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HERNDON TOWN COUNCIL
Work Session
Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2, as amended; the Order of the Governor EO-53, as amended; and in accordance with Ordinance 20-O-23, Continuity of Governmental Operations during Pandemic Disaster (COVID-19) ~ adopted on March 24, 2020, as amended, Mayor Merkel has stated that the June 2, 2020 Herndon Town Council Work Session would be by electronic means. The meeting was broadcast and recorded through Cisco Webex and details for the meeting were made available to the public on Thursday, May 28, 2020. In attendance electronically were:

- Mayor Lisa C. Merkel, presiding;
- Vice Mayor Sheila A. Olem;
- Councilmember Jennifer K. Baker;
- Councilmember Cesar del Aguila;
- Councilmember Pradip Dhakal; and
- Councilmember Signe Friedrichs.

- Councilmember Bill McKenna was absent.

Staff present during the meeting: William H. Ashton II, Town Manager; Lesa Yeatts, Town Attorney; Chief Maggie DeBoard, Herndon Police; Jennie Tripoli, Director of Finance; John Irish, Deputy Director of Public Works; Lauri Sigler, Deputy Town Attorney; Dana Heiberg, Senior Planner; and Amanda M. Kertz, Deputy Town Clerk.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deputy Town Clerk welcomed those listening to the June 2, 2020 work session. She stated that night's regularly scheduled Herndon Town Council meeting was a virtual meeting. Next week's meeting would be a public hearing

and the public was encouraged to provide comments for the record at town.clerk@herndon-va.gov. She stated, for the record, that:

- The Town Council meeting that evening was conducted electronically pursuant to:
  - ❖ Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2, as amended;
  - ❖ the Order of the Governor EO-53, as amended; and
  - ❖ in accordance with Ordinance 20-O-23, Continuity of Governmental Operations during Pandemic Disaster (COVID-19) ~ adopted on March 24, 2020, as amended.
- Proper notice of the electronic meeting was provided in accordance with Section 2.2-3708.2 of the Code of Virginia, along with information for viewing the meeting and submitting comments for the record;
- The agenda and meeting materials were available on the town's website;
- Electronic meetings would begin with a roll call and determination of quorum; and
- All votes, including adjournment, would be by roll call vote.

CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Mayor Merkel called the June 2 work session by electronic means to order and asked the Deputy Town Clerk to call the roll for attendance and for each Councilmember to respond by clearly stating their name and indicating they were present. All members were present, with the exception of Councilmember McKenna electronically, with Mayor Merkel presiding. Mayor Merkel stated that Councilmember McKenna had an unexpected work conflict and was unable to be present that evening.

Mayor Merkel stated, for the record, that there was a quorum present, electronically, that evening. William H. Ashton II, Town Manager and Lesa Yeatts, Town Attorney, were also present. As the Deputy Town Clerk stated, Mayor Merkel stated that the meeting that evening was being conducted pursuant to the appropriate laws associated with the COVID-19 pandemic disaster.

Mayor Merkel asked Members of Council to observe meeting decorum by showing their hands to be recognized by the Chair for comments. She asked Council to unmute their microphones and to start their comments, motions, or seconds by stating their name when she recognized them.

2. Comments from the Town Manager

Mayor Merkel recognized the Town Manager for an update on the continuity of operations and matters related to the emergency.

The Town Manager provided a brief update on COVID-19 related developments that had occurred in the past week. He stated that the Northern Virginia region moved into Phase One, which had limited opportunities for businesses and options for outdoor seating. The town worked to provide opportunities for restaurants to utilize outdoor dining through a re-vamped approval process, which included both private and public land. He stated that staff reached out to all the restaurants in town and received 28 applications for permits. He stated that 27 of those had been approved within 24 hours. The Town Manager then shared that it was a team effort to get barricades in place to protect diners from vehicles, and he stated that the Department of Public Works (DPW), Community Development (CD), the Director of Economic Development, and the Director of Finance, were vital to these efforts for town businesses.

The Town Manager updated the Council on parks that had opened, including the parking lot and tennis courts at Bready Park. He stated that the playgrounds, fields, restrooms, and basketball courts would remain closed there as staff determined the appropriate sequence for reopening. He stated that the parking lot was open at Runnymede Park, along with Spring Street Park, Stanton Park, and Trailside Park ~ where the skate park was open as well. He stated that the tennis courts at Bruin and Chandon Parks were open. Playgrounds remained closed as staff worked through the Centers for Disease Control and Virginia Department of Health guidance for transmission risk and cleaning protocols. He also stated that ball fields and sand volleyball courts were being looked at, and he should have an update later that week.

