

Draft Capital Improvements Comments

1/29/15

- Remove specific numbers for water and sewer rate increases and replace with wording that reflects that a “water and sewer rate study will be conducted by the City for public review and comment that identifies reasonable and just water and sewer rates, charges and classifications necessary to cover operating expenses and capital projects”. Okay to keep the total dollar amounts cited in the report that need to be financed.
- Correct the inconsistencies between the project priority years in the five-year implementation plan on page V and, for example, on page 9-15 invest in a sewer jetter truck (2015 in summary table and 2020-2035 in narrative on page 9-15), the sewer preliminary engineering report (2015 in summary table and 2017 in narrative). In addition, the department priorities on page 6 of 7 of the CIP Projects by Department (fold-out), are different from those on the page V summary.
- There is a duplicate Table 9.6.5 on pages 9-9 and 9-10.
- The third paragraph of page 1 and the third paragraph on page 1-1 note that difficult financial decisions will need to be made each year and the document should be re-visited each year. We would like a stronger statement such as “an annual assessment shall be conducted of capital needs for incorporation in the City’s annual budget that reflect short-term and long-term financing plans developed using conservative assumptions to project revenue growth, interest rates, bonding capacity and anticipated bond financing costs for maintaining a multi-year capital improvements plan”. Your thoughts on wording would be good.
- Verify that costs for the 2019 water projects reflect inflation, otherwise they will be low.
- Still would like (1) a summary table of acronyms for funding sources and (1) some type of easier reference to identify the name of the projects on the maps in the Project Mapping section.