

**CITY OF LEWISTON  
PLANNING BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES for March 5, 2007 – Page 1 of 2**

**I. ROLL CALL:** This meeting was held in the City Council Chambers on the First Floor of City Hall, was called to order at 5:41 p.m., and was chaired by Interim Chairman Tom Peters.

- **Members in Attendance:** Stephen Morgan, Roger Philippon, and Jonathan Earle.

**Absent:** John Racine and Jim Horn.

- **Associate Members Present:** Tom Peters and Ron Chartier. **Associate Members**

**Absent:** None.

- **Staff Present:** James Bennett, City Administrator; Gil Arsenault, Director of Planning & Code Enforcement; David Hediger, City Planner; and Doreen Christ, Administrative Secretary of Planning & Code Enforcement.

**II. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None.

**III. CORRESPONDENCE:** Budget Summary prepared by Tom Peters and distributed at this meeting.

**IV. HEARING:** *Public Hearing to review and make a recommendation to the City Council on the Fiscal Year 2008 Lewiston Capital Improvement Program (LCIP).* James Bennett, City Administrator, was present and prepared to do a powerpoint presentation on the proposed FY2008 LCIP. Instead of performing a powerpoint presentation, he answered a series of questions asked by Tom Peters in reference to his Budget Summary sheets that he distributed at this meeting. James Bennett stated that the FY2008 LCIP is a five- (5-) year plan and is a planning document. During the LCIP Committee Meeting, some of the submitted items are removed. A lot of the items contained in the LCIP are city bond issues for example, this year's LCIP requests total \$25,027,000, with \$13,916,000 being city bond issues.

Tom Peters questioned how well is the LCIP reflected in the 1997 Comprehensive Plan.

**Roger Philippon arrived at 5:47 p.m.**

Tom Peters referenced his Budget Summary sheets with a grand total amount of \$16,441,500. He discussed items requested FY2008 in this document line-by-line, questioning how these items are considered capital improvements.

The bond rating scored high, not the demographics.

Ron Chartier asked James Bennett what is the difference from last years to this years LCIP. James Bennett responded that the LCIP has always been less every year, about \$1 million less.

This item was then opened to the public. There were no comments in favor or against, therefore, it was closed to the public and brought back to the board and the following motion was made.

**MOTION:** *by Jonathan Earle, that the Planning Board send a favorable recommendation to the City Council on the FY2008 Lewiston Capital Improvement Program (LCIP) with the caveat that a number of the expenditures were pointed out by the Board (see attached Budget Summary prepared by Tom Peters dated March 5, 2007) to not be capital improvements and it is questionable whether these items should be included in the LCIP. Second by Roger Philippon.*

**VOTED:** 5-0 (Passed).

**V. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**A. Any other business Planning Board Members may have relating to the duties of the Lewiston Planning Board.** There is a workshop scheduled for Monday, March 12, 2007, replacing the regular scheduled Planning Board Meeting. This workshop will begin at 5:30 p.m.. A light meal will be provided. The revised matrix will be one topic of discussion. The next Planning Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 26, 2007.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS: Policy and procedures regarding project amendments and associate members.** David Hediger stated that we are waiting for appointments to be made by the newly-elected mayor, Laurent Gilbert, as to new board members.

**VII. READING OF THE MINUTES: Draft Meeting Minutes for Planning Board Meeting held on February 26, 2007.** The minutes were not submitted for this meeting, therefore, there was no review or action taken.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** This meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Morgan, Planning Board Secretary

DMC:dmc\C:\MyDocuments\Planbrd\Minutes\PB030507Min.doc

The City of Lewiston does not discriminate against or exclude individuals from its municipal facilities, and/or in the delivery of its programs, activities and services based on an individual person's ethnic origin, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, veteran status, or inability to speak English. For more information about this policy, contact or call Compliance Officer Mike Paradis at (V) 207-784-5753, (TTY) 207-784-5999, or email [mparadis@ci.lewiston.me.us](mailto:mparadis@ci.lewiston.me.us).