The Town Manager also provided an update on the Herndon Municipal Center (HMC) which he stated was probably still at least two weeks away from reopening. The town would work on acquiring safety measures such as: sneeze guards, consolidating customer service counters, stanchions to guide traffic, one entry and one exit, markers on the floor, and other ways to keep staff space decompressed, such as requiring appointments for any needs beyond the customer service counters.

The Town Manager stated that the most popular thing that had happened in the past week was the reopening of the Herndon Centennial Golf Course which was doing well with its reopening and had the restaurant, Egg Karne, serving some customers outdoors. He also stated that the course was sold out over the weekend. Further, he stated that as the course adjusted to the reopening, some of the special rates and some elements of the annual passes were suspended based on the demand for the course.

The Town Manager stated that on that past Sunday, the Governor had issued a second State of Emergency for the Commonwealth, which stemmed from the horrific, tragic event that happened in Minneapolis and the ensuing protests.

The Town Manager recognized the Chief of Police for comments.

Comments from the Chief of Police

The Chief of Police stated that it had been a difficult two weeks and a lot of law enforcement professionals were struggling right now ~ not only in Herndon, but in the state, and throughout the country. She stated she had never seen anything that difficult in 34 years in law enforcement, and that she did not think it was going away anytime soon. She stated it was truly painful to see the change in attitude toward officers and the profession due to an incident of a few people. She stated that years of work had been undone and there was no quick-fix. She stated her staff knew this and were trying to stay focused. She stated that many were on edge, and she provided an update on nine officers across the United States that had been shot the night before.

The Chief of Police stated that she was urging officers to remain vigilant and that the Herndon Police Department (HPD) felt supported by the Herndon community and the Town Council. However, that support does not undo the danger presented from opportunists at this time. She stated that the community support was incredibly important to the HPD staff, but they needed to be careful as a profession and as to where the profession was going. She also stated that, as a member of the Virginia Chief's Board working with the Governor's office on a daily basis, they were working to find common ground and had been fighting and made some ground on fixing problems in the profession for years. The Chief of Police stated that now should be an opportunity to do that. She stated herself and those who were truly engaged and committed knew that to fix these issues, it started with bringing the right people in the door and getting rid of those who were not doing the right things. She stated that there were challenges, as a poll from February showed that 87 percent of police departments in America were struggling to hire good people. She stated that she would not want to see those numbers now.

The Chief of Police stated that the department knew that racism exists in their profession and in all professions throughout society. She stated that; however, when the Police get something wrong, the outcomes were tragic, and they had no margin for error. Further, she emphasized the importance of getting the right people in the door and retaining the right people. She stated she and the department have always been and would continue to be committed to staying the course and maintaining the community's trust.

In response to questions HPD received, the Chief stated that they were very up-to-date and current on policies, procedures, and tactics. In fact, she stated that the reason the most updated versions were not posted on the website earlier was because HPD changes them frequently – they do not wait five years to review their policies. She stated that staff updated and posted HPD's policies on the town's website that morning to enable the community to answer a lot of their own questions about HPD's policies and procedures.

The Chief of Police stated that long before she became Chief, HPD was accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement (CALEA). She stated that less than five percent of all law enforcement agencies in the country had that accreditation. She concluded her comments by stating that HPD was making all efforts to do the right thing and she thanked the Council and Herndon community for their support.

Questions of Council

Councilmember del Aguila thanked the Chief of Police and asked that she let the Council know if there was anything they could do to help facilitate and ease tension between the community and HPD. Councilmember del Aguila shared a story about his nephew, who he stated felt safe in Herndon. Councilmember del Aguila's nephew liked the fact that when he waved at HPD officers, they always waved back to him. He knew it was tough and he understood that some did not have that experience. Councilmember del Aguila had talked with this nephew about what to do if he was stopped by police, and he stated that his nephew did not have that issue in Herndon.

The Chief of Police thanked Councilmember del Aguila.

Mayor Merkel encouraged Councilmember del Aguila to continue sharing his story.

Councilmember Baker thought that the Chief of Police's statement on the HPD Facebook page was excellent. She appreciated that it shared the tragedy of what happened and also how that erodes trust between the community and the police. She also provided further comments on how important the trust is between a community and its officers, and she stated she knew that could be a difficult

position for the police officers. Councilmember Baker stated that she was glad HPD was working with the community on the protest/march that was being organized for that Thursday evening. She emphasized her support for HPD.

