementation of an agenda into the workplan in order to ensure that certain action items are completed.

Brief discussion of parking policies

Members discussed that sidewalk policies might be appropriate for MIC

Currently there is no city policy on how to allocate sidewalk space for use by local businesses (patio seating, etc.).

There will be proposed ordinance change. MIC expressed interest in providing input.

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by: Jason

Second: Michelle

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