Councilmember Friedrichs provided comments from a neighbor who, after former Vice Mayor and Purcellville's former Chief of Police Darryl Smith's passing, had stated they had never lived in a place where the community had so much mutual trust with the police. She also stated that many people tell her that HPD is their favorite thing about Herndon. She understood that the Chief of Police has the citizen's best interests at heart and that HPD cared about the community. She was also touched by what the City of Alexandria Police did the day before. She thought it was important to communities of color for police to stand up and talk about how it affects them and how much they care about the community.

Vice Mayor Olem discussed National Night Out (NNO) and stated she was sorry that it was likely to be canceled this year due to crowds and safety concerns. She provided personal comments about her son's experience with having HPD officers as coaches. She thought that HPD officers were very involved in the community, not only during NNO, but at the schools as well. Vice Mayor Olem echoed her colleagues' support of the HPD.

Councilmember Dhakal echoed his colleague's support and appreciation of HPD and their involvement in the Herndon community. He also echoed Councilmember del Aguila's comments about letting the Council know if there was anything they could do to help facilitate between the HPD and the community.

The Chief of Police responded to Vice Mayor Olem's comment about NNO and stated that the event had already been moved to October and she was hopeful they could still hold the event. HPD had been advocating for an October date for NNO for years, since October is Crime Prevention Month. She stated that since there were more people in town and the weather would not be as hot in October, she hoped for a larger event if there were no COVID-19 restrictions. She stated that HPD would keep the Council informed of that date. In response to earlier Council comments, she stated that HPD's biggest concern regarding events in town was safety. She stated that civil unrest was unacceptable at any level and was not a path to peace. She stated that HPD would work to protect Herndon's businesses and residents.

Mayor Merkel stated that she issued a statement right before that night's meeting had started. She echoed her colleagues' comments and stated that Herndon was a great place. Mayor Merkel then shared that Herndon's relationship with the police did not just happen. She explained that race riots occurred in Herndon in 1974, following a Fairfax County officer-involved shooting of an African American

resident. She stated that out of that tragedy, the town took on efforts to create a more engaged community and she stated that the Herndon Community Center was a result of those efforts. Mayor Merkel stated that building trust in the community was something that had taken years, and she stated that any tragedy was every Mayor and Police Chief's worst nightmare. She stated that from the awful situation the country was in, she hoped there would be some good to come out of it, like what had happened previously in Herndon. She stated that it would take leadership, commitment, compassion, care, trust, and time.

Councilmember Baker provided additional comments echoing her colleagues' praise of the HPD and expressing thanks for living in the town. She also stated that it was important to note that racism and unconscious biases exist. She emphasized the Chief of Police's earlier statements about the tragic nature of when someone has the ability to use force. She highlighted the importance of recruiting and training officers to best protect and serve the town.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

STREETSCAPES PHASE III

3. **Ordinance, to authorize the use of eminent domain for the acquisition of a fee simple interest and a temporary easement on property owned by Elden Market, LLC, Tax Map #: 0162-02-0076 for public use by condemnation for public pedestrian, utility, and streetscape improvements along Elden Street in downtown, Herndon, Virginia;**

4. **Ordinance, to authorize the use of eminent domain for the acquisition of a fee simple interest on property owned by Elden Market, LLC, at 771 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia, Tax Map #: 0162-02-0077, for public use by condemnation for public pedestrian, utility, and streetscape improvements along Elden Street in downtown, Herndon, Virginia;**

5. **Ordinance, to authorize the use of eminent domain for the acquisition of a fee simple interest and a temporary easement on property owned by Elden Market, LLC, at 765 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia, Tax Map #: 0162-02-0078, for public use by condemnation for public pedestrian, utility, and streetscape improvements along Elden Street in downtown, Herndon, Virginia;**

6. **Ordinance, to authorize the use of eminent domain for the acquisition of a fee simple interest on property owned by Alice Martin Family, LLC, at 762 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia, Tax Map #: 0162-02-0025, for public use by condemnation for public pedestrian,**

utility, and streetscape improvements along Elden Street in downtown, Herndon, Virginia; and

7. **Ordinance, to authorize the use of eminent domain for the acquisition of a fee simple interest on property owned by Alice Martin Family, LLC, at 761 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia, Tax Map #: 0162-02-0083, for public use by condemnation for public pedestrian, utility, and streetscape improvements along Elden Street in downtown, Herndon, Virginia.**

CENTER/ELDEN INTERSECTION

8. **Ordinance, to authorize the use of eminent domain for the acquisition of a fee simple interest and a temporary easement on property owned by Trustees of Church of Jesus Christ, at 800 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia, Tax Map #: 0162-02-0033 for public use by condemnation for transportation facility improvements at the Center Street and Elden Street intersection, Herndon, Virginia;**

9. **Ordinance, to authorize the use of eminent domain for the acquisition of a temporary easement on property owned by Richard Cook, at 801 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia, Tax Map #: 0162-02-0073A for public use by condemnation for transportation facility improvements at the Center Street and Elden Street intersection, Herndon, Virginia; and**

10. **Ordinance, to authorize the use of eminent domain for the acquisition of a fee simple interest, temporary easements, and a permanent easement on property owned by Elden Street Market, LLC, at 791 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia, Tax Map #: 0162-02-0074 and Tax Map #: 0162-02-0075 for public use by condemnation for transportation facility improvements at the Center Street and Elden Street intersection, Herndon, Virginia.**

Mayor Merkel stated that there were several public hearings on that evening's agenda. The first eight public hearings related to the use of eminent domain for the Streetscape Phase III and the Center/Elden Street Intersection projects.

Mayor Merkel stated that the proposed ordinances for the Streetscapes Phase III project would authorize the use of eminent domain for the acquisition of fee simple interests and temporary easements for public pedestrian, utility, and streetscape improvements along Elden Street in downtown Herndon on five parcels of property owned by:

- Elden Market, LLC, with addresses of 771 & 765 Elden Street, known as Parcels 0076, 0077 & 0078;

- The Alice Martin Family, LLC, with addresses of 762 & 761 Elden Street, known as Parcels 0025 & 0083; and

Proposed ordinances for the Elden Street Intersection project would authorize the use of eminent domain for the acquisition of fee simple interests, permanent easements, and a temporary easement, for transportation facility improvements at the Center and Elden Street intersection on four parcels of property owned by:

- Church of Jesus Christ Trustees, 800 Elden Street;

- Richard Cook, 801 Elden Street; and

- Elden Street Market, LLC, 791 Elden Street.

Mayor Merkel asked if any written comments were received for the record on these items, and the Deputy Town Clerk stated that staff had not received any comments to enter into the record.

Mayor Merkel recognized the Deputy Director of Public Works for a collective presentation on all eight items, followed by input from the Deputy Town Attorney.

Before he began the staff report, Mayor Merkel asked the Deputy Director of Public Works to clarify how that night's eminent domain public hearings would fall under the continuity of government ordinance that restricted the Council's discussions during the State of Emergency.

Responding to Mayor Merkel, the Deputy Director of Public Works stated that the Streetscapes Phase III project received federal funds that had restrictions, including an advertising deadline of June 24, 2020. So as not to jeopardize the project's funding, the town would have to take care of the right-of-way and easements through the eminent domain process. While the Center/Elden Street Intersection project did not have the same advertising deadline, staff wanted to send them out to bid at the same time because the projects are integral to one another. Additionally, these were critical transportation projects that were an important part of the town's infrastructure.

The Deputy Director of Public Works presented the concurrent staff reports and a PowerPoint, dated June 2, 2020, which are on file in the Town Clerk's office. He stated that the Deputy Town Attorney would further explain the properties later in the presentation.

Both the Streetscapes Phase III Project and the Center and Elden Street Intersection Project were long-standing CIP projects. The Deputy Director of Public Works reviewed the projects' locations, scopes, and the property owners that were involved. One section that would not be included in this project would be part of the downtown redevelopment process, which would be developed in the same manner of the streetscapes he presented that evening. The Deputy Director of Public Works stated that the town would minimize the land acquisition and use existing right-of-way as much as possible on these small sections of land.

For the Streetscapes Phase III project, The Deputy Director of Public Works stated that there were five parcels and four property owners, and the project was in its third and final phase. The completed streetscapes project would provide pedestrian improvements, sidewalks, landscaping, lighting fixtures, and infrastructure for the future utility undergrounding project. He reviewed the history and timeline for the streetscapes project. Staff anticipated that this project would be advertised for bidding in mid-to-late fall 2020, following the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) review. He stated that the town would not be advertising before the June 24 date, but as long as the town secured the easements through the eminent domain process, that VDOT requirement would be satisfied. The remainder of the project's timeline was included on page six of the PowerPoint.

The Deputy Director of Public Works stated that the Center and Elden Streets project included four pieces of property. As proposed, it would realign the intersection, add a traffic signal that would make this intersection safer, and improve the flow of traffic through this intersection and the adjacent intersection. He discussed the history and timeline for this project as well, found on page 10 of the PowerPoint.

The Deputy Director of Public Works stated that staff would like to put these projects out for bid at the same time, with the hope that a suitable bidder could award the contract for both of the projects.

The Deputy Town Attorney provided comments on these items. She stated that there were nine parcels and four property owners with which the town was working. To move forward with the condemnations under state law, the town had to: verify that the property was needed for public use; no more private property would be taken than was needed to achieve the improvements; and written bona fide, but ineffectual offers were made to all property owners prior to initiating condemnation proceedings and holding advertised public hearings. Staff sent the offer letters out at the end of April and staff had communicated with all except one of the property owners. At this point, she stated that the negotiations between the town and the property owners were at an impasse, so the proceedings had to move forward to begin the projects.

The Deputy Town Attorney stated that to proceed with the condemnation, the Council had to hold a public hearing and could only move forward with the Town Council's action. Negotiations were authorized to continue after the filing of the Certificate of Take and may continue, even if the town was required to file a Petition in Condemnation, the next step after the filing of a Certificate of Take. The town sent another notification letter to the property owners in order to file the Certificate. The Deputy Town Attorney indicated that the town could move forward no sooner than 30 days but no later than 45 days from the date the offer letters were sent to the property owners, which was on May 15, 2020. Staff recommends approval of the proposed ordinances, as presented.

There was a brief question and answer session between Councilmember Friedrichs and the Deputy Town Attorney concerning the process and the property owners.

There was a brief question and answer session between Councilmember Dhakal and the Deputy Town Attorney about the offer letters. The Deputy Town Attorney stated that 45 days after the letters were sent would be June 29, 2020.

There was a brief question and answer session between Vice Mayor Olem and the Deputy Town Attorney about the land in question at 800 Elden Street. She clarified that the town only needed seven square feet of right-of-way, the rest was for a temporary construction easement.

Mayor Merkel stated that at the public hearing the next week, staff would present these items collectively, followed by separate public hearings and action by roll call vote on each item.

11. **Ordinance, to consider amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Adopted Budget which, if adopted by Town Council, will amend the budgets of the General Fund, Capital Improvements Fund, and Golf Fund.**

Mayor Merkel asked if any written comments were received for the record on this item, and the Deputy Town Clerk stated that staff had not received any comments to enter into the record.

Mayor Merkel recognized the Director of Finance for the staff report.

The Director of Finance presented the staff report and a PowerPoint dated June 2, 2020, which are on file in the Town Clerk's office. Throughout the fiscal year, the town typically received grant funding, insurance recoveries, and other reimbursements of town costs that were not part of the adopted budget because they happened off-cycle. The proposed budget amendment would reconcile

accounts from which these funds were spent. She reviewed the details of the proposed budgetary changes by fund and department, provided in the staff report and as outlined below:

General Fund

- Police Department - $105,441 increase in expenditures, funded by federal and state seized assets, various federal grants for selective enforcement, the state Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) grant, federal selective enforcement grants, and e-summons funds left over from prior years, but spent in the current year.

- Department of Public Works (DPW) - $19,485 increase in expenditures for reimbursement received from a developer for completing punch list items and funds received for a memorial bench, which had been purchased and installed by the town.

- Community Development - $72,000 increase in personnel expenditures for the federal community development BLOC grant received through Fairfax County for the Neighborhood Improvement Coordinator position.

- Emergency Cost Center - $500,000 allocation of a portion of the federal The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding received through Fairfax County to cover estimated eligible costs directly related to COVID-19, including personal protective equipment (PPE), sanitization products and services, teleworking and electronic meeting capabilities, and other goods and services. She stated further details would be coming in July.

Capital Projects Fund

- Public Works – $31,609 increase in wayfinding sign expenditures to replace the lighted town sign destroyed in an accident earlier this year. The replacement cost is fully covered by insurance.

Golf Fund

- Golf– $1,367 increase in maintenance expenses incurred due to an attempted break-in. This cost was recovered by insurance.

The Director of Finance emphasized that there would be a net zero impact on the funds. Staff recommends approval of the proposed ordinance, as presented.

There was no discussion on this item.

12. **Resolution, to consider the TOWN OF HERNDON FY 2021 – FY 2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. Descriptive Summary of Proposed Action: The Town Council will consider adoption of the Town Manager's recommended Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The CIP is a financial planning document that establishes a six-year schedule for public improvements and serves as a companion to the Town of Herndon 2030 Comprehensive Plan. The Town Council will hear public comment and consider action with focus on the FY 2022 through FY 2026 portion of the FY 2021 – FY 2026 CIP. It is anticipated that the FY 2021 portion of the CIP will be adopted during May 2020 with the annual operating budget for the fiscal year that runs from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 ("FY 21").**

Mayor Merkel asked if any written comments were received for the record on this items, and the Deputy Town Clerk stated that staff had not received any comments to enter into the record.

Mayor Merkel recognized the Senior Planner for the staff report.

The Senior Planner presented the staff report and PowerPoint dated June 2, 2020, which are on file in the Town Clerk's office. The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) was a financial planning document that would establish a six-year schedule for public improvements and would serve as a policy document that was a companion to the town's 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

The proposed CIP was developed during the final quarter of 2020. The Planning Commission reviewed it on February 25, 2020, prior to the transformative impact of COVID-19. The Senior Planner stated that the proposed CIP represented the Town Manager's recommendation; however, in light of the unprecedented fiscal situation, this CIP must be understood as a purely aspirational document.

The Senior Planner stated that the Council adopted the FY 21 Budget at their last public hearing, which addressed the capital project funding for FY 21, the majority of which was sequestered because of current economic conditions. The proposed resolution represented the FY 22 to FY 26 portion of the CIP. This CIP reflected and effectuated the town's goals, as expressed in the Council's vision for the town. To what extent the town would be able to achieve the proposed spending for the projects was uncertain at this time and would be for the foreseeable future.

The Senior Planner provided an overview of the pre-COVID CIP, which contained 48 projects: 36 General Fund and 12 Enterprise Fund projects. There were five

new projects of the 48 included in the CIP, which were: South Elden Street, Metrorail Station Promenade, Central Elden Walkability, Town-wide Security Initiative, and Police Server Room HVAC and Expansion.

The Senior Planner stated that two major VDOT projects for Elden Street and Spring Street were currently estimated at $50.69 million and $14.6 million, respectively. Staff was pursuing VDOT Revenue Sharing as a 50 percent match to reduce current shortfalls. He stated that further details were included in the project sheet submitted with the staff report and that some funding would also be from General Obligation Bonds. While staff received some positive indications regarding Revenue Sharing allocations, due to the current economic situation, VDOT has delayed awarding funds.

This year, the Senior Planner sorted the CIP projects into categories that were outlined in the PowerPoint: Multimodal Transportation Enhancements; Government Facilities and Infrastructure; Stormwater Management and Environmental Enhancement (funded by county Stormwater Tax); Parks and Recreation; Golf Course Enterprise Fund; Water and Sewer Fund Projects – which were very similar to last year's program; the Downtown Parking Fund; and Cemetery Fund. He discussed the typical funding sources that support the CIP projects, as provided on page 11 of the PowerPoint.

The Senior Planner reviewed how the proposed CIP aligned with the town's 2030 Comprehensive Plan and its other policies, which included projects like East Elden and Spring Street improvements; Arts Center; Runnymede Park Nature Center; Community Center Phase V; and projects related to the Metrorail; Transit Oriented Core; and other transportation improvements. He then pointed out that several CIP projects would address 18 action items from town's Pedestrian Plan.

The Senior Planner discussed the path forward in the current economic environment where funding would be greatly reduced and was not assured. Staff would reassess the CIP projects based on the outlook of future revenue. He stated that grant funded projects would be the priority and that staff wanted to move forward several needed transportation projects. Staff planned to prepare for the arrival of Metrorail and future revenue generating development and would return to Council with updates and recommendations. Staff recommends approval of the proposed resolution, as presented. He stated that the resolution would include the caveat that the funding shown was dependent on future revenue, along with the usual language included in the CIP.

There was no discussion on this item.

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ROUNDTABLE

Mayor Merkel reminded Council that comments needed to be limited to the continuity of business operations or directly related to the emergency to fall in compliance with state code.

There were no Roundtable comments that evening.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice Mayor Olem, seconded by Councilmember Dhakal. and carried by a 6-0 roll call vote by electronic means, the meeting of the June 2, 2020 work session was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. The vote was: Councilmembers Baker, del Aguila, Dhakal, Friedrichs, Vice Mayor Olem, and Mayor Merkel voting "Aye." Councilmember McKenna was absent.

Lisa C. Merkel
Mayor

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Amanda M. Kertz
Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes approved by Town Council: June 9, 2020.

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